

*Red Ribbon Centre –  
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## I. Historical Background

In Hong Kong, efforts on HIV prevention can be traced back to the year 1985, when the first case of AIDS was reported. In the same year, an AIDS counselling clinic was established by the then Medical and Health Department. Health advice, counselling and HIV testing services were offered to people who worried about being infected by the virus. In 1987, the clinic was expanded to become the AIDS Counselling and Health Education Service (ACHES) and the Special Medical Consultation Clinic (SMCC). It ran the AIDS Hotline and the HIV clinic, and provided operational support to the Department's Committee on Education and Publicity on AIDS.

Following the reorganisation of the Government's medical and health services, the Special Preventive Programme (SPP) was formed in 1991 under the Department of Health. The HIV clinical and public health services have since been led by the Consultant (SPP). In 1994, the programmes were expanded and relocated to the Yau Ma Tei premises, which housed both the clinical and public health arms of the programme.

The plan of setting up a resource centre was drawn up by SPP, with the primary objective of facilitating and enhancing the community's response to HIV/AIDS. With the support of the AIDS Trust Fund, an old maternity home at Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic was converted into this AIDS education, resource and research centre, which was named Red Ribbon Centre (Fig. 1).

Fig. 1 The Red Ribbon Centre



## **Red Ribbon Centre – UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for Technical Support**

Red Ribbon Centre has since been the base of the HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Team of SPP. The Centre had its soft opening in December 1996, and was formally declared open by the last governor of the Hong Kong Government in May 1997. Its mission is "to facilitate and enhance the community's response to HIV/AIDS".

In 1998, the Advisory Council on AIDS (ACA) conducted a review on the AIDS situation and programmes in Hong Kong. This review process has alerted AIDS workers of the role Hong Kong might or could play in the fight against this global epidemic in the regional and international arena. On 8 May 1998, Dr Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), visited Red Ribbon Centre. The continued dialogue between UNAIDS and Red Ribbon Centre has finally resulted in the designation of the Centre as an UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for Technical Support.

In facing a greater need for HIV education effort in the community and an increasing demand for capacity building programmes in the neighbouring regions, an extension and renovation project of Red Ribbon Centre was started in 2003 and completed in June 2006. The New Wing of the Centre was opened on 23 June 2006, with Mr Joel Rehnstrom, Country Coordinator of UNAIDS in China being the officiating guest. (Fig. 2)

Fig. 2 The Patron, Mrs Selina Tsang, unveiled a plaque to mark the opening of the New Wing on 23 June 2006



As of now, the Centre can accommodate more training programmes and participants at the same time. AIDS workers can have access to a more spacious venue for networking, information exchange, experience sharing and capacity building initiatives on HIV prevention. Besides, activities of a larger scale can be held in the Centre.

The collaboration between RRC and UNAIDS started since 1998. The governing principle of this collaborative partnership is to cultivate and promulgate excellence in national and regional responses to HIV through facilitating exchange of experience, knowledge and the promotion of partnerships and collaboration.

In December 2010, Mr Mark Stirling, UNAIDS Country Coordinator for China made a visit to the Red Ribbon Centre. During the visit, he was briefed on Hong Kong's overall response to the HIV epidemic, HIV policy and funding, and HIV programme in methadone clinics, and met Dr Samuel Yu, Chairman of Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee (MAC) and SPP staff to discuss the functional roles served by RRC as an UNAIDS Collaborating Centre. (Fig. 3) Dr KH Wong also visited UNAIDS China Office on 10 June 2011 to meet with Mr Stirling and his colleagues and further discuss on the areas of collaboration.

In September 2013, Dr SHU Bo-ye of UCT visited UNAIDS China Office and met with the colleagues there. During the visit, extension of collaboration between the two parties were discussed. The terms of reference was subsequently renewed for the period of June 2014 to June 2017.

In September 2017, The terms of reference was renewed for the period of June 2017 to June 2020.

## II. Terms of Collaboration and Organisation

The Red Ribbon Centre – UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for Technical Support (UCT) is managed as a programme of the Red Ribbon Centre. As agreed between the Department of Health and UNAIDS, UCT and UNAIDS will collaborate on the following areas of work for the period of **June 2017 to June 2020**:

- **Fellowship programmes**: Seek to identify opportunities for twinning, exchanges and dialogue between Mainland China government departments, city authorities, and civil society fellows, thus facilitating dissemination of best practices and knowledge, and strengthening regional collaboration.
- **Documentation and dissemination of best practices**: Draw upon technical expertise in Hong Kong to identify, document and disseminate good practices or experiences from Hong Kong and the region on key themes in line with UNAIDS strategic priorities. Share bilaterally best practices from Asia and the Pacific.
- **Capacity building**: Strengthen capacities for an expanded response to HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong and in the region, through facilitation of consultancies, reference services, training, planning, exchanges and other support as needed.
- **China and the world**: facilitate dialogue and collaboration between health authorities, medical professionals, academic institutions and think tanks between China and other countries in Asia, the Pacific and Africa on health and around China's role in the post-2015 era and vision for the post-2015 agenda.
- **Sharing of information**: UNAIDS China to engage in regular information sharing with RRC, including sharing of bulletins on media reporting, latest research reports, information on major events in China and globally. Seek to identify opportunities for stronger Hong Kong representation in regional events. Facilitate networking between CBOs based in Hong Kong and mainland China for sharing information and best practices.

For monitoring and follow-up, periodic discussions and visits by UNAIDS China staff to the UCT and UCT staff to UNAIDS China will be conducted (Fig. 3). Annual reports will be submitted by the UCT to UNAIDS China.



Fig. 3 Mr Mark Stirling, UNAIDS Country Coordinator for China meeting MAC Chairman and SPP colleagues at RRC



Red Ribbon Centre is headed by a Director, who is the consultant and head of SPP. Traditionally, the Patron is the first lady/gentleman of the Hong Kong Government. The day-to-day running of the Centre is taken up by the SPP HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Team which comprises of a public health doctor, a nursing officer in-charge, a team of public health nurses, an executive officer and a team of clerical and supporting staff. The organization chart of Red Ribbon Centre is shown in Annex A.

The strategic planning of programmes and activities is guided by the Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee, members of which are appointed by the Director of Health. This Committee comprises community leaders and academics from different fields. The membership has been changed and KWONG Suk-chun, Victoria was appointed as the Chairman in the new term from 2018-2021 (Fig. 4). Members serving from 1999 – 2018 are listed in Annex B.

Fig. 4 The Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee and the HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Team of SPP (1 April 2018 to 31 March 2021)



### **III. Activity Profile and Programme Framework**

The Terms of Collaboration encompasses the following five categories of activities:

- (a) Capacity building and Inter-city Dialogues
- (b) Best practice development
- (c) Participation in UNAIDS activities
- (d) Technical resource networking
- (e) Research studies

The Red Ribbon Centre, through the guidance of the RRC Management Advisory Committee, has considered *capacity building* as the most appropriate framework for interfacing Mainland China effectively. The reasons for focusing on capacity building are threefold. We believe that this is a very effective means of amplifying the global responses to HIV/AIDS. By enhancing capacity building, we would be able to improve ourselves in skills, knowledge base and professional development, while support our neighbours at the same time. Capacity building is the logical framework and also the linkage between Hong Kong and our neighbouring countries.

To respond to the new challenges, the Centre has been taking incremental steps to intensify its capacity-building activities. The main formats of these activities are: (a) fellowship programme; (b) participation in consultancies, (c) workshops, (d) training courses, and (e) technical forums.

## IV. Lions Red Ribbon Fellowship Programmes

### A. The Lions Red Ribbon Fellowship

The *Lions Red Ribbon Fellowship* is an individual-level professional attachment programme organised by UCT and sponsored by *Lions Clubs International District 303 Hong Kong and Macau*. Since 1999, applications were received from HIV/AIDS professionals and frontline workers from Mainland China to undertake attachments lasting for a period of two weeks in Hong Kong.

The objectives are to facilitate experience sharing between the AIDS workers in Mainland and Hong Kong, to enhance technical exchange on HIV/AIDS control, and to encourage collaboration and networking. Fellows engaged in studies, visits and exchange activities in their fields of expertise relating to HIV prevention and care. All fellows were invited to conduct a seminar in Hong Kong and were required to submit a report of their work to the UCT upon completion of the fellowship programme (Fig. 5).

Fig. 5 Lions Red Ribbon Fellow at RRC in 2016



In 2003, the upper limit of successful applicants has been set at 12. In 2016, this programme has been running into the 18<sup>th</sup> year, and two Lions Red Ribbon Fellow completed the study. As at the end of the year 2017, a total of 106 fellows from various localities have completed the studies in Hong Kong. The details are listed in Annex C.

A website of this fellowship programme has been set up in 2005 to facilitate the connections between fellows and other interested persons in Mainland China. All the reports and presentations of the fellows have been uploaded onto a webpage for reference by interested persons.

The fellowship programme and related webpages was terminated in 2021.

## **B. Training Programme for Volunteers / Workers under the Lions Red Ribbon Fellowship Scheme**

To support mainland volunteers / workers to further their development on HIV prevention, a *Training Programme for Volunteers / Workers under the Lions Red Ribbon Fellowship Scheme* was established in late 2007. The programme, funded by the Lions Clubs International District 303 Hong Kong and Macau, is a joint initiative between Shenzhen CDC and UCT to ensure a united effort against the rising HIV epidemic among men who have sex with men (MSM) in the region. The objectives include:

- (a) to facilitate experience sharing between the mainland and local workers;
- (b) to enhance their understanding in the scope, rationale and methodologies of community-based HIV prevention projects targeting MSM; and
- (c) to enrich their front-line experience in conducting community based project and develop the skills in planning and implementing community based HIV prevention project.

Between 2008 and 2011, a collaborative project with Shenzhen CDC was conducted to provide volunteers / workers from Shenzhen CDC with 1-week training on MSM prevention in Hong Kong. The 1-week training programme included visits to RRC, and AIDS Counselling & Testing Service, Surveillance Office of SPP to enable the volunteer workers to gain some insight into some major activities carried out by SPP. Training also included visits to selected NGOs which provided opportunities for them to know more about services by various NGOs working on HIV prevention. These services covered a wide range of activities such as VCT services in outreach setting, HIV prevention and health promotion via internet and peer education. A total of 23 volunteers/workers had completed the training in Hong Kong. (Fig. 6)

Fig. 6 Volunteer/worker from Shenzhen under the Lions Red Ribbon Fellowship Scheme receiving the Attendance Certificate



## **V. Consultancies and Official Meetings**

Professionals from Red Ribbon Centre **have provided support** to HIV prevention and care programmes in Mainland China and other parts of the world in the form of *consultancies*. These assignments are listed in Annex D. There were also **UN meetings** and **other conferences** that the Centre had participated in the deliberation of various issues on HIV/AIDS (Annex E).

### **2002**

UCT participated in forums related to the new Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) in 2002. The Fund has become an important source of financial support for establishing sustainable programmes on HIV/AIDS prevention and care in resource-poor countries.

### **2005**

Since the establishment of the Centre for Health Protection in 2004, UCT has actively participated in meetings on control of communicable diseases in Mainland China, with special focus in the Pearl River Delta Region. The Guangdong, Macau and Hong Kong experts formed the Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macau Tripartite Expert Group on Infectious Diseases in 2003. One of the resolutions of the group was to introduce programmes on building capacity in HIV prevention and control. An electronic HIV epidemiology platform was launched in 2005 to facilitate the exchange of HIV epidemiological data in 12 cities within the Pearl River Delta Region. Progress and experience of this regional HIV epidemiology platform had been presented at the Tripartite Meetings of Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macau Tripartite Expert Group on Infectious Diseases.

After years of collaboration with Mainland health authorities, Dr Homer Tso Wei Kwok (ACA Chairman of the 4th and 5th term) and Professor SS Lee (former Consultant of SPP) were appointed as Honorary Professors of National Centre for STD/AIDS Prevention and Control of China Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in March 2005.

In December 2005, SPP staff attended and presented on the strategies on communication and information management at the National HIV/AIDS Integrating Prevention Information Communication & Media Training Workshop in Beijing. This was organised by National Institute of Health Education of China CDC, National Association on STD/AIDS Prevention and Control and China AIDS Roadmap Tactical

Support Project Office (CHARTS) to promote multi-sectoral communication network and information channels on HIV/AIDS.

## **2006**

The participations in International AIDS Conference (IAC) and International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICCAP) were always one of the main focuses of UCT. We attended and presented our experiences in planning and conducting programmes on HIV prevention and management every year. In Aug 2006, UCT supported ACA to organise a skills building workshop titled "What do PLWHA really need? Scale up HIV/AIDS management and rehabilitation" at the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto.

In recognition of the need for building and strengthening interventions addressing HIV-related vulnerabilities of MSM in Asia and the Pacific, the International Consultation "Male Sexual Health and HIV in Asia and the Pacific - Risks & Responsibilities" was being hosted by the National AIDS Control Organisation of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Indian Government and Naz Foundation International. Staff from UCT participated in this international consultation which was held in New Delhi, India from 23-26 September 2006. Representatives from governments, donors, international and in-country non-government agencies as well as community-based organisations working with MSM, gay men and transgender people explored knowledge gaps, obstacles and challenges, and discussed opportunities for moving forward towards universal access to services for MSM.

## **2008**

Dr Wong Ka Hing, Consultant of SPP, attended the 2nd Asian Workshop on HIV & AIDS prevention through sport which was held in Beijing in September 2007 in preparation for the Beijing Olympic Games in August 2008. The workshop was organised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in collaboration with the Chinese National Olympic Committees (NOC), Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the Health Bureau of Beijing (BHB), the Chinese Red Cross (RCSC) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (FICR). Delegates concluded with a list of recommendations calling on the main stakeholders in sport and health to set up a task force to build on existing partners. He took the opportunity to visit UNAIDS China office and exchange with UNAIDS colleagues.



On 13 March 2008, Dr KH Wong, and other SPP staff attended the 2008 Working Meeting on Prevention & Control of AIDS held in Shenzhen. The meeting was organised by Shenzhen CDC with participation from health officials and workers from Hong Kong, Macao and Shenzhen, and provided a useful platform for experiences and knowledge to be shared among the participants from the three regions.

After attending the XVII IAC held in Mexico City from 3-8 August 2008, Dr Darwin Mak paid a detour visit to the AIDS Unit of San Francisco's Department of Health from 11-14 August 2008 to learn from the city's experiences in its responses to HIV in MSM. The study visit was joined by other Department of Health and AIDS non-governmental organisation colleagues.

Dr Raymond Ho, Senior Medical Officer of SPP participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> Taipei International Conference on HIV/AIDS being held in Taipei. The conference was organised by Taiwan Center for Disease Control & Prevention and took place from 27-28 September 2008.

From 29-30 September 2008, Dr KH Wong and other staff from SPP attended the World Social Marketing Conference being held in Brighton, United Kingdom. The conference was organised by the National Social Marketing Centre, England and provided a timely opportunity for us to gain exposure to, and keep ourselves updated with, the latest knowledge regarding social marketing and international experiences in the application of social marketing, especially in the context of health promotion and prevention.

## **2009**

A regional Technical Consultation on Health Sector Response to HIV/AIDS among Men Who Have Sex with Men was held in Hong Kong from 18 to 20 February 2009, and was organised by WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific, UNDP, UNAIDS and the Department of Health, HKSAR, China. The three days' event had brought together international and local experts to address the emerging/re-emerging spreading of HIV among MSM, learn from ongoing experiences, and identify gaps, opportunities and ways for scaling up a comprehensive health sector response. Some 50 overseas government officials responsible for HIV/AIDS programmes on MSM and experts and representatives from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as well as 30 local observers attended the Consultation.

Dr Francis Wong and colleague from SPP attended the Meeting on HIV Infection in MSM: Research Agenda to Improve Prevention, Care and Treatment held in Chiang Mai, Thailand in March 2009. The event was organised by the Forgarty AIDS International Training and Research Program of the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. The meeting provided a platform for HIV workers in the region to contribute to collective intelligence on research needs in HIV prevention, care and treatment.

Dr KH Wong attended the Regional Consensus Meeting on Developing a Comprehensive Package of Services to Reduce HIV among MSM and Transgender Populations in Asia Pacific held in Bangkok from 29 June to 1 July 2009. The Meeting was part of the outcomes of the Consultation on Health Sector Response to HIV/AIDS among MSM held in Hong Kong and provided a platform for discussion among government and civil society partners to reach consensus about the basic components of a "comprehensive package of services" to prevent HIV and provide treatment, care and support for MSM and transgender in the region.

