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**XXVIIth Meeting of the Advisory Council on AIDS (ACA)**

2:30pm 18 December 1998

**XXXIInd Meeting of the Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS (CEPAIDS)**

6:00pm 25 February 1999

**XVIth Meeting of AIDS Services Development Committee (ASDC)**

date to be confirmed

**XVth Scientific Committee on AIDS (SCA) to be confirmed**

## World AIDS Campaign

THE theme of this year's World AIDS Campaign is Force for Change - World AIDS Campaign with Young People. Around the world, series of activities will be launched on or around 1 December - the World AIDS Day. Dr Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, presented the new 1998 AIDS Epidemic Update on 24 November in London, setting scene for this year's campaign.

In Hong Kong, you would see the World AIDS Campaign sign stamped on all letters in the mail. Community organisations are holding different activities to commemorate this day, to arouse awareness of the public on AIDS prevention and care, and to demonstrate our commitment towards it. Three activities are organised with the support of Red Ribbon Centre, whose mission is to facilitate and enhance the community's response. These activities are highlighted in this issue of *ACA Newsfile*. ❁



## MEETING CANCELLED

THE 15th meeting of the Scientific Committee on AIDS has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. The Chairman wishes to apologise for the cancellation. The meeting will be rescheduled for early 1999. In the meantime the secretariat will continue to collect views and data on the subjects to be deliberated. ❁



***The Chairman and the Secretariat of the Advisory Council on AIDS wish everyone a merry christmas and another fruitful year ahead in advancing Hong Kong's AIDS prevention and care programmes***

# World AIDS Campaign

## .....with the Red Ribbon Centre

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THE Red Ribbon Centre is providing support to three highlights of this year's World AIDS Campaign.

A new TV API (announcement of public interest) was launched on 30 November. This new spot features Mr Yuen Wah, a television celebrity in Hong Kong, and carries the key message of condom use. The campaign is organised under the auspices of the Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS's Task Force on Media and Publicity. The latter is convened by Mr Cheung Che-kiwok.

On 1 December, Mrs Betty Tung will be officiating at the *Outstanding AIDS Workers Recognition Scheme*, organised by Red Ribbon Centre in conjunction with Hong Kong Council of Social Service, and the Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS's Task Force on Youth. The Red Ribbon Centre's Management Advisory Committee is now chaired by Rev Chu Yiu-

ming.

On 8 December, the Community Charter on AIDS will be launched again. A new executive board will be formed, under the chairmanship of Ms Carlye Tsui. The new Charter will bring its values of leadership, partnership and community support to the forefront. There will be two kinds of involvement - corporate or organisational signatories, and individuals who join as ambassadors.

Members shall be (or should have already) receiving invitation to join the three activities. Show your support! ❀

and  
**Ronaldo**

**RONALDO is now featuring in UNAIDS's new poster for this year's World AIDS Campaign. Titled "Play safe", the new poster is produced to appeal to young people. You may want to view the poster in Red Ribbon Centre. In the meantime other posters are on display at the Red Ribbon Centre ❀**

### Congratulations!

THE following have been awarded *Outstanding AIDS Workers* at a ceremony held on World AIDS Day: Ms Atty Lai, Professor Peter Lee Wing-ho, Dr James Chien, Mr Billy Ho, Ms Chan Kam-wan, Mr Ko Chun Wa, Miss Elijah Fung, Miss OC Lin, and Mr Benjamin Kwong. ❀

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<http://www.info.gov.hk/aids>

# Activities

## November Visitors

Mr Mead Over, senior economist of World Bank, Dr Emile Fox, Country Programme Adviser for China visited Red Ribbon Centre on 16 November. The two were participating in the *HOPE Worldwide Conference* taking place in Hong Kong. ☼

## Workshop in Macau

A *Workshop on HIV Surveillance and Epidemiology in the Pearl River Delta Region* is now scheduled for 11 and 12 December 1998. The event is organised by the Macau Medical and Health Department, Macau Association of General Practitioners, and Department of Microbiology, University of Hong Kong.

The workshop will feature a plenary session with presentations by Professor James Chin (UC Berkeley), Dr Tim Brown (East-West Centre, Hawaii) and Dr SS Lee (Hong Kong). There would be four roundtable sessions to be attended by professionals working on surveillance and epidemiology from the Pearl River Delta Region (Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau).

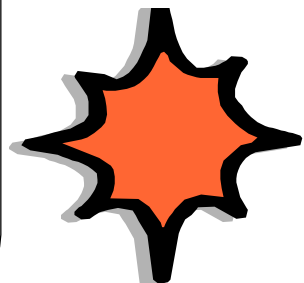
The opening will be officiated by Dr Alarc Troni, Secretary for Welfare and Budget of the Macau Government, and VIPs from Hong Kong and Guangdong. ☼  
(Secretariat: Dr Carlos Canhota, email address: utvepvm@ssm.gov.mo)

### Cumulative HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong updated 30 September 1998

		total	(AIDS)
<b>Gender</b>	male	936	(322)
	female	162	(37)
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Chinese	755	(270)
	non-Chinese	343	(89)
<b>Transmission</b>	heterosexual	600	(209)
	homosexual	242	(82)
	bisexual	59	(24)
	Injecting drug use	17	(5)
	blood/bl products	67	(16)
	perinatal	6	(3)
	undetermined	107	(20)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1098</b>	<b>(359)</b>

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# A Unique Conference



ON 14 and 15 November, over 350 people participated in the *HOPE Worldwide Health Corps Conference* titled *Prevention of AIDS in Asia: an update*. The function was hosted by HOPE Worldwide and Harvard AIDS Institute, with the Advisory Council functioning as the local partner. Local participants are sponsored by the AIDS Trust Fund. Some forty to fifty of the participants were from the Mainland, a similar number from Hong Kong, and the rest from around the world.

There were four main sessions in the didactic lecture series, given by leading experts in their fields. The themes of the four sessions were: (1) defining the problem, (2) translating medical advances into effective management, (3) patient support and care, and (4) the social and behavioural context. The programmes were accredited for medical education by local medical colleges and University of Southern California. Unlike major

international or regional conferences on AIDS, the programme was more focussed on health problems and how to deal with them.

Among the speakers were Professor James Chin of UC Berkeley, Mr Mead Over of World Bank, Professor Chen Chunming from Mainland China, Professor Alexandra Levine of University of Southern California, Professor Max Essex of Harvard AIDS Institute. Participants showed keen interest in the presentations, and almost all stayed through the tightly packed programme lasting for over 12 hours.

After the lecture series, a majority of the participants joined the field experiences organised in three countries - Mainland China, Cambodia and the Philipines. The Red Ribbon Centre organised an open day on 13 and 16 November to receive some delegates who were staying in Hong Kong. Other informal gatherings were held during the few days. Some speakers were also invited to give presentations

at other functions hosted by professional organisations.

Two presentations were given by local people - Dr Homer Tso of the Council discussed about the impacts of advocacy in AIDS prevention and care. He illustrated his points from three case studies collected from Hong Kong. Dr SS Lee talked about the changing philosophy of developing HIV care programmes, highlighting international development and making reference also to Hong Kong's progress.

The Conference began with a press meeting on 13 November, which was followed by a welcome reception well attended by many participants. All Advisory Council members had been invited to the reception to make new friends and re-establish old acquaintances. ❀

***The Council wishes to thank everyone who has contributed towards the success of the Conference, and appreciate the efforts of HOPE Worldwide, Harvard AIDS Institute and University of Southern California for putting together the excellent programmes.***