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50th CFA Meeting  
15 March 2019



**A Summary of the 49th CFA Meeting  
held on 13 December 2018**

**HIV and AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) 2018  
preliminary results**

The Chinese University of Hong Kong presented the preliminary descriptive statistics of HARiS 2018 on men who have sex with men (MSM), male-to-female transgender (TG) and people who inject drugs (PWID).

The purpose of conducting HARiS was to observe the longitudinal trend of a set of key indicators among clients receiving services from different NGOs, as well the overall effectiveness of HIV prevention programmes. The limitations of the survey, especially for recruiting subjects from key populations of smaller size such as male-to-female transgender had been well-noted all along.

DH also informed members that HARiS 2019 would be carried out and details on the arrangement would be announced in the near future.

## More about the 49th CFA Meeting

### **First sex and sexual health survey**

Hong Kong AIDS Foundation shared the results of the first sex and sexual health survey, which revealed a general lack of awareness of sexuality knowledge among youth. The survey successfully collected 536 questionnaires, of which nearly 10% of the respondents indicated that they were about 15 years old or younger when they had first sexual debut, and nearly half of the respondents indicated that they did not use condoms for the first time.

Members suggested performing further analysis stratified by the current age of respondents, since the HIV prevention messages had changed gradually and the respondents (of different age strata) might have different perception to the indication of HIV test.

The study also found that the HIV test was not adequately accessed by the younger sexually active generation. It was considered that both government and NGOs should promote HIV testing targeting youth.

All in all, this study recruited a wide range of youth in terms of age group and sexual orientation. Dissemination of HIV prevention messages, in particular proper condom use and HIV testing, among youth should be reviewed in the future.

## Arrangement for attending CFA as observers

The following arrangement was agreed during the CFA Meeting held in March 2012 -

- a. Upon the Convener's invitation/agreement, people who were interested to take part as observer might attend the whole or certain sessions of the meeting and speak up in the meeting at the Convener's discretion;
- b. The CFA Secretariat would announce the agenda on the ACA's website (in the ACA Newsfile) prior to each CFA Meeting. Interested parties could put up their requests to the CFA Secretariat for consideration;
- c. In case of over subscription, the CFA Secretariat would work out the list of participants by adopting a fair procedure deemed appropriate;
- d. Despite of this new administrative arrangement, the meeting would continue to be conducted in Cantonese only; and
- e. At the same time, the CFA Secretariat could invite relevant stakeholders to attend the meeting if deemed appropriate.

## 50th CFA Meeting

Date : 15 March 2018 (Friday)

Time : 2:30 pm

Venue : Conference Room, Red Ribbon Centre  
2/F, Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic  
200 Junction Road East, Kowloon

### Three main items on the Agenda

- ◆ Results of Street Addict Survey 2018
- ◆ Preliminary result on MSM mental health, substance use and sexual health survey
- ◆ HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong 2018

## Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 50th CFA Meeting to be held on 15 March 2019, please complete the application form (available for download from [http://www.aca.gov.hk/cfa\\_observers\\_form.pdf](http://www.aca.gov.hk/cfa_observers_form.pdf)) and send the completed form to the CFA Secretariat by **22 February 2019**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

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