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**XIVth Meeting of the
AIDS Services**

Development

Committee (ASDC)

2:30pm 8 September 1997

XIIth Meeting of the

Scientific Committee

on AIDS (SCA)

9:30am 25 September 1997

XXIIIrd Meeting of

the Advisory Council

on AIDS (ACA)

2:30pm 6 October 1997

XXVIth Meeting of the

Committee on

Education and Publicity

on AIDS (CEPAIDS)

5:30pm 19 September 1997

Meeting postponed

THE XXVIth meeting of the Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS has been postponed to 19 September, due to unforeseen circumstances. ❄

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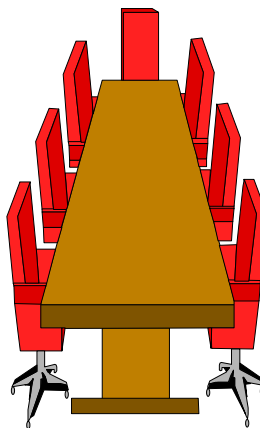
The Meeting Season

THE three committees of the Advisory Council on AIDS will be holding their respective meetings in September.

The Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS (CEPAIDS) will be examining the results of a study on the responses of the community to last year's (1996) media campaign featuring five AIDS Awareness Ambassadors. Members will also be following the progress of the task forces.

Members of AIDS Services Development Committee (ASDC) will be reviewing service provision of the Society for AIDS Care and Hong Kong AIDS Foundation. The Committee is working with Equal Opportunities Commission to produce a leaflet on AIDS and discrimination.

The Scientific Committee on AIDS (SCA) will study the revised estimates and projection of the local HIV/AIDS epidemic. A report will be presented by Professor James Chin. This forms one final part of a research project supported by the AIDS Trust Fund. ❄



Proceedings

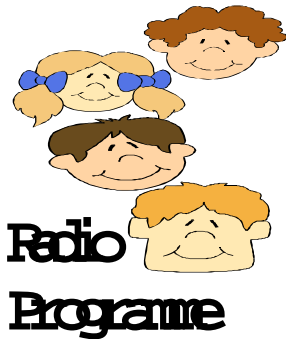
The proceedings of our *Hong Kong AIDS Conference 1996* has been published and is now being distributed to all Council members and participants of the Conference. The Council wishes to thank Mr Billy Ho, Dr Joseph Lau and Dr K H Wong for their efforts in editing this important publication. ❄

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Council News / Activities



THE new round of media campaign was launched over a two-week period from 11-22 August, featuring three daily segments on Commercial Radio (CR2). The new campaign focussed on arousing the awareness of young people towards safer sex and HIV

prevention. Prior to the programme, a study was conducted by Mr Billy Ho of the *Task Force on Youth* which looked at high risk activity of young people in holiday villas in Cheung Chau.

The media campaign is organised under the auspices of the *Task Force on Media and Publicity* of the *Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS*, with the support of Government Information Service and Red Ribbon Centre. ❀

BYOL

THE next BYOL* seminar will be held at the Conference Room of Red Ribbon Centre at 1pm on 5 September. Interested persons are welcome to register at 23046268. ❀

*BYOL stands for *Bring your own lunch*. It is a monthly update series on AIDS and AIDS-related issues organised for workers and volunteers involved in AIDS work in Hong Kong.

THE Council for the *AIDS Trust Fund* announced in August that two more rounds of applications for funding support would take place in the second half of 1997/98. The deadlines for submission of applications are August 29 and November 28. Completed application forms should be sent to the Secretary of the Council for

Application for Funding



the *AIDS Trust Fund* c/o Health & Welfare Bureau, 19-20/F Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong.

Applicants are advised to adhere to the appropriate deadlines as it will normally take three to four months for processing.

Application forms are available from the Council secretary as well

as Red Ribbon Centre 2/F Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic, 200 Junction Road East, Kowloon.

Enquiries can be made at telephone 29738136 and 29738117, or fax 28400467 and 28694376.