The 9<sup>th</sup> ICAAP was held in Bali, Indonesia from 9 to 13 August 2009. UCT ran a booth to share the experience of Hong Kong's concerted response to the MSM epidemic over the last few years, as the region is having a rising MSM epidemic. It may serve as a best practice for reference of similar settings. Doctors from SPP also gave two oral presentations and another presentation in a satellite meeting during the Congress.

Dr Kenneth Chan of SPP attended the Meeting on Strengthening Monitoring the Health Sector Responses to HIV/AIDS in the Western Pacific Region held in Manila from 2 to 4 December 2009. World Health Organization has over the years intensified its efforts in developing a framework for monitoring and reporting the health sector's interventions for HIV/AIDS as well as specific technical guides for monitoring patients on HIV care and ART, and for counselling and testing. Around 50 participants from the region attended the Meeting to share experiences and lessons learnt on implementing these framework and guides, to identify gaps and key challenges and to agree on steps forward for formulating action points in Western Pacific Region countries.

## **2010**

Dr Ian Tse attended the "13th Bangkok International Symposium on HIV Medicine" held in Bangkok from 20 to 22 January 2010. The Symposium provided a platform for participants to gain access to, and have informed discussion on, the latest knowledge and news on HIV medicine and clinical management of HIV/AIDS patients.

SPP had developed connection with Gansu Provincial CDC in the Mainland since 2006 with the first visit in 2006 to systematically appraise HIV/AIDS clinical programmes within the province. Dr Kenny Chan and Ms Victoria Kwong visited Gansu again from 28 to 31 March 2010 to re-evaluate its AIDS clinical services and prevention and control work and provide technical support and advice to our Gansu counterparts and fellow workers.

On 8 April 2010, Dr Raymond Leung and Dr Kenneth Chan attended the 2010 Working Meeting on Prevention & Control of AIDS held in Shenzhen. The meeting was organised by Shenzhen CDC with participation by health officials and workers from Hong Kong, Macao, Shenzhen as well as other parts of Guangdong, and provided a useful platform for experiences and knowledge to be shared among the participating workers.

Dr KH Wong attended the "Meeting for the HIV/AIDS Programme Managers of Asian Countries in the Western Pacific Region" held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 14 to 16 June 2010. This annual meeting, organised by the WHO, alternates each year between sessions for Pacific island countries and Asian countries. Countries participating in this year's meeting included Cambodia, China, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Vietnam, Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. This meeting was a forum to share country experiences and update progress of HIV response among HIV/AIDS programme managers from the participating countries, update countries with the latest WHO recommendations and guidelines, and identify sustainable mechanisms to address the technical support needs of the participating countries.

The XVIII IAC was held in Vienna, Austria from 18 to 23 July 2010. Three medical and nursing staff from SPP attended the Conference as well as the MSM Pre-Conference. During the MSM Pre-conference, SPP did a joint presentation with AIDS Concern, a local NGO, on the experiences of building a strategic NGO-GO collaboration model in advancing MSM HIV prevention in Hong Kong. As a result of the concerted prevention efforts brought about by the strategic collaboration,

the agenda of HIV prevention among MSM has successfully aroused the attention of the local MSM population, community partners, mass media, policy makers, funding agency and regional counterparts. There was also scaling up of targeted response in terms of quantity, diversity and scientific rigor.

Dr Kenny Chan attended the "National Consultation on Scientific Strategy Response to HIV/AIDS in China 2011-2015", which was held in Beijing from 8 to 9 October 2010. The two-day meeting was attended by an impressive panel of international participants from most major global players such as the Global Fund, US CDC, World Bank, National Institute of Health, UNAIDS, as well as eminent academicians in the field. The meeting was an intensive two days of data presentation, discussion and debate, and resulted in a new draft action plan which might help shape the future of the HIV epidemic in China.

The United States Agency for International Development Programme (USAID), organisations under the United Nations system such as UNAIDS, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific (WPRO), Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM), Asia Pacific Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (APN+), started a MSM & Transgender Multi-city HIV Initiative in August 2010. Six Asian cities included in the Initiative were Bangkok, Chengdu, Ho Chi Minh City, Jakarta, Manila and Yangon. The Department of Health took part in the Steering Committee of the Initiative and Dr Raymond Leung of SPP attended a two-day workshop, titled "MSM & TG Multi-city HIV Initiative – Local Consultant Workshop on the City Level Assessment Tool", which was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 26 to 27 August 2010. The workshop was part of the process in preparation for a three-day multi-city meeting entitled "Action Planning Meeting of Men Who Have Sex with Men and Transgender Populations Multi-City HIV Initiative" held in Hong Kong from 7 to 9 December 2010. The meeting had brought together international and regional experts as well as frontline workers to discuss about the prevention of HIV infections among MSM and transgender populations in the six Asian cities, and how to enhance the efforts in the treatment, care and support services in the participating cities. About 140 participants from 12 countries and 30 regional organizations took part in the meeting. Colleagues in nearby Mainland cities also attended as observers.

Dr Raymond Leung and a worker from an NGO serving male sex workers, attended the "Forum on Enhancing AIDS Prevention and Treatment among MSM" held in Beijing on 17 December 2010. They gave presentations during the Forum, sharing Hong Kong's experiences in the collaborative efforts from the Governmental and Non-governmental sectors in response to the HIV epidemic in MSM. The forum was co-organised by WHO, National Center for AIDS/STD Prevention and Control and China MSM Health Forum and attended by major international partners such as UNDP, UNAIDS, USCDC, Global Fund, Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation, and national counterparts such as China AIDS Association, Chinese Academy of Medical Science and grass root organizations in the Mainland. Dr Leung also took the opportunity to visit UNAIDS China office and exchange with UNAIDS colleagues.

Dr Raymond Leung attended "Expert Forum on Harm Reduction and HIV Prevention/Control", which was held in Macau on 11 March 2011. The Forum was the first of its kind in Macau with the aim of promoting the concept of harm reduction. More than 200 participants attended the Forum which featured speakers from UNAIDS, Mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau, and during which there was active exchange of experience and interesting discussion among the co-workers in the healthcare and social sectors.

## **2011**

Dr Kenny Chan attended the 6<sup>th</sup> International AIDS Society (IAS) Conference which was held in Rome, Italy, from 17 to 20 July 2011. The IAS Conference, with its focus on clinical science related to HIV/AIDS, has become a popular destination of pilgrimage by workers in the field. The IAS meeting entertains workers ranging from basic scientists, public health specialists to clinical providers.

Dr Kenneth Chan and Ms Bonnie Ng attended and presented three posters in the 10<sup>th</sup> ICAAP was held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 26 to 30 August 2011.

Ms Tracy Chan attended the Australasian HIV/AIDS Conference 2011 (26 – 28 September) and the 2011 Australasian Sexual Health Conference (28 – 30 September), which were conducted by the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine and Australasian Chapter of Sexual Health Medicine respectively. Both conferences were held in Canberra, Australia and provided conference participants with the opportunity to learn the latest advance on prevention and treatment of HIV, SIT and related diseases.

## **2012**

Dr Ada Lin attended the 19th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections at Seattle Washington USA from 5-8 March 2012 and presented a poster presentation concerning TB Control in a Setting of Universal Access to HAART. She also attended the ID Week at San Diego CA USA from 17-21 October 2012, which was a scientific conference for HIV infection and infectious diseases.

Dr Kenny Chan, Dr Amy Leung and Ms Jenny Pang attended the XIX IAC held on 22-27 July 2012 at Washington DC. USA. They presented two poster presentations concerning the treatment outcomes of HIV-associated tuberculosis cases and antiretroviral coverage in injecting drug users.

UCT also took part in coordinating local experts as temporary advisers in regional consultation meetings held by the United Nations system. Dr KM Ho, Consultant (Dermatologist) in charge of Hong Kong Department of Health, attended the Regional Experts Meeting for "Enhancing HIV, STI and other sexual health services for MSM and transgender people in Asia and the Pacific: training package for health providers and reduction of stigma in healthcare settings" held from 10 to 12 July 2012 in Bangkok. Dr William Wong, Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Hong Kong, attended a consultation meeting on HIV, STI and other health needs of transgender people in Asia and the Pacific held from 11 to 13 September 2012 in Manila. Dr Raymond Leung also attended the latter meeting as an observer.

## **2013**

Dr KH WONG attended the World Health Organization's National HIV/STI Programme Managers Meeting in Asian Countries of the Western Pacific Region held in Kunming, Mainland China from 25 to 28 February 2013. The meetings aimed to engage national programme managers and senior officials for exchange and update on the progress and developments in the field. Dr Wong presented and shared with the participants on the HIV situation and response in at-risk populations in Hong Kong.

Dr Ada LIN and Dr Amy LEUNG attended the 7th IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention held on 30 June – 3 July 2013 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Dr KH WONG attended and presented an overview of prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong at the Guangdong, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan 10th Preventive Medicine Symposium, 第十屆粵港澳台預防醫學學術會議 held in Macau on 25 May 2013.

## **2014**

Dr SHU Bo-ye and Nursing Officer Ms Lina WONG attended the 20th International AIDS Conference held in Melbourne, Australia on 20-25 July 2014. Two posters titled "Tracking HIV risk behaviours and seroprevalence among female sex workers (HARIS 2013)" and "Isoniazid preventive therapy programme for HIV-infected patients in a TB endemic region with universal access to antiretroviral treatment" were exhibited during the meeting.

The 14th Tripartite Meeting of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao on the Prevention and Control of Communicable Disease was held in Macau for two days in September 2014. Dr KH Wong attended on 18th September and made a presentation on HIV situation and its prevention and control in Hong Kong.

Dr KH Wong attended another overseas meeting, the HIV Drug Therapy Glasgow Meeting, held in United Kingdom from 2nd to 6th November 2014. He also participated and chaired a session at the Third HIV/AIDS Forum of Beijing, Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan held in Hong Kong on 22 November 2014.

## **2015**

Dr KH Wong joined the Provincial AIDS Directors Meeting in Shanghai on 10-11 February 2015. The meeting was organised by the National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It aimed to gather AIDS public health and clinical professionals from 31 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities to: review implementation of HIV/AIDS and STD programmes, share best practices in delivering HIV treatment and intervention services, and discuss plans to best implement HIV/AIDS services in 2015 to achieve goal of the 12th five-year action plan.

Dr KH Wong attended the National HIV/AIDS and STI Programme Managers Meeting for Selected Asian and Pacific Island Countries in the Western Pacific Region which was held at Manila, Philippines from 1 to 2 July 2015. The meeting aimed to review and discuss progress on the recommendations from the 2013 National HIV/AIDS and STI Programme Managers' Meeting and the 2015 universal

access targets and Millennium Development Goal 6, the quality of HIV strategic information systems, the global HIV and STI strategies for 2016-2021, and to explore transitional and long-term financing options to ensure continued progress towards HIV/STI goals.

As preparation for drafting the Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2017-2021, the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS (ACA) held a series of Community Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting (CCM) in October and November 2015. Eight sessions of CCM were conducted for each of the priority populations: men who have sex with men, male-to-female transgender persons, male sex workers, females sex workers and their clients, people living with HIV, injecting drug users and ethnic minorities. During the preparation stage, RRC provided technical support to ACA such as information on the local epidemiology and current HIV response.

Dr SHU Bo-ye of SPP joined the 15th Tripartite Joint Meeting of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao on Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases held in Guangzhou on 5-6 November 2015 and made a presentation on HIV situation among MSM in HK (Fig. 7). About 50 public health and medical experts from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao SAR attended the meeting. Representatives from the three places had in-depth discussion and experience sharing on HIV prevention and control, and agreed to have regular discussion on the issue.



Fig. 7 The 15th Tripartite Joint Meeting of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao on Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases.



## **2016**

Dr SHU Bo-ye of SPP and Nursing Officer Ms Fiona Tse attended the 21th International AIDS Conference held in Durban, South Africa on 18-22 July 2016.

## **2017**

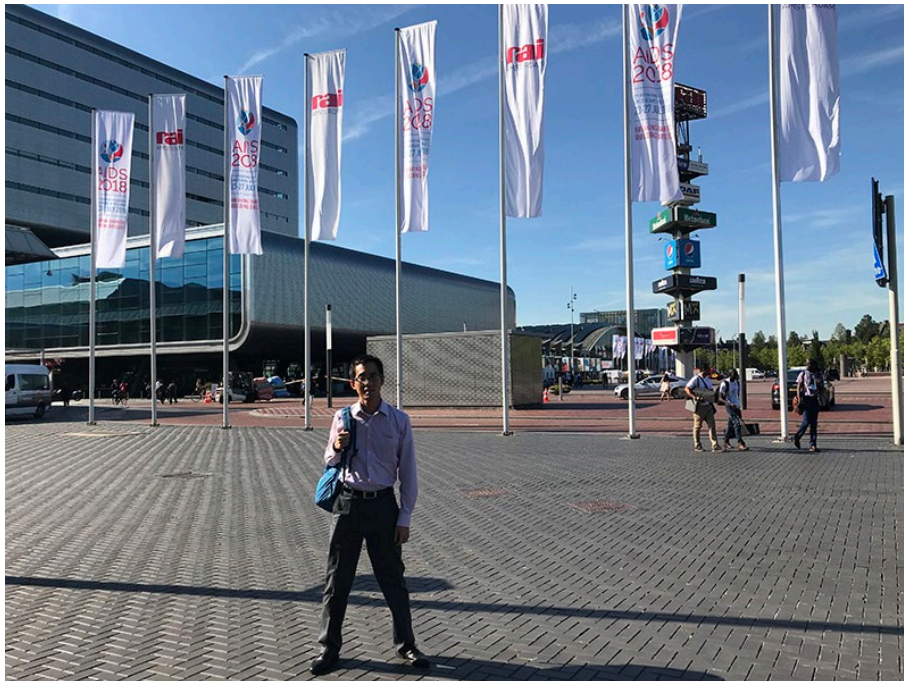
Dr Kenny CHAN of SPP attended the National HIV, Hepatitis and STI Programme Managers Meeting for Selected Asian and Pacific Island Countries held in Manila, PHILIPPINES on 27-30 June 2017. The objectives of the meeting were to review and discuss progress on the recommendations from the 2015 and 2016 programme managers meetings for HIV/STI and viral hepatitis; discuss common issues, plans of action and targets towards reaching the 2030 goals of the global health sector strategies for HIV, hepatitis and STIs and the 2020 targets of the Regional Action Plan for Viral Hepatitis in the Western Pacific 2016–2020. Dr CHAN presented the “Financing for the HIV services in Hong Kong SAR (China)” in the meeting.

Dr Kenny CHAN of SPP attended the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific held in Brisbane, Queensland, AUSTRALIA on 9-13 October 2017. The meeting covers important policies for controlling communicable diseases including measles / rubella vaccination, vector control, food safety and triple elimination of mother-to-child transmission of HIV, hepatitis B and syphilis. Dr CHAN presented the “Viral hepatitis” in the meeting.

## **2018**

Dr Billy HO of SPP and Nursing Officer Ms Bonnie NG attended the 22nd International AIDS Conference held in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on 18-22 July 2018. (Fig. 8)

Fig. 8 A doctor from SPP attended the 22nd International AIDS Conference



## **2019**

Dr Alfred SIT and Dr Bonnie Wong of SPP attended the 10<sup>th</sup> IAS conference on HIV Science Conference held in Mexico City, Mexico on 18-22 July 2019.

**2020**

No update.

**2021**

No update.

## **VI. Technical Forums: Workshops and Visits**

*Workshops* are specially designed training programmes organised under the auspices of the UCT. These were normally three- to five-day programmes developed upon request of public health or other agencies to facilitate the development of policy on HIV prevention, care and control. Besides, brief half- to one-day *visits* from overseas agencies were received by the Centre from time to time.

In 2013, a total of 7 workshops and seminars were held with 390 people attended, and 20 visits to Red Ribbon Centre with 306 people coming from different places. A majority were coming from the Mainland China (Annex F). With the rising interest in HIV prevention for drug users in neighbouring cities and countries, a significant proportion of visitors had come to take reference from both the HIV prevention activities at Red Ribbon Centre and the methadone clinics.

### **A. Workshops**

#### **1998-2000**

In collaboration with the University of Hong Kong, UCT has engaged in a study to better understand the HIV epidemiology in the Pearl River Delta Region. The first and second Workshop on HIV Surveillance and Epidemiology in Pearl River Delta Region were held in December 1998 and June 2000 respectively, with the participation of public health experts from 12 cities in the Region. These activities have helped to consolidate the network of health professionals in HIV and behavioural surveillance. The third workshop was organised by UCT in the collaboration with the Guangdong and Shenzhen CDC in November 2002. The proceeding of three meetings have been published to record the events and to disseminate the conclusions.

