



Editorial Board

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**53rd CFA Meeting
16 December 2019**

A Summary of the 52nd CFA Meeting held on 9 September 2019

Preliminary result of local ethnic minorities sexual health survey 2019

DH presented and highlighted the preliminary result of local ethnic minorities (EM) sexual health survey 2019. In view of the relatively high caseload among Indonesians and Filipinos, the survey was designed to target these two groups. Major findings in the quantitative part of the survey were presented, covering sexual risks, condom use pattern, HIV testing habit, HIV knowledge, and pattern of use of social media. Some preliminary findings from a focus group discussion were also presented.

Members shared their experiences and suggested that leaflets could be distributed to domestic helpers via Immigration Department, Labour Department or through their respective consulates in Hong Kong. In addition, members also discussed ways in which EM NGOs in Hong Kong could better deliver HIV prevention messages.

More about the 52nd CFA Meeting

Introduction of HIV self-test study by Department of Health

DH introduced the HIV self-test study which would commence in late September, explaining its methodology, ordering procedure and result upload procedure. Although the website was still being prepared, a dummy testing website was shown to members. Publicity in gay venues, gay websites and apps will begin after the website is launched.

Members noted that self-testing could not replace facility-based HIV testing services. From overseas experience, self-testing could attract those who had never tested and was a good alternative to people who were not willing to get tested in health centres/NGOs. Some members showed concern about the credit card transaction record. DH advised that this study was commissioned to a contractor hence only the contractor's name would appear on the credit card statement. Since many people might not have a clear idea about HIV self-test's window period, members also advised reinforcing related messages to the users.

Highlights of 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science

Two doctors from Special Preventive Programme of DH attended the 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science which was held in Mexico City, Mexico, from 21 to 24 July 2019. DH presented updates on some topics, including PrEP, HIV self-testing and HIV prevention among transgenders.

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.

53rd CFA Meeting

Date : 16 December 2019 (Monday)

Time : 2:30 pm

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

Two main items on the Agenda

- ◆ HIV and AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) 2019 preliminary results
- ◆ Report of the 6th National Academic Conference on HIV/AIDS



Invitation

Dear All,

If you are interested to take part as observer in the 53rd CFA Meeting to be held on 16 December 2019, please complete the application form (available for download from http://www.aca.gov.hk/cfa_observers_form.pdf) and send the completed form to the CFA Secretariat by **28 November 2019**. For more details of this arrangement, please refer to the summary shown on the left of this page.

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