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The 30th anniversary of Hong Kong AIDS Foundation with continual strengthening of public education and extension of services

Hong Kong AIDS Foundation (the “**Foundation**” or “**HKAF**”) is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2021 and in response to the review of HIV/AIDS in first quarter of 2021 recently published (25 May 2021) by the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH), the Foundation is going to launch a Public Education Campaign and extend the existing services in the second half of 2021.

Public Education Campaign

The Public Education Campaign (the “**Education Campaign**”) consists of a series of short videos, featuring an interview session with a health professional on a designated topic / theme in the area of HIV / AIDS in each episode. The Education Campaign will be launched on the official platforms of the Foundation in June / July 2021.

The Education Campaign not only serves as one of the pivotal elements to the 30th anniversary celebration of the Foundation, it also aims to provide an overview of the most up-to-date and correct HIV / AIDS knowledge to the general public in Hong Kong.

Extension of existing services

Subsequent to the funds granted from the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the “**ATF**”), the Foundation is pleased to announce that there will be further extension of the existing services, including the launch of mobile HIV testing centre and the coverage of free HIV self-testing kits to high-risk groups (i.e. young heterosexual adults). Further details will be announced on the official website and SNS platforms of the Foundation in due course.

HIV statistics in Hong Kong for the period ended 31 March 2021

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) has recently released the latest figures on the HIV/AIDS situation in Hong Kong from January to March as of 2021. A total of 101 additional cases of HIV infection were reported from January to March (1st quarter of 2021). This figure represents a slight decrease of 9 cases compared to the previous quarter (4th quarter of 2020: 110 additional cases). In total, the cumulative number of HIV infections has reached 10,886 cases.

According to the CHP reports, of the 101 new cases, 87 were males while 14 were females. On the transmission front, 50 cases acquired the infection via homosexual or bisexual contact, 22 via heterosexual contact and 29 cases have yet to be determined due to incomplete information upon notification. In other words, sexual contact remains the major route of transmission regardless of their sexuality.

Despite there is a decreasing trend of new cases reported in the past 3 quarters, HKAF is committed to limiting the spread of HIV infection in the community and providing support for people infected with or affected by HIV / AIDS.



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About the Hong Kong AIDS Foundation

The Hong Kong AIDS Foundation was established in 1991 and is a non-governmental social service organisation. The Foundation's mission is to limit the spread of HIV infection in the community. Throughout the years, the Foundation has been actively engaged in the promotion of AIDS education, the provision of services, and the nurturing of a harmonious and caring environment for those infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Hong Kong AIDS Foundation offers free, confidential and anonymous Voluntary Counselling and Testing services (VCT services). General public are welcome to make appointment for VCT services by phone at 2513 0513 (AIDS Helpline) / 9093 0335 (WhatsApp) or by LINE (hivtesting).

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