The effort of these meetings has been transformed into the electronic HIV epidemiology platform in the Region. The platform mainly collects data on the population size of the city, including the total population, adult population (15-49) and reported HIV/AIDS, sero-prevalence data in people practising risk behaviours and also the general population without identifiable risk. An administrator is nominated by each participating city and the participating cities update their data sets annually. The platform is supported by a webmaster from SPP. The collaborative platform has entered into third phase of writing a full report.

## **2003**

In October 2003, the three-day Training Workshop on Methadone Treatment for HIV Prevention was organised in collaboration with the UN Regional Task Force on Drugs Use and HIV Vulnerability, UNAIDS South East Asia and Pacific Inter-country Team, WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific and the UNDCP Regional Centre for East Asia and the Pacific. This interactive training programme was for people involved (or to be involved) in the development of methadone substitution treatment in priority countries including China, Indonesia, Nepal and India. There were 82 registered participants from outside Hong Kong and 17 local observers. A total of 12 state-of-the-art presentations were delivered by faculties from Hong Kong and overseas, including Dr Robert Newman (New York) and Dr Andrew Byrne (Sydney). An evaluation report was published and could be viewed on the website: [www.harmreduction.gov.hk](http://www.harmreduction.gov.hk).

## **2006**

In April 2006, Dr Tim Brown, Senior Fellow, Population and Health Studies at the East West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, conducted a workshop on "Integrated analysis to improve response to HIV epidemic" and an open lecture on "Balancing HIV prevention and care – a policy level perspective" during his consultancy visit to Hong Kong on estimation and projection of HIV/AIDS.

In June 2006, Mr Joel Rehnstrom, country coordinator of UNAIDS in China conducted another workshop on "Challenges and Opportunities in the Response to AIDS in China" during his visit to Hong Kong. In September 2006, the Hong Kong AIDS Dialogue was organised to provide an opportunity for stakeholders involved in the response to HIV/AIDS to share in an open forum the latest developments in the fields of interest and reflect on what have been learnt from the International AIDS Conference (Toronto of Canada, 13-18 August 2006). AIDS workers from several cities in the Pearl River Delta Region also participated.

## **2007**

On 16 January 2007, a forum on "Public Consultation on the Draft Recommended HIV/AIDS Strategies for Hong Kong 2007-2011" was held. Representatives of AIDS NGOs, stakeholders and members of the public have opined their view on improving the HIV programme in Hong Kong.

In order to enhance the capacity of the community to combating the rising trend of HIV infections in MSM, UCT organised a half-day forum on the theme of HIV prevention in MSM on 13 Jan 2007. Speakers shared their knowledge and skills for planning HIV prevention projects in MSM with fellow participants.

UCT invited Dr Tim Brown, Senior Fellow of the East West Centre in the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, USA, to speak in a workshop titled "Translating data into actions" on 23 May 2007. The workshop aims to discuss the application of data analysis in programme planning, which could facilitate health professionals in adopting evidence-based practice in prevention actions.

## **2008**

On 19 April 2008, an one day seminar, titled "Collaboration, Capacity Building and the Way Forward, organised by the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund and the Hong Kong Coalition of AIDS Service Organizations (HKCASO), with UCT providing technical support, took place and aimed to enhance collaboration among stakeholders and HIV preventions. Dr Bernhard Schwartlander, the UNAIDS China Coordinator gave a keynote speech titled "Bringing the HIV/AIDS Response to Where Infections Happen – Working with and Learning from the Communities" which highlighted the importance and the role played by the civil society in an effective response to HIV as well as the need to strengthen capacity for the civil society so as to enable them to fully participate in a sustainable response to HIV. Participants included HIV/AIDS workers in Hong Kong and from neighbouring regions. The seminar, apart from providing a platform for experience sharing among, and an opportunity for capacity building for, various stakeholders participated in the works on HIV/AIDS, also facilitated the understanding between funder and the recipients of funding.

A report back seminar on the XVII IAC, which was organised by ACA in collaboration with AIDS Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and with technical support from UCT, was held on 20 September 2008. Mr Peter Lunding, the UNAIDS China Senior HIV Advisor and Mr Giovanni Nicotera, the Project Manager and China Advisor HIV/AIDS of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) took the opportunity during their visit to RRC during that period to attend the seminar. The seminar served to let the conference attendees to share with the audiences the experiences and insights they learned from the biennial conference. Dr Darwin Mak of SPP and ACA members Miss Nora Yau, Ms Elsie Chu and Mr Ko Chun Wa were among the conference attendees who shared their valuable experiences during the seminar.

In response to the rising MSM HIV epidemic, Professor Susan Kegeles from the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies, University of California, San Francisco paid a visit to Hong Kong from 30 September to 6 October 2008 to share her experiences in HIV prevention in MSM with local workers. She is also the developer of the Mpowerment Project, which is a model HIV prevention program that has been designed specifically to address the needs of young gay and bisexual men. During her stay, visits to various NGOs were organised and she also held a seminar for local workers in HIV/AIDS at RRC on 3 October. The title of the seminar was "Addressing increasing rates of HIV among Hong Kong MSM: Does a community-wide, multi-level empowerment approach to HIV prevention make sense?" Thirty-eight participants attended the seminar to learn from her experiences in this innovative approach towards HIV prevention.

In October 2008, HIV experts from the Albion Street Centre and AIDS Council of New South Wales, Australia (ACON) visited RRC and conducted a series of workshops on MSM and HIV prevention for local workers. Topics covered included the preparation of funding proposals; HIV prevention with various high risk groups such as commercial sex workers and drug abusers, and in various settings such as internet and sex parties; and experience sharing of HIV responses in Australia.

## **2009**

A report back seminar on the 9<sup>th</sup> ICAAP, which was organised by ACA, in collaboration with AIDS Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and with technical support from UCT, was held on 17 September 2009. Dr KH Wong, Dr F. Bognar and Dr Francis Wong of SPP, and ACA member Dr Chen Zhi-wei were among the congress attendees who shared their valuable experiences during the seminar.

## **2010**

In 2010, UCT organised two series of half-day workshops for new staff members from NGOs providing HIV/AIDS & STI related services. The first series took place on 30 Jan and 6 February 2010. The workshop aimed to provide participants with basic knowledge on HIV/AIDS & STI and introduce related services in Hong Kong. The second series of workshops took place on 12 and 19 October, with target audience being both new and experienced staff members from NGOs providing HIV/AIDS & STI related services. The workshop aimed to enhance participants' knowledge on HIV/AIDS & STIs and to explore some in-depth subjects related to provision of HIV/AIDS & STIs related services.

Dr Tim Brown, Senior Fellow, Population and Health Studies at the East-West Center in the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, USA, visited RRC again from 15 to 29 March 2010. The objectives of his visit included reviewing the latest HIV/AIDS data, preparing for the next set of AIDS strategies for Hong Kong, and supporting NGOs in developing indicators for evaluation of HIV programmes. Apart from several meetings with NGO workers serving major at-risk populations and SPP staff, he also delivered an open lecture entitled "Translating data into actions - moving from Hong Kong HIV/AIDS situation to evidence-based preventive actions; what else do we need?", which was organised by UCT and held on 17 March. The lecture aimed to discuss the use of data and evidence in planning an effective preventive response against HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong.

A report back seminar on the XVIII IAC, which was hosted by ACA, and co-organised by HKCASO and RRC, was held on 29 September 2010. Dr Raymond Leung of SPP, Prof. Chen Char-nie, ACA Chairman, Dr Samuel Yu, member of Council for the AIDS Trust Fund and Ms Gipsy Chang, member of RRC Management Advisory Committee and representatives from several NGOs were among the conference attendees who shared their valuable experiences during the seminar.

The Community Forum of AIDS (CFA) and HKCASO jointly organised a Community Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting comprising 9 sessions from 26 January to 1 February with UCT providing technical support. The meeting had drawn extensive community discussions and inputs towards the formulation of the Recommended Hong Kong HIV/AIDS Strategies 2012-2016 by the Advisory Council on AIDS (ACA). A total of 248 attendants comprising individuals and community stakeholders from diverse backgrounds attended the meeting.

## **2011**

Dr Tim Brown, Senior Fellow, Population and Health Studies at the East-West Center in the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, USA, visited RRC again to help kick-start the process of developing a set of common HIV/AIDS response indicators to be adopted by workers in the field for monitoring the local epidemic as well as evaluating efforts spent on tackling the epidemic. A 3-day lecture cum workshop titled "HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Workshop" was organised by UCT from 29 – 31 March 2011 during which Dr Tim Brown and his team led interactive group work with local AIDS workers. (Fig. 9)



Fig. 9 HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Workshop



UCT organised two half-day workshops on 6 April and 13 April 2011 to equip NGO workers especially the new recruits with the basic knowledge on HIV/AIDS and STI and introduce HIV/AIDS & STI related services in Hong Kong. Similar workshops were re-run in April and May 2012.

## **2012**

A report back seminar on the XIX International AIDS Conference, which was hosted by ACA, and co-organised by HKCASO and UCT, was held on 7 September 2012. Dr Kenny Chan of SPP, Dr Susan Fan, ACA Chairman, Dr Patrick Lo, secretariat of Council for the AIDS Trust Fund and Ms Victoria Kwong, member of RRC Management Advisory Committee and representatives from several NGOs were among the conference attendees who shared their valuable experiences during the seminar.

An evening training workshop named "Understanding the MSM" for frontline medical staff of Social Hygiene Clinics were organised on 29 October 2013. Speakers from non-governmental organisations were invited to highlights some important issues on service provision in medical settings.

## **2013**

On 14 - 18 January 2013, the UCT worked with the China office of International HIV/AIDS Alliance and UNAIDS China to coordinate the Mainland Community Based Organisations (CBO) strategic workshop. It aimed to enhance the capacity of the Mainland CBO to work better with their governmental agencies. Ten strategic CBOs serving PLHIV, MSM and injecting drug users joined the workshop.

Dr KH WONG and Dr Raymond LEUNG of UCT were invited to report the situation of Hong Kong. Speakers from 10 local organisations were lined up to share their experience on AIDS work as well as NGO governance and other aspects during the workshop.

On 29 August, SPP and the Hong Kong Medical Association (HKMA) jointly organised a seminar for GPs titled "Update on HIV Infection, Treatment and Prevention". The seminar lasted for about 2 hours covering topics on "local epidemiology and reporting system", "clinical presentation, diagnosis, treatment and prevention", "HIV screening", "referral and HIV clinical services" and "understanding the gay culture". The seminar was well received by 71 doctors.

On 17 & 24 September 2013, two half-day training workshops on basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs were arranged for NGO staff. The workshops were attended by 45 and 38 participants respectively.

On 30 October 2013, a workshop on "Checklist for Quality Assurance on HIV Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) Service in Community Settings" was arranged for NGO staff and attended by 20 participants. The workshop aimed at briefing the staff on the internal audit system for benchmarking VCT services.

## **2014**

Capacity building was one of the main works of UCT in 2014. A series of lectures, seminars and training workshops have been conducted for NGO workers and health care workers. On 21 March 2014, Dr Ada LIN was invited to give a talk on "Understanding of HIV/AIDS, its treatment, prognosis and infection control" in a training course held by the Social Welfare Department.

On 20 July 2014, Dr KH WONG, two nursing officers and an NGO staff were invited to a Sunday Symposium organised by Hong Kong Doctors Union to give a lecture to 202 GPs on "Update on HIV diagnosis, treatment and prevention", "HIV counselling and testing", "Referral for HIV care" and "Understanding gay culture".

On 30 September 2014, The 20th International AIDS Conference - Report Back Seminar was held. (Fig. 10) Three doctors from RRC, academic and clinical perspectives and five speakers from two NGOs gave presentations at the seminar. A total of 104 participants who were mainly healthcare professionals and NGO workers attended the seminar.

Fig. 10 Report back seminar on the 20th International AIDS Conference



A basic training workshop, Basic Knowledge on HIV/AIDS and STIs, which comprised two sessions were held on 16 and 23 September 2014. The first covered basic HIV knowledge and related health care services, while the second focused on special consideration for selected at-risk populations. A total of 122 health care workers attended the workshop. Another advanced training workshop covering HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis, HIV/HCV co-infection and drug abuse was held on 18 November 2014. Some 50 staff members from NGO and DH attended. The above workshops were supplemented by a practicum training session on Voluntary HIV Counselling and Testing on 18 November 2014, which was attended by 34 NGO workers.

## **2015**

The Department of Health engaged Dr Tim Brown, Senior Research Fellow of the East-West Center, Hawaii, as an external consultant for one year from March 2015 to February 2016 to advise on the surveillance system, HIV response, and formulation of the next HIV/AIDS Strategies. During his visit in April 2015, a two day Familiarization Workshop on applying the AIDS Epidemic Model (AEM) for Policy Analysis was held (Fig. 11). Colleagues from the Department of Health and the Chinese University of Hong Kong attended. He also met with NGOs and presented his findings on HIV situation at ACA meetings during his visits in April 2015, October 2015 and January 2016.

Fig. 11 Dr Tim Brown with participants of the AIDS Epidemic Model Familiarization Workshop



A doctor from RRC was invited by the Education Bureau to deliver a talk to teachers in the seminar "Learning and Teaching Strategies for Preventing Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS" on 19 March 2015.

The basic training workshop for NGO staff, "Basic knowledge on HIV/AIDS and STIs" was held on 28 April 2015 and 5 May 2015, attracting a total of 55 attendances.

A "Workshop on Sexual Behaviour of Youth" was conducted for SPP staff in the Integrated Treatment Centre on 20 October 2015. The workshop was delivered by Mr Sparkle YU, a social worker and sex therapist.

A training workshop for NGO staff, "Voluntary HIV Counselling and Testing", was held on 15 December 2015. Topics covered included general knowledge on AIDS, pre-test and post-test counselling, referral of HIV positive cases, rapid HIV testing, infection control measures and management of needle-stick injury. A visit to the "AIDS counselling and Testing Service" of SPP followed the workshop. It was well received by 29 people.

## **2016**

The "Training Workshop on Basic Knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs for NGO Staff" was held in two sessions on 1 March and 15 March 2016. A total of 27 and 39 participants attended the sessions respectively.

A "Sharing session on PrEP and PEP for HIV" was held in RRC on 19 April 2016. Invitation was sent to related NGOs and the academia and attracted an audience of 80. A senior doctor first gave a presentation on the scientific basis and recent update of pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis for HIV. Two speakers from an AIDS NGO presented the highlights of an international conference "PrEParing Asia: A New Direction for HIV prevention among MSM in Asia" held in Bangkok in September 2015, and the NGOs' findings of a qualitative study on the views of the MSM community on PrEP and PEP.

A doctor from RRC was invited by the Education Bureau to deliver a talk in the "Seminar for teachers on Preventing Sexually Transmitted Diseases and AIDS" on 10 June 2016; 65 teaching staff attended the seminar.

A training workshop for NGO staff, "Voluntary HIV Counselling and Testing", was held on 13 December 2016. Topics covered included general knowledge on AIDS, pre-test and post-test counselling, referral of HIV positive cases, rapid HIV testing, infection control measures and management of needle-stick injury. A visit to the "AIDS counselling and Testing Service" of SPP followed the workshop. It was well received by 27 attendants.

## **2017**

A doctor from SPP delivered a presentation in a sex education seminar for teachers organised by Education Bureau on 4 May 2017. Twenty five teachers attended the seminar.

Two sessions of workshop for NGO staff- Basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs were held on 9 May and 18 May 2017 respectively. The workshops aimed to introduce basic knowledge relevant to HIV/AIDS and STIs, service provision in ITC and Social Health Clinics (SHCs); with highlights on special consideration for MSM and anti-drug programme for MSM, and other populations such as sex workers, injection drug users and ethnic minorities. A total of 60 and 68 participants attended the sessions respectively.



One session of workshop for NGO staff- advanced course were held on 13 June 2017. The workshop aimed to introduce latest medical advance on PrEP and PEP, hepatitis A/C and HIV coinfection, and substance use among MSM. A total of 48 participants attended the session.

A "Workshop for healthcare professionals- Knowing about HIV/AIDS and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community" was held on 7 July 2017. The workshop aimed to introduce basic knowledge relevant to HIV/AIDS, communication skills to HIV patient or LGBT clients, and experience sharing from AIDS concern and a transgender woman. The audience included healthcare professionals from DH, Hospital Authority and private hospitals. 115 participants attended the session. (Fig. 12)

Fig. 12 Four speakers of "Workshop for healthcare professionals- Knowing about HIV/AIDS and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community"



## **2018**

A doctor from SPP delivered a presentation in a sex education seminar for teachers organised by Education Bureau on 18 May 2018. Twenty nine teachers attended the seminar.

