

# ACA NEWSFILE

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### XXXIst Meeting of the Advisory Council on AIDS (ACA)

2:30pm 14 January 2000

### 2nd Meeting of the AIDS Prevention and Care Committee (APCC)

6:00pm 17 February 1999

### XVIIIth Scientific Committee on AIDS (SCA)


2:30pm 11 February 1999



## "Listen, Learn, Live!" 1999 World AIDS Campaign AIDS 'I Care' Party

TARGETING the young people, a gathering entitled as *AIDS 'I Care' Party* was organized on the 1st December as a function of the 1999 World AIDS Campaign by the Advisory Council on AIDS and the Red Ribbon Centre - UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for Technical Support. The party was started off by an opening ceremony, which was officiated by Dr. the Honourable Rosanna Wong Yick-ming, JP, member of the Executive Council of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Executive Director of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups. Dr. Wong highlighted the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic to youth, and appealed for the prevention and protection of children and youth from AIDS. Dr. Wong was joined at the platform by several other distinguished guests, including Ms. Miriam Yeung Chin-wah.

The event was attended by about 260 people, and 140 youth members participated in the games and activities following the ceremony, which were led by guests and masters of the ceremony. There were games like "If I were you", writing down "words of wishes" and quiz on HIV/AIDS knowledge. Segments of the Japanese drama film series "Kamisama Mousukoshidake -上帝!給我多一點時間" were shown and messages from AIDS patients were broadcasted. Through direct participation, the youth spent a meaningful evening for their endeavours on AIDS prevention.

Prior to the party, the drama series was broadcasted over 4 consecutive weeks at the Cable TV. A "kick off" event of the Campaign was also held on 3 November, with participation by guests and celebrities. The objectives of the World AIDS Campaign were to arouse awareness of AIDS, to prevent HIV, and to cultivate acceptance and concern for HIV/AIDS patients. 

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### **Y2K due to come**

WHILE celebrating into the new century, the technological advances of the mankind will be testified for its ability to solve the year 2000 problem. Till we pass the new year, no body will be able to say if we have sure control for the Y2K issue. Of course, Hong Kong is one of the places in the world that is acknowledged to have tackled the subject seriously and cautiously. Similar to other people, the ACA Secretariat has finished testing or fixing its computers for Y2K compliance a few months ago. The Secretariat would like to remind all to get ready and take necessary final measures for the Y2K issue, e.g. separate back-up of all computer files. At the same time, let's wish for the best. ⌘

### **Suggestions Welcone**

THE ACA Newsfile is a monthly newsletter issued by the Advisory Council on AIDS to keep members of the Council, Committees, Task Forces as well as other workers abreast of the latest development of HIV/AIDS relevant to Hong Kong . If you have any comments/ views on the Newsfile, kindly send it to the Editor. ⌘



### **UNDP - China Millennium Meeting**

THE United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is organising a Millennium meeting in Hong Kong on 16-17 December 1999. The aim of the meeting is to bring together officials, academics, and community/private sector leaders to discuss challenges ahead of China in the next millennium. AIDS will be covered as an important subject in some of the sessions of the meeting. It will be a good opportunity to have sharing and interaction with the Mainland and international colleagues. ⌘



**INTO THE NEW  
MILLENNIUM**

**Merry Christmas &  
Happy New Year - 2000**

*Activities/Surveillance*

**The Scientific Committee Re-met**

The Scientific Committee on AIDS held its first meeting of the new Council on 19 November 1999. This term the Committee was joined by a number of new members, who came from diverse backgrounds. A mixing of the new and the old members is expected to generate sparks for

advancing the scientific aspects of HIV/AIDS for local programme.

The scope of areas charged for the deliberation of SCA embraces professional guidelines/recommendations, HIV/STD surveillance system, training and researches. A number of key topics were identified and agreed by the members



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**Cumulative HIV/AIDS Statistics in Hong Kong  
updated 30 September 1999**

		<b>Total (AIDS)</b>
<b>Gender</b>	male	1095 (373)
	female	210 (46)
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Chinese	903 (318)
	non-Chinese	402 (101)
<b>Transmission</b>	heterosexual	729 (254)
	homosexual	274 (90)
	bisexual	67 (25)
	injecting drug use	21 (6)
	blood/bl products	68 (18)
	perinatal	9 (4)
	undetermined	137 (22)
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1305 (419)</b>

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for handling in this term, including mother-to-child HIV transmission, reporting and other surveillance mechanisms of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, management of paediatric HIV infection, and the advances in treatment and monitoring of adult HIV/AIDS patients.

A new system of formulation of guidelines will be adopted by the SCA for this term. In order to better reflect the concerns and ideas of the stakeholders of different areas, a working group shall be formed for each topic, through recruitment of SCA members and also relevant experts outside. Hopefully, this will enhance the ownership of all parties concerned and churn out more relevant and applicable recommendations. The first topic to be worked at is perinatal HIV infection. ♂

## A Week for Community Planning Workshops

FROM 8 to 12 November 1999, local workers on AIDS and its related fields have been busily participating in the training workshops on community planning organised by the Advisory Council on AIDS. Dr. Tim Brown and Mr. Walter Chow served as Consultants for this capacity building event, which was put up by the Council to facilitate the local process, as well as advising on the progress and its way forward.

A plenary lecture held on the evening of the first day was well attended by over 70 persons. Thereafter a total of 3 workshops on different aspects of community planning and four intervention skills workshops for targeted priority groups - commercial sex workers, injecting drug users, men who have sex with men, and people living with HIV/AIDS - were

conducted in the following days. These workshops were each attended by an average of 20 persons. The first Hong Kong community planning process (CPP) for AIDS Forum - Communication, Cooperation and Integration - was also organized by the Hong Kong Coalition of AIDS Services Organisations (HKCASO) in an evening and about 40 persons participated.

Community planning actually entails three essential components: situation analysis, response analysis and strategic plan formulation. The assessment and its recommended actions have to be objective, scientific, evidence-based, and locally relevant. From the experience of the US Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention, it was noted that there are nine steps of community planning: *develop an epidemiological profile, conduct a needs assessment, assemble a*

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*resource inventory, conduct a gap analysis, identify potential strategies and interventions, prioritize populations and interventions, develop a plan, evaluate the planning process, and update the plan periodically.* Key principles of the US process include: *an open and participatory process; values of inclusion, parity and representation; priorities being responsive to community needs in populations, and shared priority setting by the health departments and the communities.*

Dr. Brown and Mr. Chow's broad knowledge base and field experience have certainly enlightened participants of the activities. They have also brought along a variety of resource materials for the reference of local workers. We look forward to their input to the local process as it further evolves. The Council would also like to thank the staff of the Red Ribbon Centre for their efforts in supporting the workshops.

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