The *AIDS Trust Fund* was set up in April 1993 to provide assistance to HIV infected haemophiliacs and to strengthen medical and support services and public education on AIDS. ❀

STOP PRESS

Dr Conrad Lam, the Council chairman, met with a group of HIV/AIDS patients on 28 August (Friday) to discuss about their concern with treatment in Hong Kong. ❀

Fund-raising

Dr Conrad Lam, the Council Chairman, officiated at the opening ceremony of the fund-raising art exhibition on 23 August. The function was organised by the *HIV Information and Drop-In Centre* affiliated with the St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong. ✿



EXHIBITION

A roving exhibition will be staged in August and September 1997 by Red Ribbon Centre and Social Hygiene Service of Department of Health. The exhibition will feature the prevention and treatment of STD (sexually transmitted diseases). Exhibition boards will be displayed in all STD (Social Hygiene) Clinics and the Red Ribbon Centre. Concurrently there will also be displays in the following estates:

Lei Tung Estate 29 Aug - 2 September
 Oi Man Estate 4-10 September
 Tai Wo Estate 10-16 September
 Cheung Fat Estate 16-22 September

A new poster and publicity card will be distributed to tie in with the new campaign, which aims at integrating STD and AIDS education. STD messages can also be heard on the AIDS Hotline 27802211 and Dr Sex Hotline 23372121. ✿

Cumulative HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong updated 30 June 1997

		total	(AIDS)
Gender	male	748	(249)
	female	107	(25)
Ethnicity	Chinese	590	(205)
	non-Chinese	265	(69)
Transmission	heterosexual	432	(147)
	homosexual	211	(68)
	bisexual	54	(22)
	Injecting drug use	16	(5)
	blood/bl products	67	(15)
	perinatal	4	(2)
	undetermined	71	(15)

TOTAL	855	(274)
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Department of Health, Hong Kong

AIDS HOTLINE
2780 2211

**DR SEX
HOTLINE**
2337 2121



In the News

AT the quarterly press meeting held on 11 August, it was announced that many HIV cases in Hong Kong have presented late. Of all HIV

seeking advice in the first place. These account for 64% of all AIDS cases reported to date.

to be effective in improving quality of life, the possible benefits would become less if patients present late for treatment.

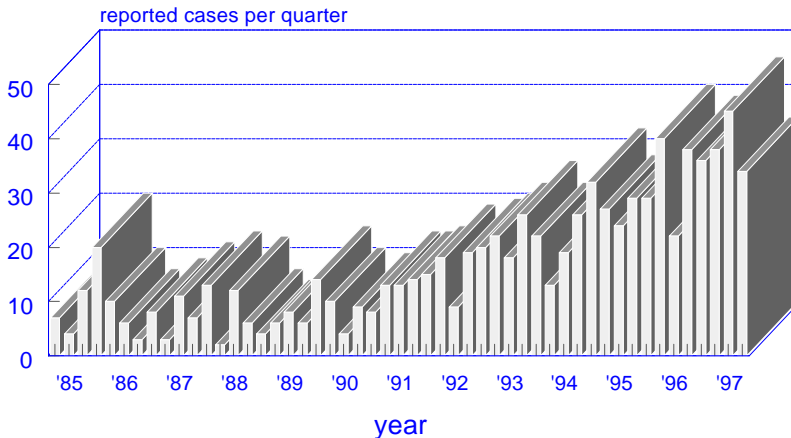
Late Diagnosis

infection (855) documented so far, 176 (20.5%) had developed AIDS at the time of HIV reporting, reflecting their late diagnosis and delay in

The phenomenon has significant impact on the outcome of clinical management. Whereas new protocols of antiretroviral treatment have been proven

More details of the HIV/AIDS statistics are published in the quarterly *Hong Kong STD/AIDS Update* of the Department of Health's AIDS Unit and Social Hygiene Service. ❁

Reported HIV infection in Hong Kong quarterly statistics 1984 - 1996



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