Two sessions of "Workshop for NGO staff- Basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs" were held on 12 April and 26 April 2018 respectively. The workshops aimed to introduce basic knowledge relevant to HIV/AIDS and STIs, service provision in ITC

and SHCs; with highlights on special consideration for men who have sex with men (MSM) and anti-drug programme for MSM, and other populations such as sex workers, injection drug users and ethnic minorities. A total of 34 and 30 participants attended the sessions respectively.

A "Workshop for healthcare professionals- Knowing about HIV/AIDS and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community" was held on 13 July 2018. The workshop aimed to introduce basic knowledge relevant to HIV/AIDS, communication skills to HIV patient or LGBT clients, and experience sharing from The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong and a HIV patient. The audience included healthcare professionals from DH, Hospital Authority and private hospitals. 108 participants attended the session.

## **2019**

A doctor from SPP delivered a presentation in a communicable disease seminar and sex education seminar for teachers organised by Education Bureau on 10 and 15 May 2019 respectively. Twenty-five and twenty teachers attended the seminar respectively.

Three sessions of "Workshop for NGO staff- Basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs" were held on 4 April am and 11 April whole day respectively. The three sessions workshops aimed to introduce basic knowledge relevant to HIV/AIDS and STIs, LGBT culture and drug rehabilitation principles. A total of 68, 68 and 69 participants attended the sessions respectively.

## **2020**

No update.

## **2021**

Two sessions of "Workshop for NGO staff- Basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS & STIs" were held on 15 April pm and 20 April pm respectively. The workshop aimed to introduce basic knowledge relevant to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and STIs, and NGO sharings on providing services to male clients of female sex workers, transgender people and ethnic minorities. A total of 47 and 49 participants attended the sessions respectively.

A 1-hour "Healthcare Staff Training Session on Gender-friendly Healthcare Services"

was held on 16 June and the speakers were from a local transgender NGO "Quarks". A total of 29 participants attended the session.

A 1-hour "Healthcare Staff Training Session on Introduction of HIV Pre-exposure & Post-exposure" was held on 15 September. A total of 102 participants attended the session.

## **B. Visits from the Mainland and overseas agencies**

### **2005**

In December 2005, a delegation led by the Ministry of Health of Malaysia visited Hong Kong's AIDS and harm reduction programmes. Staff from SPP shared with the delegates on the HIV prevention programmes targeting drug users. From 12-13 January 2006, a delegation from the Chinese Ministry of Health and the Chinese CDC visited Hong Kong to look at the HIV programmes.

### **2007**

Dr Chen Zhu, the Minister of Health of PRC, headed a delegate to visit the Red Ribbon Centre during the Sixth Joint meeting of Senior Health officials of Mainland, Hong Kong and Macao on 10 November 2007. During the visit, Dr Chen met with Dr PY Lam (the Director of Health), Dr Thomas Tsang (Controller, Centre for Health Protection), Prof Char-nie Chen, ACA Chairman and Dr Samuel Yu (Chairman of Management Advisory Committee of Red Ribbon Centre). Dr KH Wong presented an overview on the HIV situation in Hong Kong and shared with the delegate our experiences of HIV prevention.

### **2008**

Dr Tim Brown paid another visit to RRC during a consultancy visit from 10-14 January 2008 to support technically the preparation of ATF funding allocation plan for 2008-2011 and to give advice on the way forward for funding allocation process in Hong Kong.

Ms Allison Thorpe from the National Social Marketing Centre, United Kingdom paid a visit to UCT on 19 May 2008 to share with SPP staff experiences and knowledge in applying social marketing principles to health promotion. During the discussion,



references were made to previous HIV prevention campaigns in MSM and harm reduction campaign for methadone clinic attendees run by SPP.

A group of Vietnamese delegates, which were led by Mrs Nguyen Thi Thanh Kieu, Head of the Office of Science and Education, City Committee of the Party on Propaganda and Education and included senior government officials from various government departments as well as representative from UNAIDS Vietnam, paid a visit to RRC on 4 July 2008 to share experiences on HIV prevention and care.

The Asian Red Cross and Red Crescent HIV/AIDS Network (ART) held its annual meeting in 2008 in Hong Kong. As part of the meeting, about 40 representatives from its member societies attending the annual meeting paid a visit to RRC on 22 October. During the study tour, visitors learnt about the treatment services provided to people living with HIV by SPP, harm reduction programme and HIV prevention targeting injecting drug users and other major HIV prevention activities carried out by UCT.

From 18 – 22 November 2008, a delegate team of 27 members from Mainland China visited Hong Kong to learn more about the Hong Kong response to the HIV epidemic. The visit was organised by Publicity Department of Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CCCPC) and facilitated by the UNAIDS China. Members in the visit included deputy directors of the provincial publicity department, who were in charge of AIDS prevention advocacy, as well as representatives from newspapers and Dr Zhou Kai of UNAIDS China. A full day programme at RRC was organised for the visitors on 19 November to brief them on HIV programme, and methadone and harm reduction programme in Hong Kong, as well as various HIV prevention activities such as HIV prevention campaigns in MSM and HIV TV Announcement of Public Interest (API). During the trip, arrangement was also made for the visitors to visit methadone clinics of Department of Health and some major NGOs with projects on HIV prevention.

Dr Frits van Griensven, Chief of Behavioral Research Section, US (USCDC) Southeast Asia Regional Office, Mr Clifton J. Cortez, Jr., Regional Team Leader of HIV/AIDS Office of Public Health, USAID Regional Development Mission/Asia and Miss Adrienne Poon of US CDC Global AIDS Program-China, paid a visit to RRC on 16 December 2008. During the meeting attended by the three visitors and Dr KH Wong and other SPP staff, experiences on HIV prevention and control were shared. The visitors used the opportunity to share with SPP staff, amongst others, the latest update about HIV and MSM issues in Thailand, an important country in the region in terms of HIV prevention and control.

Dr Leong Chan of University of New South Wales, who had a special interest in social research on MSM in Hong Kong and Sydney, Australia, visited RRC on 22 December 2008. During the visit, Dr Chan met RRC staff and was briefed about RRC's HIV prevention activities targeting MSM over the years while Dr Chan shared with RRC staff his proposed project of studying MSM culture and behaviours, including sexual behaviours and practices, in Hong Kong and Australia, which may provide important information which can help strengthen our response to the HIV epidemic in MSM.

A Vietnamese delegation of senior government officials led by H.E. Mr Truong Vinh Trong, Deputy Prime Minister of the S.R. of Vietnam, paid a visit to Hong Kong on a field workshop to learn about the Methadone Treatment Programme (MTP) in Hong Kong from 22 – 25 December 2008.

During the stay, they met with the Director of Health and chief of MTP, and also visited RRC on 23 December and met with Dr KH Wong and Dr Raymond Ho of SPP and some peer workers from the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA) to know more about HIV prevention carried out in methadone clinics and beyond.

## **2009**

A 13-membered Russian delegation which included members from the Federal Drug Control Service of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Health and Social Development of the Russian Federation and the United Nations Office of Drug and Crime (UNODC) Regional Office for Russian and Belarus, visited Hong Kong from 28 March – 1 April 2009. The visit was jointly organised by UNODC and UNAIDS China. The objective of the tour was to study the methadone programmes in China including the HKSAR. UCT, with the help of local AIDS stakeholders, put together a 2-day programme to introduce the harm reduction model of methadone clinics in Hong Kong. On 30 March, the delegation visited RRC and met Dr Raymond Ho and Dr Darwin Mak to learn about the HIV prevention programme for injecting drug users attending methadone clinics. The delegation also met workers from SARDA, a NGO servicing injecting drug users, who shared their valuable experiences in their outreach service for street drug-users in Hong Kong.

A 24-member Taiwanese delegation which included government officials from the Miaoli County Government, Taiwan and was led by Mr Su Wen-hui, Senior Executive Officer, Miaoli County Government, visited Hong Kong from 4 to 8 May 2009. During the 5-day visit, the delegation visited the Department of Health and the

Narcotics Division of the Security Bureau. The delegation paid a visit to RRC on 5 May to learn about the services of RRC and HIV prevention activities targeting injecting drug users in methadone clinics before visiting one of the methadone clinics.

Dr Jeannie Tey, Assistant Director (Policy) of Ministry of Health, Singapore spent a 3-month attachment to the Department of Health, HKSARG from August to October 2009. She spent about three weeks with SPP and related institutions to gain more insight into the HIV control strategy and policy, and HIV control and prevention programme in Hong Kong, as well as understanding HIV subtypes, detuned assays for HIV incidence and HIV screening tool and the role of molecular epidemiological technique in the control of diseases such as HIV/AIDS.

From 24 August to 4 September 2009, a delegation of 23 members from the Mainland visited Hong Kong to learn more about the prevention and control of communicable diseases in Hong Kong so as to strengthen future cross border collaboration among health officials. Members in the visit included 17 delegates from the Guangdong Province who were doctors from various CDCs within the Province as well as 6 representatives from Ningbo City, who were directors or deputy directors of various public health institutions. On 31 August, they visited RRC and learnt about the function and activities of RRC as well as HIV prevention and control in Hong Kong.

From 21 to 23 October 2009, a Mainland delegation of 29 members visited Hong Kong to learn about the prevention and control of HIV and other STIs in Hong Kong. The visit was organised by the Chinese Association of STD & AIDS Prevention and Control. Members in the delegation included doctors, programme directors, project managers and frontline workers. They visited RRC on 22 October, during which they were briefed about the work of UCT, especially various HIV prevention activities such as HIV prevention campaigns in MSM and HIV Announcement of Public Interest (API). The visitors also visited a Methadone Clinic and a Social Hygiene Clinic to learn about HIV prevention in methadone clinics targeting injecting drug users and treatment and prevention of sexually transmitted infections.

## **2010**

An Indian delegation from Legislators' Forum on AIDS (LFA) – Nagaland, Kohima visited RRC on 11 February 2010. The delegation, led by Shri. Kuzholuzo Nienu, the Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Nagaland and the Convener of LFA, included legislators, government officials as well as Dr Vinito L. Chishi, the State Coordinator, LFA – UNAIDS, Nagaland. The delegation was received by Dr Raymond Leung and colleagues of UCT in a sharing session, where Dr Leung briefed the visitors on Hong Kong's experience in methadone substitution therapy in the context of HIV prevention.

Prof. Leong Chan and Dr Donovan of University of New South Wales, who had a special interest in social research on MSM in Hong Kong and Sydney, Australia, visited RRC again on 23 February 2010. They shared an update on the proposed Australian Research Council Linkage grant application for social research on MSM in Hong Kong and Sydney. UCT briefed the visitors on Hong Kong strategies for HIV prevention and provided them with materials on the HIV prevention campaigns in MSM carried out by UCT.

A 10-member delegation from the Mainland consisting of high government officials from Department of Labour and Health under the Ministry of Railways, and provincial Railway Bureaux came to Hong Kong for a three-day visit programme to Department of Health, including the Headquarters, Centre for Health Protection, Port Health facilities and RRC. During the visit to RRC, UCT briefed the visitors on Hong Kong's HIV/AIDS policy and its implementation, the role of Department of Health on HIV prevention, care and control, and surveillance on HIV prevalence and related high risk behaviours, as well as the work and function of RRC as an UNAIDS Collaborating Centre.

Mr Pierre de Vasson of Vasson Consulting, Canada visited RRC on 2 November, 2010. Mr Vasson has provided consultancy service for projects on HIV prevention, treatment and care among Most-at-Risk Populations. He was briefed on the HIV situation in Hong Kong and the work of UCT. Ms Patti Juliana, Assistant Director, Methadone Maintenance Treatment Programme, Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, exchanged information on latest HIV situation and strategies of HIV prevention among injecting drug users upon her visit to RRC on 10 November.

A delegation of senior officials from the Government of Papua New Guinea visited Hong Kong in November on a two-day visiting programme organised by Centre for Health Protection, upon invitation by WHO WPRO. As part of the programme, the

delegation visited RRC on 2 November 2010 during which Dr Raymond Leung briefed visitors on the HIV situation and prevention efforts in Hong Kong.

Mr Mark Stirling, UNAIDS Country Coordinator for China, paid his first visit to Hong Kong in December 2010. SPP put together a full-day visit programme for Mr Stirling including visits to the Headquarters of Department of Health, a Methadone Clinic and RRC. Apart from briefings for Mr Stirling on Hong Kong's overall response to the HIV epidemic, HIV policy and funding, and HIV programme in methadone clinics, Mr Stirling met Dr Samuel Yu, Chairman of Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee (MAC) and SPP staff to discuss on the functional roles served by RRC as an UNAIDS Collaborating Centre. Arrangement was also made for Mr Stirling to meet various stakeholders including members of ACA, PLWHAs, the Sex Industry Subcommittee of HKCASO for discussion on various issues such as the concerns of PLWHAs, HIV prevention programmes for sex workers.

## **2011**

On 26 May 2011, UCT received two delegations from Mainland. The first delegation consisted of six delegates from provincial CDCs while the second delegation consisted of six delegates from the WHO Collaborating Centre for Comprehensive Management of HIV Treatment and Care, Beijing Ditan Hospital. The visitors were briefed on the role of UCT and its HIV prevention activities.

From 23 May to 3 June 2011, a delegation of 10 members from the Mainland visited Hong Kong to learn more about the prevention and control of communicable diseases in Hong Kong so as to strengthen future cross-border collaboration among health officials. Members in the visit included 10 delegates from various CDCs within the Guangdong Province. On 2 June, they visited RRC and learnt about its functions and activities on HIV prevention and control in Hong Kong. (Fig. 13)

Fig. 13 Chinese delegates from CDCs within Guangdong Province visiting RRC



On 8 June 2011, a seven-member Mainland delegation of senior officials led by Dr Chen Zhu, Minister of Health visited RRC. A brief tour of RRC was followed by a meeting during which the delegates were briefed on various aspects of the local AIDS response, including the AIDS policy, the development and implementation of its strategies, surveillance and epidemiology and the role played by NGOs. Apart from SPP staff, the meeting was also joined by the Controller of Centre for Health Protection, the Chairperson of Advisory Council on AIDS, the Convener of Community Forum on AIDS as well as representatives from three major AIDS-related NGOs. (Fig. 14)

Fig. 14 Mainland delegation led by Dr Chen Zhu, Minister of Health visiting RRC



On 5 September 2011, a 10-member delegation from Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan visited RRC. The delegation consisted of officials in the health sector and the anti-narcotic sector from the two countries as well as Dr Ingo Michels, the Project leader of the Central Asia Drug Action Programme of the European Union. During the visit to RRC, the delegates were briefed on the role of UCT and HIV prevention

efforts in the context of illicit drug use. (Fig. 15) The delegation also visited the Drug Info-Centre and a methadone clinic, and met with the Commissioner for Narcotics and the Chairman of the Advisory Council on AIDS.

Fig. 15 A 10-member delegation from Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan visiting



A 5-member delegation from Health Promotion Board of Singapore visited Hong Kong to exchange with the Department of Health on youth health promotion programmes in September 2011. They were briefed on the HIV prevention programmes carried out by UCT and the civil society which target the youth in Hong Kong during their visit to the school dental service on 26 September.

A 7-member Vietnamese delegation visited Hong Kong from 12 – 16 December 2011. The delegation was led by Dr Tran Thinh, Vice Director of Ho Chi Minh City Provincial AIDS Committee and consisted of senior officials in charge of AIDS-related work as well as representatives from NGOs in Vietnam, and was supported by Mr Clifton J Cortez Jr, Asia-Pacific Regional Practice Leader/HIV, Health and Development of UNDP. A 3-day programme was arranged by RRC for the visiting delegates. The delegation visited RRC on 12 December and was given an overview of HIV response in Hong Kong and a briefing on the escalated response to the HIV epidemic among MSM from the funding perspective. Visits to 5 major local NGOs and a local gay sauna were also arranged for the visitors so as to enable them to have more insight into the roles played by NGOs and community stakeholders in the local AIDS response. On 14 December, the delegates visited RRC again and was given a briefing on the HIV prevention activities targeting MSM by UCT and monitoring of the local response to the HIV epidemic among MSM, which was followed by a round-up discussion. (Fig. 16)



Fig. 16 Vietnamese delegation led by Dr Tran Thinh, Vice Director of Ho Chi Minh City Provincial AIDS Committee, visiting RRC



## **2013**

On 23 May 2013, a delegation of 8 health professionals from Mainland China visited RRC under the "Hong Kong-China Training Program" organised by the Society for AIDS Care. They included doctors, nurses and lecturers from Henan, Sichuan and Guangxi Provinces. The Program aims to provide a sharing platform for AIDS workers from China on the different areas of AIDS services in Hong Kong.

On 20 August 2013, Dr Ying Ru LO from the Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO) of WHO visited RRC for half day.

