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**XIVth Meeting of the
AIDS Services
Development
Committee (ASDC)**
2:30pm 8 September 1997

**XIth Meeting of the
Scientific Committee
on AIDS (SCA)**
9:30am 7 July 1997

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

**XXVIth Meeting of the
Committee on
Education and Publicity
on AIDS (CEPAIDS)**
5:30pm 22 August 1997

Chinese

Name

CEPAIDS is looking for a Chinese name for the theme of the forthcoming World AIDS Day. Please send in your suggestion to the Secretariat! ✻

NEXT MEETING

THE next meeting of the Council will be held on 11 July. This is also the first meeting since Hong Kong returns to China this month. It is therefore not surprising that one of the agenda topics will be to review the collaboration between Hong Kong and the Mainland in the last years on all aspects of AIDS prevention, care and control. Very briefly, there have been various forms of collaboration, ranging from participation in conferences, training programmes, study tours, consultancies to organisation of joint activities.

Other subjects for discussion at the meeting include: review of the local AIDS programme, AIDS and the law, transplantation and HIV prevention. ✻

World AIDS Day

1 December 1997

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Children living in a
World with AIDS

AIDS HOTLINE 2780 2211
DR SEX HOTLINE 2337 2121

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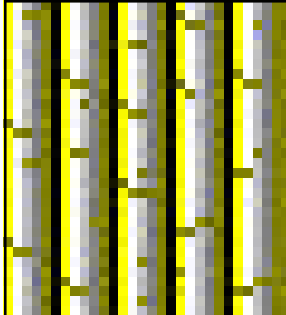
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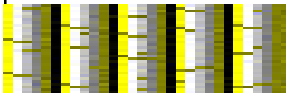
Council News

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THE AIDS Services Development Committee (ASDC) is working together with the Equal Opportunities Commission to come up with a booklet on the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS. Knowing that HIV/AIDS has been included as one form of disability under the *Disability Discrimination Ordinance*, the Committee feels it important not just to educate the public but to alert HIV/AIDS patients of what constitutes discrimination, what their rights is, and what action can be taken and how. The subject was discussed at a recent meeting of ASDC held on 13 June at the Red Ribbon Centre. ❀



Congress



Don't forget to let the Council Secretariat know if you are attending the forthcoming *International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific* in October.

If you have any presentations, we would like to have them displayed at the Red Ribbon Centre after the Congress for the benefit of those who could not attend this important regional event.

SCA meets

THE Scientific Committee on AIDS shall be meeting on 7 July. On the agenda are the following subjects for the deliberation of the Committee: (a) reviewing the unlinked anonymous screening programme in Hong Kong; (b) external quality assurance on HIV testing; (c) TB/HIV; (d) revision to the recommended guidelines on the management of needlestick injuries in health care settings. The Committee is chaired by Professor M H Ng. ❀

Sculpture for World AIDS Day

MR VAN LAU, a renowned local sculptor, is now working on a sculpture to commemorate Hong Kong's fight against AIDS. The art piece will also serve to alert members of the public of the threat of HIV/AIDS, and the need to work together to prevent further spread of the infection and to care for those infected.

The 'sculpture' is one of the important projects of the Task Force on Media and Publicity of the Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS for this year. If all go well, the sculpture will be unveiled on the coming World AIDS Day on 1 December. The Committee is identifying suitable location to set up the art piece. Any suggestions? ❀

Activities

Red Ribbon Centre
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BYOL Seminar

A new series of over-lunch seminars begins this month at the Red Ribbon Centre. This monthly programme has been launched following suggestions from some NGOs that there is the need of promoting continuing education in those of us who are working on AIDS in Hong Kong. Government Unit(s) and NGOs take turn to give presentation on various aspects of AIDS prevention, care and control. These will be in the form of topic reviews, journal article analysis and update sessions.

The first seminar will be held on 4 July (1pm) at the Red Ribbon Centre. The first subject is David Ho and his cocktail by Dr KH Wong of AIDS Unit. Do *Bring Your Own Lunch!* ❄

Cumulative HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong updated 31 March 1996

		total	(AIDS)
Gender	male	721	(241)
	female	100	(22)
Ethnicity	Chinese	567	(198)
	non-Chinese	252	(65)
Transmission	heterosexual	414	(139)
	homosexual	202	(68)
	bisexual	50	(22)
	Injecting drug use	16	(5)
	blood/bl products	66	(14)
	perinatal	4	(2)
	undetermined	69	(13)

TOTAL	821	(263)
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Department of Health, Hong Kong

Goodbye

Miss Elsie Chu of AIDS Unit has been transferred to another division of the Department of Health earlier last month. Miss Chu has served numerous working groups and has been working closely with government and non government organisations for many years. Before transferral, she was the nursing officer in charge of the AIDS Unit. Elsie is the longest serving (10 years) professional staff of the Unit. We wish her all the best. ❄

Surfing for AIDS Information

THE Internet has made the world smaller. It is now easier to get hold of AIDS information from other parts of the world through the computer - something we did not even dream of ten years ago. The following are selected websites set up by some overseas institutions. Of course you are welcomed to visit AIDS Unit's HomePage which serves also the Advisory Council on AIDS. You can be hyperlinked to other sites with a click. ✻

UNAIDS
<http://www.unaids.org>

12th World AIDS Conference
<http://www.aids98.ch>

HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Centre
<http://www.hivatis.org>

Johns Hopkins University AIDS Service
<http://www.hopkins-aids.edu>

CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse
<http://www.cdcnac.org>

HIV In site
UCSF AIDS Research Institute
<http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu>

JAMA HIV/AIDS Information Centre
<http://www.ama-assn.org/special/hiv/hivhom.htm>

AIDSUNITON-LINE
<http://www.info.gov.hk/health/aids>

we have been visited over 10000 times since January 1996!!