

# ACA NEWSFILE

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## .Calendar.

**XIIth Meeting of the  
AIDS Services  
Development  
Committee (ASDC)**  
2:30pm 10 March 1997

**XIth Meeting of the  
Scientific Committee on  
AIDS (SCA)**  
to be announced

**XXIst Meeting of the  
Advisory Council on  
AIDS (ACA)**  
2:30pm 11 April 1997

**XXIVth Meeting of the  
Committee on  
Education and Publicity  
on AIDS (CEPAIDS)**  
5:30pm 23 May 1997

## 24 March is World TB Day

## New Documents under Preparation

THE Scientific Committee on AIDS met on 25 February to examine two documents under preparation - revised guidelines on the management of needlestick injuries or mucosal contacts to bloodborne pathogens including HIV, and a consensus statement on the use of antiretroviral treatment in patients with HIV/AIDS.

The meeting also resolved to invite Professor James Chin of UC Berkeley and Professor SL Wong of the Department of Sociology, University of Hong Kong to be the Committee's advisers. ❁

## Visits.....



MEMBERS of AIDS Services Development Committee will be visiting "The Lookout", a new project of Society for AIDS Care in providing hospice services to people with AIDS. They will also be seeing the progress of hospice development at Haven of Hope Hospital, as well as sites for

the new day care centres of the Department of Health currently under construction. The visits are scheduled for 17 March. ❁

## We're moving

THE Secretariat of the Advisory Council on AIDS will soon be relocated to first floor of Wang Tau Home Jockey Club Clinic. The exact date of the move will be announced later. The Council will, in the future, be working more closely with the community as its office will be just next door to the Red Ribbon Centre. ❁

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# Council News

## Workshop with CAN

A one-week workshop will be held in the first week of March on AIDS counselling and education for some delegates from China. Organised by CHINA AIDS NETWORK (CAN) and the Department of Health's AIDS Unit, the programme aims at achieving better coordination of workers in Hong Kong and China on the subject of HIV prevention and care. Programmes include attachments, visits and seminars. On 5 March, workshop participants will join our NGOs in a special seminar to promote sharing of workers of the two places.

The programme is coordinated by the Advisory Council on AIDS, while the Hospital Authority has assisted in making the domestic arrangements. The workshop is a followup to the Hong Kong AIDS Conference held in November 1996. ❀

## Safer Travel



THE Task Force on Media & Publicity (of Committee on Education & Publicity on AIDS) is focusing on travellers in its first round of publicity activities for 1997. In late March, AIDS messages will be shown on televisions at Lo Wu Railway Station to remind travellers of the threat of AIDS. The timing has been selected to tie in with the heavy passenger traffic before and around the coming Easter. ❀

## CEPAIDS

### Plan

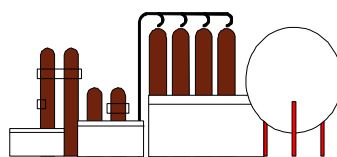
THE Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS met on 26 February. The meeting almost had a full turn up with the participation of 28 members! A calendar has been drawn up highlighting activities of various organisations on AIDS education. The Committee resolved to update the calendar on a regular basis, and to explore ways of better using this new means

## FAREWELL

IN March, the Council says farewell to two friends who have been working closely with us in the last years. Mr Kevin Yau, a senior executive officer and head of the Secretariat of Advisory Council on AIDS has left the Department of Health. Mrs June Tong, a chief information officer and member of Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS retires at the same time. The Council wishes both of them well, and takes this opportunity to thank them for their contributions over the last years. ❀



of information sharing.



At the same meeting, convenors of the four task forces presented their plans for the coming year on media/publicity, youth, schools, and drug users. ❀

THE latest issue of Hong Kong STD/AIDS Update is now released. Members of the Advisory Council on AIDS and committees shall be receiving their personal copy. The publication can also be viewed on AIDS Unit's HomePage on internet - the address of which is overleaf. ❁

## A New Committee

THE Management Advisory Committee of the Red Ribbon Centre begins operation on 1 March 1997. Chaired by Rev CHU Yiu-ming, the committee has been appointed by the Director of Health to advise on the effective running of the Centre. Other members of the Committee are: Mr Billy Ho, Sister Maureen McGinley, Mr Tony Pang, Mr Lo Chiu-fai, and Mr Samuel Yu. Mr SY Mak is the secretary of the Committee.

The Red Ribbon Centre is an AIDS education, research and resource centre operated by the Department of Health's AIDS Unit. Its setting up has

been made possible through the sponsorship of the AIDS Trust Fund. The Centre has begun operation in phases as from December 1997. The Centre is on the second floor of the Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic near Lok Fu MTR Station.

Interested Members are welcome to visit the Centre. The contact telephone number is 23046268. ❁



### Cumulative HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong updated 31 December 1996

	<i>total</i>	<i>(AIDS)</i>
<b>Gender</b>	male	683 (225)
	female	93 (20)
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Chinese	534 (183)
	non-Chinese	242 (62)
<b>Transmission</b>	heterosexual	389 (127)
	homosexual	195 (67)
	bisexual	46 (20)
	Injecting drug use	14 (4)
	blood/bl products	66 (14)
	perinatal	4 (2)
	undetermined	62 (11)

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>776 (245)</b>
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## YOUTH ACTION ON AIDS Funding Scheme

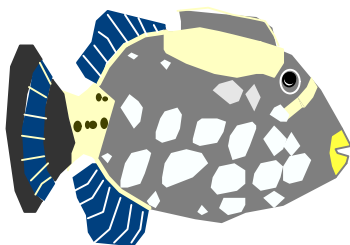
*Focus*

THE *Youth Action on AIDS* Funding Scheme was first launched by the Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS in 1991. Now operated by the Committee's *Task Force on Youth*, 84 projects have so far been supported under the Scheme involving over two hundred thousand participants. The Scheme carries the objective of promoting AIDS awareness in young people, and encouraging young people to become involved in the planning and implementation of AIDS awareness and education projects.

In 1996, a total of 15 projects have been implemented successfully under the scheme. Two categories of projects were supported - some organised by youth groups while others were under charge of youth workers in schools, outreach teams

and community centres.

The maximum grant awarded to a project is HK\$8000. Project operators are welcome to submit their proposal at any time of the year.



On 23 February, the *Task Force on Youth* organised a prize presentation ceremony cum exhibition at the newly established Red Ribbon Centre. The function was well attended by youth groups, members of the Committee on Education and Publicity and AIDS and officials of government departments. The best project awards went to Yan Oi Tong Community Centre, O Pui Shan Boys' Home, and the Tumbler

Club of School Social Work Unit of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups. The Buddhist Chi Hong Chi Lam Memorial College was presented the prize for the best display of their work. Miss Ho Kim Fai, a rowing champion and chief executive of Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped, was the officiating guest of the ceremony. She was accompanied by Miss Kay Ku of Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Mr Carlos Leung of Social Welfare Department, Dr S S Lee of Department of Health, and Mr Billy Ho, convenor of the Task Force on Youth.

Applications are now welcome for joining the scheme of the year 1997. Interested parties may contact Mr S Y Mak of Red Ribbon Centre at 23046268. ☼

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