On 14 November 2013, a 4-member delegate from Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance of Vietnam visited RRC under the arrangement of "WHO fellowship: study tour on health projects". The aim of the visit was to exchange experience in health projects planning, implementation and evaluation, as well as priority setting, budgeting and resource management.

On 2-4 December 2013, one visitor from Singapore NGO Oogachaga visited Hong Kong. Visits to RRC and various NGOs, and attendance at the AIDS Trust Fund Sharing Session were arranged.

On 6 December 2013, one public health doctor from Shanghai CDC visited RRC under the Staff Exchange Programme. He was briefed on the HIV epidemiology and prevention programmes in Hong Kong and shared the experience in his locality.

## **2014**



On 21 & 22 May 2014, Ms Fanny Chang, a representative from the Macao AIDS Prevention and Control Commission visited the Red Ribbon Centre, Kowloon Bay Integrated Treatment Centre and AIDS Counselling and Testing Service.

On 29 May 2014, twelve representatives from Guangdong Field Epidemiology Training Programme visited the Red Ribbon Centre.

On 22 July 2014, seven visitors including six social workers from Mainland China visited the Red Ribbon Centre as part of an attachment programme arranged by The Society for AIDS Care.

On 7 August 2014, a study tour of 35 from Sichuan visited the Red Ribbon Centre.

On 8 August 2014, six visitors from Guangdong Province Health and Family Planning Commission visited the Red Ribbon Centre.

On 25 November 2014, one official from Chongqing Municipal Health and Family Planning Commission visited RRC under the Mainland Staff Exchange Programme.

Sponsored by the Chinese CDC, Dr Huang Kui, a Specialist in Infectious Disease from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Longtan Hospital attended a 10 week elective in HIV medicine organized by the Integrated Treatment Centre. During the attachment period from 2 July to 9 September, she joined the outpatient clinics, inpatient rounds and various other educational activities.

She also visited the Red Ribbon Centre on 28 July 2014. (Fig. 17)

Fig. 17 Dr Huang Kui from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Longtan Hospital visited RRC



## **2015**

Eleven delegates from the Vietnam Ministry of Health visited the Red Ribbon Centre on 21 January 2015, under the arrangement of the Narcotics & Drug Administration Unit.

## **2016**

Dr Jason Ligot from WPRO, who specialized in mental health and substance abuse, visited RRC on 28 April 2016. Doctors from RRC presented the HIV programmes for general public, men who have sex with men and methadone clinic users during the meeting. (Fig 18)

Fig. 18 Dr Jason Ligot from WPRO (Right) visited RRC



Four groups of head nurses from Mainland hospitals visited RRC on 10 August, 3 October, 20 October and 2 November 2016 as arranged by Hong Kong Nurse Training Education Foundation. A total of 84 nurses participated.

One Mainland official, Director of Social Development Bureau of Chongqing Liangjiang New Area Administrative Committee visited RRC on 25 November 2016 under the Mainland Staff Exchange Programme.

## **2017**

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## **2018-2021**

No update

## VII. Training Courses and Fellowships

The Red Ribbon Centre has been focusing on the *building of capacity* in its development of programmes on HIV/AIDS. The organisation of training courses is in line with the terms of collaboration drawn up between Red Ribbon Centre and UNAIDS. The objective of introducing structured training is to systematise capacity building activities on HIV prevention and care. The technical experiences of SPP in the past years shall enable Red Ribbon Centre to develop training modules relevant to Hong Kong and the neighbouring cities (**see Part VI also**). In the design of these courses, the following strategies are proposed:

- (a) observance of the prevention and care continuum, a model that has been adopted for a long time in Hong Kong;
- (b) integration with related disciplines and specialties in clinical science and public health, for example, infection control, clinical infectious diseases; and
- (c) collaboration with other expertise agencies in Hong Kong and the region, including clinical services, universities and community-based organisations.

With the escalating demand from agencies and technical professionals, short-term fellowships for health professionals were developed in 2005. The aim of the training programmes was to promulgate best practices that have been established through experience and system development. Fellowship training programmes were structured under five categories:

- (a) Fellowship in Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT)
- (b) Fellowship in Clinical HIV Nursing
- (c) Full-time Medical Fellowship in HIV treatment
- (d) Part-time Medical Fellowship in HIV treatment
- (e) Lions Red Ribbon Fellowship

Except Lions Red Ribbon Fellowship, all the programmes were newly developed since 2005. Duration of programmes ranged from one week to three months, depending on the content of the programmes. Fellows will undertake the training attachment in the forms of observation at the services, tutorials conducted by specialists, visits to relevant service units or organisations, supervised work and guided self-studies.

Other than training programme for existing HIV workers, Red Ribbon Centre also offered development opportunity for potential HIV workers. Students took this chance to explore the social issues related to HIV/AIDS and understand the importance of promoting acceptance in the society. The internship programme has been a success with very positive feedback from the students.

A university student from School of Public Health, The Chinese University of Hong Kong attached RRC from 3-19 July 2019. She performed a literature review of health needs of transgender women and presented on 18 July 2019.

Due to COVID pandemic, there was no student attachment in 2020.

In 2021, a student from the Hunter College, City University of New York had joined the programme. Throughout the 2-month placement, he had gained exposure to job natures of health promotion. Literature reviews on evaluating on sexual health services provided by several healthcare systems and its implication on sexual health services in Hong Kong were conducted and the results were presented to the Centre staff on 9 November 2021.

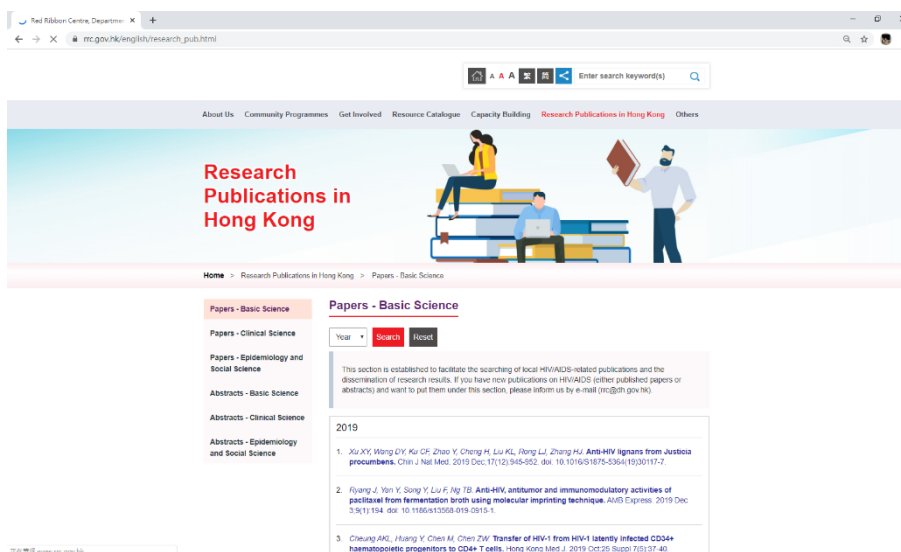
## VIII. Best Practice Development

There are three levels of activities relating to best practice development. Firstly, best practice documents received from UNAIDS are kept in the Centre's library for reference by people working or interested in the HIV/AIDS field. Where appropriate, they are distributed to various agencies in Hong Kong.

Secondly, a series of model programmes in Hong Kong have been identified. These were published in the yearbook series of Red Ribbon Centre. Since 2005, a resource corner has been created on the RRC website to promote best practices in HIV prevention and care and to enhance resource networking and capacity building. So far, nine such HIV projects have been included in this series. These projects included the "Do It Safely" Campaign in 2006, the "Zero Heroes" Campaign in 2007 and the "Syphilis Awareness Campaign in MSM" in 2009 (HIV prevention campaigns targeting MSM), "Be-negative campaign" in 2014, territory-wide Safer Sex campaign, Harm reduction media campaign for methadone maintenance in injecting drug users, Phoenix Project (outreach peer programme for injecting drug users) and Sunny Project (outreach peer programme for sex workers and their clients)

Finally, the Centre has been working closely with other agencies in the identification of best practices of local and international importance. Since 2006, RRC has opened a new corner on *Research Publications in Hong Kong* in its website (Fig. 19). The local HIV/AIDS related publications are grouped under the 3 main headings of Basic Science, Clinical Science and Epidemiology and Social Science.

Fig. 19 Research Publications in Hong Kong in the website of Red Ribbon Centre



## **IX. Hong Kong – Mainland Joint Campaign and Publicity**

Strengthening public health cooperation between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta Region has become more and more important in the last decade. The UCT together with the health authorities in the **Mainland and Macao** have jointly conducted different exchange visits, working meetings, training and experience sharing programmes. Reciprocal participation of HIV prevention activities were also held between authorities of the three regions were held yearly to enhance public awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS.

### **2003**

Through negotiations and the hard work of different collaborators, a joint media campaign involving partners in Hong Kong and Mainland China was launched in 2003 to promote HIV awareness and acceptance of people living with HIV/AIDS. Technical support was provided by Red Ribbon Centre, RTHK and National Institute of Health Education (NIHE of China CDC). The project involved the production of a short movie "Love under the Sun" featuring 38 artists, the launching at a concert in Beijing on 27 November, and the production of a theme song by pop singers Andy Lau and Sammi Cheng. The launching was a great success with a full house at the Capital Stadium in Beijing.

### **2005**

To promote acceptance of people living with HIV/AIDS by the public at large, a promotional film on AIDS care produced by China AIDS Media Project and National Basketball Association (NBA) was converted into the local Announcement in Public Interest (API) "To Understand and Care". Basketball superstars Magic Johnson and Yao Ming appeared in this API to appeal to the public on acceptance of people with living with HIV/ AIDS. A premiere of the API, jointly launched by DH and the Committee on Promoting Acceptance of People Living with HIV/AIDS of ACA, was held during the Hong Kong Silver Shield Basketball Tournament 2005.

### **2006**

Since 2006, UCT has established further collaboration with Shenzhen CDC. Both parties agreed to meet regularly to exchange experience and information and to collaborate on publicity and promotion of awareness. Publicity materials used in media campaigns were also shared between both sides.

## **2007**

In 2007, there is joint collaboration of WAD activities between Shenzhen CDC, Macau CDC and the Department of Health's Red Ribbon Centre. The WAD activities were coordinated within the region with HKSAR, Shenzhen and Macau hosting its WAD ceremonies on 3 consecutive days between 30 November- 2 December 2007. The theme of the World AIDS Day is "Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise".

On 30 November 2007, Radio Television Hong Kong and UCT organised a World AIDS Day Ceremony at Olympian City 2. The ceremony featured the premiere of the latest TV API featuring Miss Miriam Yeung in promoting acceptance for persons living with HIV. The ceremony was attended by Ms Selina Tsang (Patron of Red Ribbon Centre), Dr York Chow (Secretary for Food and Health Bureau), Dr PY Lam (Director of Health), Ms Gracie Foo (Acting Director of Broadcasting), the Chairpersons of ACA and the Council of AIDS Trust Fund and representatives of Shenzhen and Macau CDC. Over 100 Organisations were invited to help with the distribution of 100,000 red ribbons to be worn by their staff around the time of World AIDS Day.

On 1 December 2007, Shenzhen CDC organised a large-scaled outdoor World AIDS Day event at the Foxconn Sports Ground in Bao'an District of Shenzhen. UCT was invited to participate in the HIV exhibition. Dr Thomas Tsang, Controller of Centre for Health Protection and Professor Char-nie Chen, ACA Chairman were invited to attend the evening variety show of Shenzhen World AIDS Day.

On 2 December 2007, the "AIDS Commission" in Macau (Região Administrativa Especial de Macau, Comissão de Luta contra a SIDA) organised a World AIDS Day ceremony on 2 December 2007. The ceremony was attended by Dr KH Wong. The WAD event was participated by 11 community organisations organising an "AIDS Carnival" including games stall, drama, music performance, dancing and lucky draws.

## **2008**

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day, UCT and the Commercial Radio co-organised a Kick-off Ceremony for the World AIDS Day 2008, which was held on 1 December. The theme of 'Stop AIDS, Keep the Promise', was dedicated to raise global awareness of AIDS epidemic caused by the spread of HIV infection. The ceremony was attended by the Secretary for Food and Health, Dr York Chow,



the Director of Health, Dr P Y Lam. During the ceremony, Dr Chow introduced the dedicated webpage on UNAIDS National Goodwill Ambassador for Hong Kong Special Administrative Region China, Miss Miriam Yeung, who also attended the ceremony. Other officiating guests at the ceremony were Dr Chen Lin, Head of Department of AIDS Prevention, Shenzhen Center for Disease Control and Prevention; Dr Lam Chong, Secretary of Macao AIDS Commission; Professor Chen Char-nie, ACA Chairman; Professor Chan Tai-kwong, Chairman of the Council for the AIDS Trust Fund; Dr Samuel Yu, Chairman of Management Advisory Committee of Red Ribbon Centre, and Miss Amy Wong, Director of External Affairs, Commercial Radio Co Ltd. Red ribbon stickers were distributed to the public with the help of partner NGOs around the World AIDS Day, so as to raise HIV/AIDS awareness, as well as promote acceptance of people living with HIV, among the public.

To show case the publicity efforts of the Government and the concerned groups to fight AIDS in the last 20 years, a roving exhibition, with contribution from various NGOs and our counterparts from Shenzhen and Macao, was also launched on the World AIDS Day.

## **2009**

On 29 November 2009, Professor Chen Char-nie, ACA Chairman, Dr Samuel Yu, Chairman of Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee and ACA member, Dr KH Wong and three other SPP staff attended the "22<sup>nd</sup> World AIDS Day Gala Show" in Shenzhen. The event was a live show simultaneously broadcasted on SZ Radio Channel 94.2 and SZ Mobile Television. The show aimed to increase HIV knowledge among SZ youth, raise awareness on HIV prevention, as well as to promote health for all. The event was officially announced open by Mr Tang Jie, Director of Shenzhen AIDS Committee and Deputy Director of Shenzhen Municipality. Other related activities included going through "labyrinth" where people got HIV knowledge, public procession by a cycling team to collect signatures from pedestrians to show support to people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA), pre-recorded VCR interviews of PLHA, pre-recorded VCR on youth debate, radio drama and volunteer work in SZ. The appearance of, and the appeal by Miss Miriam Yeung, UNAIDS National Goodwill Ambassador for Hong Kong SAR China was another event highlight of the Gala Show.

To address the frequent human flow between Hong Kong and the Mainland, and to promote HIV prevention and safer sex among travellers, publicity targeting the general public was carried out at border points between Hong Kong and Shenzhen. Promotional posters were displayed in MTR trains bringing travellers to the Lo Wu border point as well as MTR exit machines at Lo Wu. Big publicity boards carrying similar messages were also displayed at Huang Gang border point.

## **2010**

On 28 November 2010, Professor Chen Char-nie, ACA Chairman, Dr Samuel Yu, Chairman of Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee and ACA member, Dr KH Wong and three other SPP staff attended the Closing Ceremony for the collaborative HIV prevention activities held in Shenzhen to mark the WAD 2010, which were organised by Shenzhen CDC, Macao Health Bureau, Red Ribbon Centre and Guangzhou Railway Bureau, and supported by the Ministry of Railways of the People's Republic of China. The event took place in an outdoor venue near the Shenzhen Railway Station and had a rich programme including performance by celebrities and supporting corporate partners, pledge for supporting HIV prevention, and was broadcast by a radio channel and a mobile TV channel, so as to increase the coverage and impact of the promotion event.

RRC launched outdoor media promotion along the East-Rail on safer sex targeting cross-border travelers in synergy with Mainland counterparts around the World AIDS Day. Officials from Shenzhen also took part in the WAD Ceremony held on 1 December and participated as observers in the Action Planning Meeting of Men who Have Sex with Men (MSM) & Transgender (TG) Multi-City HIV Initiative co-organised by SPP during the same period.

The Report on the Pearl River Delta Region HIV Epidemiology Electronic Platform (2004 – 2008) was published by SPP in December under the auspice of Guangdong/Hong Kong/Macau Tripartite Expert Group on Infectious Diseases. The report summarized the development of the Platform, latest epidemiologic findings gathered, experiences gained, capacity and support, sharing that had been conducted and recommendations on the way forward.

## **2011**

In 2011, government officials and representatives from Shenzhen, Macau and Hong Kong attended the WAD activities hosted by their partnering districts. On 30 November 2011, Dr Susan Fan, ACA Chairperson, Dr Raymond Leung and two other SPP staff attended the WAD publicity activity held in Shenzhen to mark WAD 2011. The event was co-hosted by Shenzhen CDC, AIDS Prevention and Control Commission of Macao SAR and UCT, and provided an important platform for workers from the three cities to share experiences on HIV/AIDS work.

## **2012**

On 30 November 2012, UCT organized a MicroFilm premiere cum kick-off ceremony for the WAD 2012. Representatives from Shenzhen CDC and the AIDS Prevention and Control Commission of Macao SAR were also invited to attend. On the other hand, representatives from UCT including Dr KH Wong and other SPP colleagues also attended the WAD activities of Shenzhen and Macau. In addition, a special working meeting on the latest epidemiology and response on HIV prevention among MSM between Shenzhen CDC and UCT led by Dr KH Wong was held in July 2012. The meeting reaffirmed the importance of frequent exchange on updated information and led to a collaborative study on HIV infection and related sexual behaviors of cross-border Hong Kong MSM and their sex partners in Shenzhen (Fig. 20).

Fig. 20 Members from SPP attended a special meeting with Shenzhen CDC for exchange of latest epidemiology.



## **2013**

From 9 to 26 September 2013, Dr SHU Bo Yee of the UCT attended a three-week training programme organised by the National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention (NCADIS) of the China CDC under the China-US Cooperation-Global AIDS Program. During the period, she also visited the UNAIDS China, WHO China, National HIV Program of International Labour Office and United Nations Development Programme for experience exchange regarding responses to HIV epidemic.

On 31 October 2013, a special working meeting between Guangzhou CDC, Guangdong CDC and UCT led by Dr KH Wong was held in Guangzhou city. At the meeting, the latest epidemiology and response on HIV prevention was discussed.

Reciprocal participation of publicity activities between Shenzhen CDC, Macao CDC and UCT continued in 2013. On 30 November 2013, UCT co-organised with Radio Television Hong Kong (RTHK) to hold the "Safe Journey" drama premiere cum ceremony at MacPherson Stadium for World AIDS Day 2013. The event aimed to arouse public's awareness of safer sex and HIV prevention. A drama script writing competition was held prior to the event and the two winning scripts were played by students of Chu Hai College and DJs from RTHK at the premiere. The event was attended by representatives from Shenzhen CDC and Macao CDC, along with HKSAR Government senior officials. Besides, Dr SHU Bo Yee also joined the publicity activity for WAD 2013 held by the Macao CDC on 1 December 2013 (Fig. 21).

Fig. 21 Representative from UCT joined the publicity activity for WAD 2013 held by Macao CDC.



## **2014**

Dr KH WONG of SPP attended The World AIDS Campaign 2014 Kick-off Ceremony carried out at the Sha Tin Town Hall Plaza on 29 November 2014. The wife of the Chief Executive and the Patron of the RRC, Mrs Regina Leung, Secretary for Food and Health, Director of Health, and counterparts from health authorities in Shenzhen and Macau officiated at the ceremony, whereas students and youths from Teen AIDS Touch Theatre delivered three performances to promote HIV prevention. The Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (FPAHK) also rolled out life skills-based education (LSBE) on HIV/AIDS and sex in secondary schools.

## **2015**

Dr SHU Bo-ye of SPP was invited as speaker at the Macau Community Forum on AIDS 2015 on 20 November, which was part of the publicity campaign held by the Government of Macao, S.A.R. to commemorate 10th years' establishment of the AIDS Prevention and Control Commission (Fig. 22). Dr ZHOU Kai, Social Mobilization and Partnership Advisor, UNAIDS China Office, and Dr LIU Zhong-fu, National Center for the AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, China CDC were also invited to share the HIV situation worldwide and in the Mainland China. The forum was well attended by stakeholders from the Mainland, Hong Kong and Macau.

Fig. 22 Macau Community Forum on AIDS 2015



Six SPP staff members including doctors and nurses visited the Shenzhen CDC on 1 June 2015 and exchange updates on local epidemiology and HIV prevention programmes.



## **2016**

On 27 October 2016, four doctors and a nurse of the SPP paid a visit to the Guangdong CDC in Guangzhou. They shared with the Guangdong counterparts about the most updated HIV situation and responses.

Fig 23. A visit to the Guangdong CDC in October 2016



A doctor from SPP, Dr SHU Bo-ye, attended The 4th AIDS Forum of Beijing, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan on 4 November 2016. The forum was organised by The Home of Red Ribbon of Beijing, co-organised by Taiwan Lourdes Association, Hong Kong AIDS Foundation and Macao AIDS Care Association, and was held in Macau this year. Dr SHU was one of the speakers at the forum and presented "Collaboration with Community Organizations for Promotion of HIV prevention on Hong Kong". The forum was attended by around 100 government officials, HIV experts, and NGO workers.

Fig. 24 A doctor from SPP attended the 4th AIDS Forum held in Macau on 4 November 2016.



Con(SPP), Dr CHAN Chi-wai Kenny, was invited as guest speaker to a seminar held by CHOICE, Emerging Issues in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment, on 25 November 2016. Dr CHAN presented the "Emerging challenges of the MSM HIV epidemic in Hong Kong". Other speakers included HIV experts from WPRO, Australia, Mainland China and Hong Kong. A total of 171 doctors and nurses from DH and HA, as well as NGO workers attended the seminar according to the organiser.

Fig. 25 Dr CHAN Chi-wai Kenny introduced the HIV epidemiology in Hong Kong at the seminar of Emerging Issues in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment



A kick-off ceremony for the World AIDS Campaign (2016) was held at iSQUARE at Tsim Sha Tsui on 19 November 2016. Officiating guests include Under Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, Director of Health, Dr Constance Chan, and the Chairman of the FPAHK, Ms Lina Yan. AIDS experts from Guangdong, Shenzhen and Macau also attended the ceremony, namely the Director of the Division of Public Health Service of the Health and Family Planning Commission of Shenzhen Municipality, Dr Zhang Yingji; the Vice Director of the Institute of HIV/AIDS Control and Prevention of the Guangdong Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr Li Yan; and the Secretary General of the AIDS Prevention and Control Commission of Macau, Dr Lam Chong.

## **2017**

Dr CHAN Chi-wai, Kenny of SPP, was invited as guest speaker in a conference "Frontiers in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment" organised by Community Health Organisation for Intervention, Care and Empowerment Limited (C.H.O.I.C.E.) on 10 November 2017. Dr CHAN presented the "Taking on the rising HIV epidemic in Hong Kong". Other speakers included HIV experts from WHO, UNAIDS China, TREAT Asia and Hong Kong.

The Red Ribbon Centre collaborated with the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (FPAHK) to launch a series of school projects on HIV/AIDS prevention to raise awareness on AIDS. Activities included a Student Ambassador Campaign and student-led school projects. A ceremony called 'World AIDS Campaign 2017 – "Know AIDS • No AIDS" Creative School Projects on HIV/AIDS Prevention Award Presentation Ceremony' to commemorate the World AIDS Campaign and share of the Creative School Projects on HIV/AIDS Prevention was held on 18 November 2017. The ceremony included performances by students of two participating schools and a popular singer.



Fig. 26 World AIDS Campaign kick-off ceremony held at iSQUARE on 18 November 2017



On 14 December 2017, five doctors and two nurse of the SPP paid a visit to the Guangzhou CDC in Guangzhou. They shared with the Guangzhou counterparts about the most updated HIV situation and responses.

Fig. 27 Doctors presenting Hong Kong HIV epidemic and responses.



## **2018**

Dr CHAN Chi-wai, Kenny of SPP, was invited as guest speaker in a conference “New Horizons in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care” organised by Community Health Organisation for Intervention, Care and Empowerment Limited (C.H.O.I.C.E.) on 9 November 2018. Dr CHAN presented the "HIV in Hong Kong – a status report". Other speakers included HIV experts from UNAIDS China, Thailand and Hong Kong.

To echo UNAIDS' initiatives and to commemorate the World AIDS Day on 1 December, RRC launched a series of activities to raise awareness on HIV under the theme "Power of Love". Activities include: (1) Inviting Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) from various sectors of the community to share on their social media platforms the messages about HIV prevention and acceptance of people living with HIV; (2) A ceremony was held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 to commemorate the World AIDS Day; (3) Roadshow sessions at popular nightlife hot spots for promoting safer sex and HIV testing; (4) Production of a viral video to raise public awareness of early testing for HIV.

Fig. 28 World AIDS day ceremony 2018



On 7 December 2018, three doctors and two nurses of the SPP paid an exchange visit to the Guangdong CDC in Guangzhou. They shared with the Guangdong counterparts about the most updated HIV situation and responses in Hong Kong.

## **2019**

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To echo UNAIDS' initiatives and to commemorate the World AIDS Day on 1 December, RRC launched a new TV and radio Announcement in the Public Interests (API) about HIV treatment. The theme is "In life, we move forward: Early treatment for a healthy life".

## **2020**

To echo UNAIDS' initiatives and to commemorate the World AIDS Day on 1 December, RRC organised a virtual HIV-STI Conference for Primary Healthcare Professionals on 28 November 2020 which was co-organised with Hong Kong College of Family Physician. 583 doctors, nurses and other health professionals had attended the conference.

## **2021**

Dr HO Chi-hin, Billy of SPP, was invited as guest speaker in a conference "New Horizons in HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care" organised by Community Health Organisation for Intervention, Care and Empowerment Limited (C.H.O.I.C.E.) on 20 October 2021. Dr HO presented the " HIV Epidemiology in Hong Kong at a glance".

To echo UNAIDS' initiatives and to commemorate the World AIDS Day on 1 December, RRC organised a 'World AIDS Campaign 2021 Kick Off Ceremony – "We are Unique, yet the Same"' on 27 November 2021 in JC Cube of Tai Kwun. Eighty invited guests attended the ceremony. The Under Secretary for Food and Health was invited to present a speech. A documentary "A day in a life of just someone" produced by RRC (<https://www.rrc.gov.hk/english/v2021.html>) was premiered in the ceremony and a discussion session on PLHIV acceptance was conducted during the ceremony. Four of the interviews in the documentary was adapted into illustrated stories and posted on "everyone.is.storyteller" platform to promote acceptance to general public.

Fig. 29 World AIDS day ceremony 2021





## **Media Campaigns in MSM**

Advised by community stakeholders in HIV Prevention Working Group in MSM, the Red Ribbon Centre organised HIV prevention campaigns in MSM.

### **2006-2009**

Launched in August 2006, the first campaign was titled "Do It Safely", which included 3 phases of increasing HIV awareness, improving condom accessibility and encouraging HIV testing.

In 2007, the Red Ribbon Centre launched a similar campaign titled "Zero Heroes" included 3 phases of "Zero Infection", "Zero Drug Abuse" and "Zero Hopelessness". These 2 campaigns adopted targeted approach of HIV prevention in venues and channels frequented by MSM, including internet, chat-rooms, bars, saunas, gay magazines as well as the Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. The media campaign was conducted with the full support of Shenzhen CDC and Macao CDC. The "Zero heroes" Campaign was continued in the early part of 2008.

The third HIV prevention and safer sex campaign targeting MSM was launched in June 2009. The Syphilis Awareness Campaign in MSM made good use of the social marketing approach to produce tailor-made publicity materials for the MSM community.

Apart from targeting MSM venues and channels as in the past, this Campaign also covered some of the non-MSM venues, such as cafes, art shops and bookstores, which were known to be popular among the MSM community. As in past years, the media campaign was conducted with the full support of Shenzhen CDC and Macao CDC, and publicity materials such as posters, condom and lubricant packs, and other campaign souvenirs were sent to them for distribution at venues in Shenzhen and Macao.

### **2010**

In 2010, HIV prevention and health promotion campaign targeting MSM organised by RRC turned to the internet media as the main vehicle for reaching the MSM community. A viral campaign with video shorts being uploaded to popular video shorts sharing websites such as YouTube and Tudou was launched in mid-2010. The launching of each video short was supported by parallel internet "seedings" being placed at major gay websites, forums and chatrooms in Hong Kong so as to

raise its exposure and help it become a “topic” for the MSM community. Health and related messages delivered via the video shorts included acceptance of MSM, safer sex through the use of condoms and regular HIV testing. The video shorts were accessible to the internet users and the MSM community in the Mainland via the Tudou website.

## **2011**

In 2011, HIV prevention and health promotion efforts targeting MSM organised by RRC took note of the use of smart phones as tools for communication as well as searching for and receiving information. A project was started to develop a mobile app for MSM smart phone users which aimed to facilitate users of the app to gain instant and GPS-guided information on nearby governmental and non-governmental organisations, as well as gay venues, which would provide free condoms or/and HIV testing services. The games and information contained in the app also emphasized tips for safer sex and prevention of HIV/STI (Fig. 30) The app was launched in April 2012, with 20,013 download rate including those from the Mainland and Macau as at the end of January 2014. To enhance collaboration in cross-border prevention of MSM infection, sites that provide access to free condom access and HIV testing and counselling in Macau and Shenzhen have been included in the Mobile app.

Fig. 30 Mobile app for MSM users to access free condoms and HIV testing

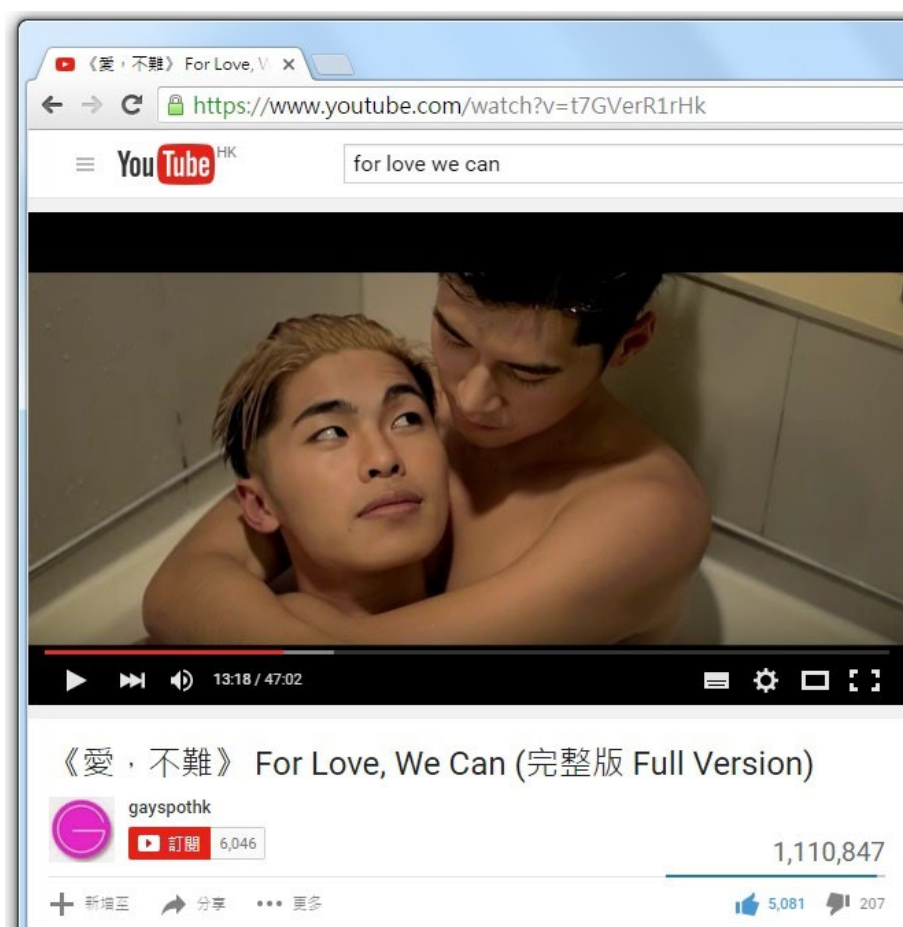




## **2013**

In 2013, a short film "For Love, We Can" was produced by RRC, Hong Kong Lesbian & Gay Film Festival Society and Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. The 47-minute movie aims to promote safer sex and regular HIV testing among MSM. It was well received by the gay community during its free premiere at Broadway Cinematheque in March 2014. Its DVDs have been distributed to various NGOs and YouTube version is also available (Fig. 31).

Fig. 31 Screen capture of "For Love, We Can" on YouTube



## **2014**

The RRC rolled out the "Be Negative" HIV and HCV awareness campaign during the period August - November 2014 in response to the rise in acute hepatitis C in HIV-infected MSM seen at the Integrated Treatment Centre of DH. (Fig. 32) Evaluation survey conducted at the end of the campaign showed that the campaign succeeded in raising the awareness of HIV and HCV prevention and improving the knowledge

of HCV among MSM.

Fig. 32 Mini website [www.benegative.hk](http://www.benegative.hk) specially built for the Be Negative Campaign



## **2015**

A new TV and radio Announcement in the Public Interests (API) was launched in early May. In addition, three online videos to promote condom use and HIV testing for MSM was launched in October 2015. Content of the API and online videos was gauged for young MSM according to findings from focus groups and behavioural surveys. The video was uploaded to YouTube channels and shared on Facebook pages.

Two revamped websites were launched in September 2015. The Gay Men HIV Information Website [www.21171069.com](http://www.21171069.com) was specifically designed for gay men; new features included the use of infographics, dedicated sessions for PLHIV with story sharing, risk reduction strategies, recreational drugs, and an anonymous partner notification email system. The AIDS Hotline Website [www.27802211.com](http://www.27802211.com) provided basic information on HIV for the general public; new features included an online booking system for the DH HIV voluntary counselling and testing service.

In September to October, RRC collaborated with the Hong Kong Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (HKLGFF) to organise a series of events during the Festival. This

included conducting film sharing and discussion forums in eight tertiary institutions from 15 September to 8 October 2015; and supporting the display of five photos of AIDS NGO workers and PLHIV in a photo exhibition "Queers of Hong Kong" by the Sociology Department of The University of Hong Kong from 17 September to 2 October 2015.

## **2016**

RRC collaborated with the HKLGFF again to organise health promotion events during the Festival. This included screening of a French film "Paris 05:59" about a gay couple's encounter and seeking for post-exposure prophylaxis afterwards. Condoms and giveaway items were distributed during the screenings. As in last year, a series of film sharing and discussion forums was conducted in eight tertiary institutions, namely The University of Hong Kong (8 September), The Open University of Hong Kong (9 September), The Chinese University of Hong Kong (12 September), The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (14 September), Hong Kong Baptist University (5 October), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (6 October), The Education University of Hong Kong (14 October) and City University of Hong Kong (25 October).

## **2017**

The "1069 test finder" app (Fig. 33) for MSM was revamped and released on 1 April 2017. The original version was in Chinese only and this new version also provide information to English speakers in Hong Kong. The function of the app includes provide HIV information, location and schedule of HIV test in Hong Kong and a new partner notification service named "let him know" to notify sex partner via short message service (SMS) in anonymous identity. There was a series of publicity promoting the revamped app in various MSM venue and events.

Fig. 33 Screenshot of revamped "1069 test finder" app



RRC collaborated with the HKLGFF to organise health promotion events during the Festival. This included 3 sessions of a film screening "After Louie" about difference in view of HIV, pre-exposure prophylaxis, sex and politics between gay men in different generations. A 15 minutes discussion session on pre-exposure prophylaxis was held after the screening by a SPP doctor. Condoms and giveaway items were distributed during the screenings of After Louie and HKLGFF opening movie.

As in last year, a series of film sharing and discussion forums in eight tertiary institutions would be conducted. Eight sessions had been conducted, in the Open University of Hong Kong on 22 September, the University of Hong Kong on 27 September, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology on 28 September, the Hong Long Baptist University on 29 September, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University on 9 October, the Chinese University of Hong Kong on 12 October, the Education University of Hong Kong on 13 October and the City University of Hong Kong on 17 October.

RRC had hosted a booth at a large-scale LGBT event "Pink Dot" held in the West Kowloon Cultural District on 22 October 2017. The event was co-organised by various LGBT community partners and had been held in Hong Kong for the fourth year. A total of 2,000 condoms and over 4,000 giveaway items were distributed. According to the organisers' preliminary figures, over 8,000 attended the event.

The Hong Kong Pride Parade 2017 was held on 25 November 2017. The Red Ribbon marching team, dressed in uniform holding banners to advertise the 1069 Gay Men App and hepatitis A vaccination, strolled with the two signature condom mascots from the Victoria Park to the Edinburgh Place. A reception table was set at the starting point to distribute condoms and souvenirs. A total of 10,000 participants joined the Parade according to the organiser.

## **2018**

RRC collaborated with the HKLGFF to organise health promotion events during the Festival. This included 2 sessions of a film screening "Sorry Angel" described HIV positive gay men's love and relationship during pre-HAART era in France. Condoms and giveaway items were distributed during the screenings of Sorry Angel and HKLGFF opening movie.

As in last year, a series of film sharing and discussion forums in eight tertiary institutions would be conducted. Four sessions had been conducted, in the University of Hong Kong on 28 September, the Hong Long Baptist University on 4 October, the Chinese University of Hong Kong on 5 October and the City University of Hong Kong on 8 October.

RRC had hosted a booth at a large-scale LGBT event "Pink Dot" held in the West Kowloon Cultural District on 21 October 2018. The event was co-organised by various LGBT community partners and had been held in Hong Kong for the fourth year. A total of 1,500 condoms and over 3,000 giveaway items were distributed. According to the organisers' preliminary figures, over 8,000 attended the event.

The Hong Kong Pride Parade 2018 was held on 17 November. The Red Ribbon marching team, dressed in uniform holding banners to advertise the 1069 Gay Men App and hepatitis A vaccination, strolled with the two signature condom mascots from the Victoria Park to the Edinburgh Place. A reception table was set at the starting point to distribute condoms and souvenirs. A total of 8,000 participants joined the Parade according to the organiser.

## **2019**

RRC collaborated with the HKLGFF to organise health promotion events during the Festival. During this year's HKLGFF, RRC supported screening of a film "My Big Gay Italian Wedding". The film was shown as the closing film session on 21 September 2019. RRC staff distributed souvenirs to the audience before the opening film session on 7 September 2019 and closing film session to promote safer sex and HIV testing.

## **2020**

RRC collaborated with the HKLGFF to organise health promotion events during the Festival. During this year's HKLGFF, RRC supported screening of a film "The Goddess of Fortune". The film was shown on 30 November and 1 December 2020. RRC staff distributed souvenirs to the audience before the opening film session on 21 November 2020 and closing film session to promote HIV self-testing.

## **2021**

Red Ribbon Centre (RRC) collaborated with the Hong Kong Lesbian and Gay Film Festival (HKLGFF) to organise HIV health promotion events during the Festival. During this year's HKLGFF, RRC supported screening of a film "Made On the Rooftop". The film was shown on 11 September 2021. RRC staff distributed souvenirs to the audience before the opening film session to promote HIV self-testing.

RRC had hosted a booth at a large-scale LGBT event "Pink Dot" held in the Kowloon Bay International Trade and Exhibition Centre on 31 October 2021. A total of 200 condoms and over 700 giveaway items were distributed. According to the organisers' preliminary figures, over 4,000 attended the event.

The Hong Kong Pride Parade 2021 was held on 13 November at The WAVE, Kwun Tong. The format was changed to indoor market place and RRC had hosted a booth. A total of 3,000 participants joined the Parade according to the organiser.

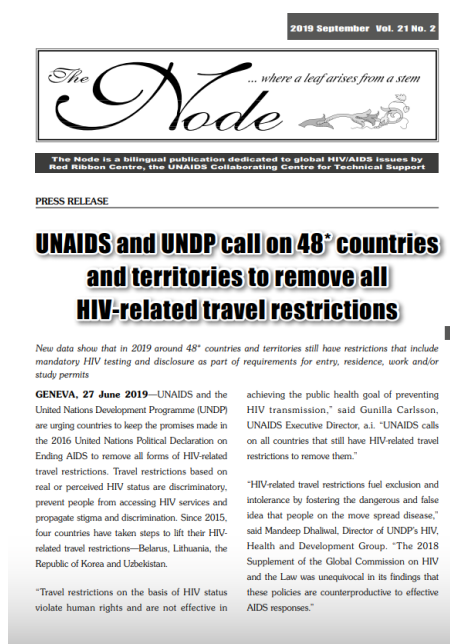
## X. Technical Resource Networking

Red Ribbon Centre operates a resource centre which provides a wide range of educational materials in Chinese, English and other languages. These include posters, leaflets, pamphlets and other multi-media educational items. Other technical and academic publications include policy guidance, technical guidelines, medical and nursing manuals and research papers which have been uploaded onto the RRC website.

As an UCT, RRC has been communicating actively with health agencies around the world through distribution of reference and resource materials and the publications. All the newly produced items are regularly sent to UNAIDS China and UNDP China in Beijing.

Starting from March 1999, a bilingual periodical "The Node" has been published regularly to update the activities of the UCT. Fifty-eight issues have been published up to the end of 2019 (Fig. 34).

Fig. 34 The Node



To our knowledge, eleven Hong Kong-based NGOs had organised programmes focusing on the HIV situation in Mainland China and neighbouring countries. They have worked in different parts of China and provided various kinds of services, ranging from community development to HIV treatment. An annual sharing forum for HK-based NGOs working in Mainland China and neighbouring countries was organised at Red Ribbon Centre between 2004 and 2007. Representatives of these NGOs working in Mainland China and neighbouring countries shared their experience in conducting HIV prevention and care projects outside Hong Kong. This function has helped to coordinate and consolidate the technical exchange network of community workers in HIV prevention and care in Mainland China. A corner at "The Node" has also been launched in 2005 for these NGOs to share the latest situation of their projects and keeping the communication between organisations.

Numerous community organisations have launched their projects in different parts of Mainland China. The strategies for developing HIV prevention health care models in regions with limited resource are markedly different from that of HK. In 2007, three years after launching of forum, five non-government organisations had shared their projects and experiences in HIV prevention and at various parts of Mainland China and other countries, such as Cambodia.

Since 2006, Red Ribbon Centre and Shenzhen CDC share the epidemiology and HIV situation of the region at about 6-monthly intervals. In 2007, Macau CDC also joined the regular meetings. Exchange of latest development and experience in combat of AIDS within this close vicinity of Pearl River Delta region have been facilitated through such regular dialogues. These efforts have over time evolved to collaboration in health promotion and HIV prevention fronts.

On 14 May 2010, WHO released a regional document entitled "Priority HIV and Sexual Health Interventions in the Health Sector for Men who Have Sex with Men and Transgender People in the Asia Pacific Region", which is a joint collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health (APCOM), Joint United Nation Development Programme on HIV/AIDS and the Department of Health. SPP also lined up UNDP and APCOM with the Center for Comparative and Public Law at The University of Hong Kong to hold a High Level Dialogue on Punitive Laws, Human Rights and HIV prevention among MSM in Asia Pacific on 17 May 2010.



A Baseline Survey on Life Skills-based Education (LSBE) on HIV/AIDS at Junior Level of Secondary Schools in Hong Kong was conducted between December 2012 and April 2013 by Education Bureau (EDB) and UCT. The results were communicated to all secondary and primary school principals and had been uploaded to the RRC website. As follow up, EDB held a multi-sectoral seminar on 5 March 2014, during which Dr SHU Bo Yee presented the findings of the survey. The meeting was attended by 47 teachers and 18 NGO representatives, and they actively shared their experience in LSBE during the meeting.

In April 2013, the HIV/AIDS common response indicators was finalized based on Dr Tim BROWN's expert inputs in 2011. The first HIV/AIDS Response Indicator Survey (HARiS) was launched in mid-2013. It targeted four at-risk populations, namely, MSM, female sex workers (FSW), sex workers' clients (SWC) and injecting drug users (IDU). With the help of 10 NGOs, the survey was completed in September 2013, and the results have been communicated with all the stakeholders and uploaded to the SPP website.

On 27 September 2013, the HIV Manual 3rd Edition was released. The Manual was jointly published by SPP of DH and the Stanley Ho Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases (CEID) of CUHK. Hard-copy, internet and mobile app versions are available.

From 2014-2020, seven rounds of HARiS were conducted every year to assess the risky and health behaviours of key populations. The results were disseminated to all stakeholders and uploaded to the SPP website.

The fourth round of "HIV prevalence and Risk Behavioural Survey of Men who have sex with men" (PRiSM) (Chinese : 香港男男性接觸者愛滋病風險及流行情況調查) was conducted from April 2017 to September 2017. In addition to MSM, transgender women (TGW) group was added in this round for the first time. Previous rounds of PRiSM survey were conducted in 2008 and 2011. The aims of the survey are to update on HIV prevalences among MSM/TGW in Hong Kong, and inform HIV/STIs preventive interventions and the profile of risk behaviours of local MSM/TGW. Overall, PRiSM 2017 reached 4133 MSM and 104 TGW respectively. It is a large-scale behavioural survey, which could provide valuable information to guide public health intervention for local HIV/AIDS control. The results were disseminated to all stakeholders and uploaded to the SPP website.

A Mental health and sexual health survey was conducted in Nov 2018 at Hong Kong Pride Parade to explore the situation of lifestyle risk factors and mental health problems among local MSM and their relationship with the substance use pattern and sexual health profile, including unsafe sex practice. 504 questionnaire was collected. The result was presented to all stakeholders.

A feasibility study of using a web-based ordering and result upload of HIV self-test (HIVST) among men who have sex with men (MSM) in Hong Kong was started in October 2019. User ordered the kit on study website and the test kit would be delivered to collection points. Users obtained specimen (oral fluid), performed the HIV test and read the result by themselves (Fig. 35). Users were required to upload the photo of the result window of the test kit for reimbursing the kit fee. RRC staff double checked then confirmed the results by providing feedback to the users via SMS. 1426 test kits were delivered in the whole study period.

Fig. 35 HIV self-test kit (oral fluid)



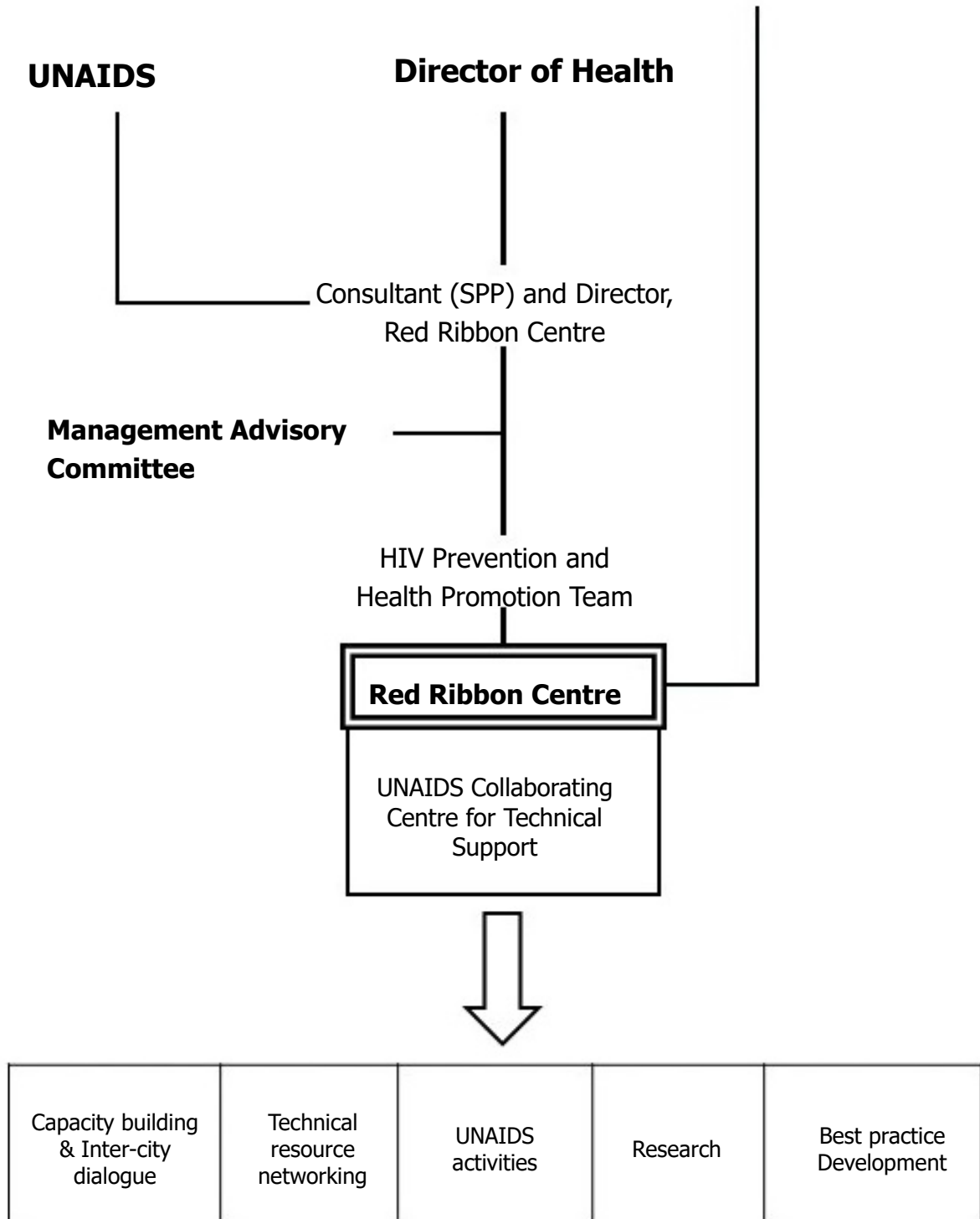
A website for the second phase of HIV self-test study was launched on 28 December 2020. The objectives of the study are to explore the feasibility of logistic operation of ordering HIV self-test kits via online platform, also the preference of type of self-test kits they preferred (blood [Fig. 35] vs. oral fluid). Confirmatory testing and referral to medical care will be provided to those who have reported tested positive. The study is expected to run for one year. Online promotion targeting men who have sex with men (MSM) and male-to-female transgender on social media platforms has been conducted. 1426 test kits were delivered in the whole study period.

Fig. 36 HIV self-test kit (blood)



# Annex A : Organisation chart of Red Ribbon Centre - UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for Technical Support

**Patron: Spouse of Chief Executive,  
Hong Kong SAR Government**  
(vacant since July 2017)



## Annex B : Memberships of Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee

### Terms of Reference

To advise on HIV prevention and health promotion activities based on the need of the community

<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> term : 1999-2003</u></b>	
<b>Chairman</b>	● Rev CHU Yiu Ming
<b>Vice-chairman</b>	● Dr Samuel YU
<b>Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr Billy HO</li> <li>● Mr Tony PANG</li> <li>● Mr LO Chiu Fai</li> <li>● Dr Dennis WONG</li> <li>● Mr CHEUNG Che Kwok</li> <li>● Consultant (Special Preventive Programme), Department of Health</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary</b>	● Executive Officer, Red Ribbon Centre
<b><u>2<sup>nd</sup> term : 2003-2006</u></b>	
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<b>Secretary</b>	● Executive Officer, Red Ribbon Centre
<b><u>3<sup>rd</sup> term : 2006-2009</u></b>	
<b>Chairman</b>	● Dr Samuel YU
<b>Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr Richard TAN</li> <li>● Dr Louise LAW</li> <li>● Ms Jacqueline CHENG</li> <li>● Mr Daniel CHU</li> <li>● Mr CHAN Ka Wai</li> <li>● Consultant (Special Preventive Programme), Department of Health</li> </ul>
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<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> term : 2009-2012</u></b>	
<b>Chairman</b>	● Dr Samuel YU
<b>Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Dr Richard TAN</li> <li>● Mr Daniel CHU</li> <li>● Mr CHAN Ka Wai</li> <li>● Ms Gipsy CHANG</li> <li>● Consultant (Special Preventive Programme), Department of Health</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary</b>	● Executive Officer, Red Ribbon Centre
<b><u>5<sup>th</sup> term: 2012-2015</u></b>	
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<b>Secretary</b>	● Executive Officer, Red Ribbon Centre
<b><u>6<sup>th</sup> term: 2015-2018</u></b>	
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<b>Secretary</b>	● Executive Officer, Red Ribbon Centre

<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> term: 2018-2021</u></b>	
<b>Chairperson</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ms KWONG Suk-chun, Victoria</li> </ul>
<b>Members</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Mr CHAN Ka Wai</li> <li>● Mr CHAU Ting-leung, Marco</li> <li>● Mr FUNG Hing-wang, SBS</li> <li>● Mr TONG Tai-wai, Raphael, MH</li> <li>● Mr WONG Chi-wai, John</li> <li>● Consultant (Special Preventive Programme), Department of Health</li> </ul>
<b>Secretary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Executive Officer, Red Ribbon Centre</li> </ul>

## Annex C : List of Lions Red Ribbon Fellows, 1999-2017

<b>NAME OF FELLOW</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>	<b>FELLOWSHIP PERIOD</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>
1. Dr SHAN Guangnai	Senior Fellow, Chinese Academy of Social Science, BEIJING	8 Mar - 21 Apr 1999	Research on prostitution in Hong Kong
2. Dr WANG Quanyi	Lecturer, Peking Union Medical College, BEIJING	9 - 22 Oct 2000	Study of counselling for and support to people living with HIV/AIDS
3. Ms ZHAO Chengzheng	Associate professor, National Institute of Drug Dependence, BEIJING	1 - 13 Dec 2000	HIV and drug use – comparison between Hong Kong and Mainland China
4. Dr LIU Wei	Director, Centre for HIV/AIDS Prevention & Control, GUANGXI	16 - 21 Feb 2001, and 1 Mar 2002	Study of the Hong Kong experience in HIV prevention and control
5. Dr GAN Zhigao	Director, Department of Disease Control of Antiepidemic Station, Liuzhou, GUANGXI	17 - 30 Jul 2001	Study of the Hong Kong experience in HIV prevention and health promotion in drug users
6. Dr REN Xiaohui	Lecturer, Cheng Du West China University of Medical Science, SICHUAN	30 Aug - 13 Sep 2001	Study of the HIV prevention and intervention in women
7. Dr CHEN Jie	Deputy Director, Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, GUANGXI	26 Sep - 3 Oct 2001, and 15 Feb - 1 Mar 2002	Study of the Hong Kong experience in the application of methadone intervention for HIV prevention in drug users
8. Dr ZHU Min	Programme Adviser, Provincial Education Commission, YUNNAN	14 - 27 Oct 2001	Sharing of Hong Kong and Yunnan experience in HIV education for youth and schools
9. Dr CHEN Zhongdan	Director, Wuhan Anti-epidemic Station, HEBEI	10 - 23 Oct 2001	Study of the means of peer education for HIV prevention
10. Dr GONG Yuhan	Chief Physician, Centre of AIDS/STD Control & Prevention, Liangshan CDC, SICHUAN	16 - 26 Jul 2002	Study on the Hong Kong experience in HIV prevention, care and control
11. Dr YANG Jun	Physician, Qiao Kou District Anti-epidemic Station, Wuhan, HEBEI	20 Aug - 2 Sep 2002	Development of effective outreach programmes



12. Dr HU Feiyue	Deputy Director, Division of Policy Study & Information, National Center for AIDS/STD Control & Prevention, BEIJING	2 - 15 Sep 2002	Study on HIV policy development in Hong Kong
13. Ms SONG Jingling	Associate Professor, School-based Health Education Programme Office, Kunming	2 - 15 Sep 2002	Study on HIV prevention, health promotion and behavioural interventions in tertiary students
14. Dr LI Hong	Medical Officer, Provincial Anti-epidemic Station, HENAN	9 - 20 Sep 2002	Study on HIV screening, laboratory testing and HIV counselling in Hong Kong
15. CHENG Yimin	Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences & Epidemiology, National Research Institute for Family Planning, BEIJING	17 - 29 Nov 2002	Study on methods for promoting condom use in female sex workers and clients
16. Dr HU Xiaoyun	Vice Director of Hubei Provincial Health Education Institute	18 - 30 Aug 2003	Study on Safe injection in Hong Kong
17. Dr CAO G.H.	Director, Henan Province Shang Cai County Anti-Epidemic Station	21 - 31 Aug 2003	Social Support to people living with HIV/AIDS – Comparison between Hong Kong and Mainland China
18. Mr GAO Yanning	Associate Professor, Department of Maternal and Child Health, School of Public Health, Fudan University		
19. Dr MEI Lin	Assistant Director of Taiyuan Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention	13 - 25 Oct 2003	Study on Voluntary Counselling and Testing in Hong Kong
20. Dr ZHANG Shuhuan	Minister, Henan Red Cross Society Organisation and Training Development	10 - 22 Nov 2003	Study on AIDS and sex education in young population
21. Ms MAO Jinglan	Deputy Secretary- general, Zhumadian Red Cross Society		

22. Dr XI Canghai	Director, Gansu Provincial CDC	10 - 22 Nov 2003	Study on STI/AIDS surveillance methods and HIV prevention in drug users
23. Dr WANG Jian	Deputy Director, Gansu Provincial CDC		
24. Miss HE Huilin	Center Manager, The Salvation Army/Yunnan Red Cross "HomeAIDS" HIV/AIDS Consultation and Service Centre	16 - 27 Aug 2004	Study on the care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families
25. Dr YANG Xiping	Physician, Kunming Infectious Disease Hospital	16 - 27 Aug 2004	Compare the treatment of HIV infection and opportunistic infections in Hong Kong and Kunming. Study on the counselling in patient with HIV
26. Dr LI Zhengmin	Professor, National Tuberculosis, Prevention, Treatment and Clinical center of China CDC	6 - 17 Sep 2004	Study on the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis in HIV/AIDS patients
27. Dr ZHENG Suhua	Chief Physician, Beijing Tuberculosis and Thoracic Tumor Research Institute		
28. Dr LIU Zhonghua	Deputy Director, Shandong Center for Disease Control and Prevention	20 Sep - 1 Oct 2004	Study on preventive intervention and health promotion
29. Dr WANG Xiaohui, Jim	Physician, Shenzhen Municipal Center of Disease Control and Prevention	20 Sep - 1 Oct 2004	Study on the Harm Reduction and methadone programme in Hong Kong
30. Dr LI Xiufang	Associate Professor, The Sex Health Center of the Affiliated Hospital of Qingdao Medical College, Qingdao University	22 Nov - 3 Dec 2004	Study on preventive measure targeting commercial sex workers
31. Dr TAN Cong	Program Coordinator, Beijing Office of Future Group Europe	15 - 25 Aug 2005	Study the operation of NGO in HIV prevention
32. Ms Sharon ZHONG	Program Coordinator, Future Group Europe Chengdu Office		Learn the practice of NGOs in Hong Kong

33. Dr TAN Jingguang	Doctor, Shenzhen Centre for Disease Control and Prevention	20 - 30 Sep 2005	Study the HIV preventive interventions in MSM
34. Dr WU Guoxian	Physician in-charge, Henan Shenqiu Centre for Disease Control and Prevention	7 - 16 Nov 2005	Study the Hong Kong's experience in support and care programme for people living with HIV/AIDS and their family
35. Dr XIN Tianyi	Public Health Physician, Henan Shenqiu Centre for Disease Control and Prevention		
36. Dr SHI Shan	Principal of Methadone Clinic, Nanning Red Cross Hospital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomy Region	21 Nov - 3 Dec 2005	Study the role of methadone programme, counselling and behavioural interventions for HIV prevention in injecting drug users
37. Ms MENG Xianrong	Vice Leader of the Drug Reconnaissance Section, Drug Reconnaissance Section of Nanning Public Security Bureau		
38. LIU Wei	Director, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture CDC	25 Apr - 6 May 2006	To understand the experiences of the HIV prevention programme in HK and to identify suitable programmes and intervention activities for implementation in China
39. CHEN Zhisheng	Deputy Director, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture CDC		
40. LIU Xiuping	China Family Planning Association (CFPA)	4 - 16 Sep 2006	Study on MSM HIV prevention programmes
41. CAI Yumao	Shenzhen Center for Chronic Disease control and prevention	4 - 16 Sep 2006	Study on the prevention programmes targeting Men who have sex with Men
42. CHEN Wushen	Center for Disease Control and Prevention of Luohu district, Shenzhen City	11 - 23 Sep 2006	Study on the management of peer educator programmes targeting high risk groups
43. JIMU Mujia	AIDS Control Working Committee, Sichuan Province Liangshan Prefecture Zhaojue County Health Bureau	11 - 23 Sep 2006	Study on the experiences of HIV control in communities in Hong Kong
44. LUO Ying	Beijing Ditan Hospital	9 - 21 Oct 2006	

45. JI Chunsheng	Beijing Red Ribbon Home		Study on the experience of AIDS NGOs in programme planning and management
46. Maggie LUO	Shenzhen Center for Disease Control and Prevention	9 - 21 Oct 2006	Study on the management, treatment and care programmes for people living with HIV/AIDS
47. LI Jiangping	Vice-director, Narcotics Control Division of Liuzhou Security Bureau	6 - 18 Nov 2006	Study of the control of HIV/AIDS in drug users
48. Lynn	Red Cross Society of China, Yunnan Branch	6 - 18 Nov 2006	Study the HIV prevention among drug users and rehabilitation programmes offered to help the ex-drug users to reintegrate into society
49. WANG Yvette	China HIV/AIDS Information Network (CHAIN)	6 - 18 Nov 2006	Study of the information management and dissemination strategy in related to HIV education and prevention
50. LIU Yingjie	Chao Yang District for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing	27 Nov - 9 Dec 2006	Study on the services provided to sexually transmitted disease patients and VCT services
51. DING Haifeng	Chao Yang District for Disease Control and Prevention, Beijing		
52. XU Yongfang	Guangxi Nanning Center for Disease Control and Prevention	4 September - 15 September 2007	Study on the experiences of HIV control in communities in Hong Kong
53. HUO Xuexia	Shenzhen Luohu Center for Disease Control and Prevention	4 September - 15 September 2007	Study on VCT service in Hong Kong
54. YU Jianping	Beijing Xicheng Center for Disease Control and Prevention	9 October - 20 October 2007	Study on HIV prevention program in Hong Kong

55. WEN Meizhen	Center for Disease Control and Prevention of Jiangmen City	9 October - 20 October 2007	Study the role of methadone programme, counselling and behavioural interventions for HIV prevention in injecting drug users
56. YAN Jiaqi	Center for Disease Control and Prevention of Jiangmen City	9 October - 20 October 2007	Study the role of methadone programme, counselling and behavioural interventions for HIV prevention in injecting drug users
57. WU Jiang	The Research Center of Narcotics Control and AIDS Prevention of Law Institute of Yunnan University	6 November - 17 November 2007	Study prevention programme, counselling and behavioural interventions for HIV prevention in injecting drug users
58. MA Tiecheng	Ai Zhi Yuan Zhu Center for Health and Education	6 November - 17 November 2007	Study on NGO role in prevention of HIV
59. CAI Lingping	Ai Zhi Yuan Zhu Center for Health and Education	6 November - 17 November 2007	Study on NGO role in prevention of HIV
60. PENG Pan	Guangdong Province Shenzhen Center for Chronic Disease Control and Prevention	27 November - 8 December 2007	Study on MSM prevention service
61. LAN Li-na	Shenzhen Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Prevention	21 January - 1 February 2008	Study on HIV preventive interventions targeting female sex workers
62. TU Yu-shan	Shenzhen Baoan District Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Prevention	22 September - 3 October 2008	Study on preventive intervention and health promotion
63. YIN Bi-bo	Sichuan Liangshan Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Prevention	22 September - 3 October 2008	Study on MSM HIV prevention programmes
64. ZHAO Zhi-guang	Shenzhen Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Prevention	22 September - 3 October 2008	Study on the experience of HIV prevention, care and control; policy development and operation of NGOs

65. GAO Xia	Constella Futures, Ltd, Beijing Representative Office	13 - 24 October 2008	Study on the experience of AIDS NGOs in programme planning and management
66. XIE Jing	Constella Futures, Ltd., Sichuan Representative Office	13 - 24 October 2008	Study on the experience of AIDS NGOs in programme planning and management
67. CHEN Shi-hai	Nanning Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Prevention	3 - 14 November 2008	Study on HIV preventive intervention targeting drug users and MSM
68. FAN De-sheng	Xinjiang Yili Prefecture Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Prevention	3 - 14 November 2008	Study on the experience of HIV control in communities
69. ZHU Kai-xing	Haizhu District Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Prevention	3 - 14 November 2008	Study on the programmes targeting high risk groups; care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families
70. Mr PAN Xuyang	Vice Direction, Yunnan Institute of Population and Family Planning Research, Kunming	16 - 27 February 2009	Study on HIV/STI prevention and social marketing of condoms in Hong Kong
71. Dr WU Dadong	Public Health Doctor, Shenzhen Center of Chronic Disease Control	16 - 27 February 2009	Study on antenatal HIV/STI testing and intervention in Hong Kong and comparison with practice in Shenzhen
72. Ms HAN Jing	Secretary, Beijing Home of Red Ribbon	14 - 25 September 2009	Study on peer education in medical institutions and community-based programmes by NGOs
73. Ms REN Hongxia	Volunteer, Beijing Home of Red Ribbon	14 - 25 September 2009	Study on the management, treatment and care programmes for people living with HIV/AIDS

74. Dr ZHOU Yingquan	Resident Doctor, Lanzhou City Chest Hospital	5 - 16 October 2009	Study on Hong Kong's experience in HIV control, treatment and care; ART and antenatal HIV testing in Hong Kong
75. Dr YANG Changmin	Attending Doctor, Gansu Province Center for Disease Prevention and Control	5 - 16 October 2009	Study on Hong Kong's experience in HIV prevention, treatment and care
76. Mr CHENG Yi	Director, Health Education Division, Xinjiang Yilizhou Center for Disease Control and Prevention	16 - 27 November 2009	Study on the design concept and production of HIV IECs
77. Ms YU Hua	Project Officer of Constella Futures, Ltd. Sichuan Representative Office	16 - 27 November 2009	Study on capacity building of NGOs and community organisations and their role in HIV prevention, treatment and care
78. Ms PU Xiaoyou	Project Officer of Constella Futures, Ltd. Sichuan Representative Office	16 - 27 November 2009	Study on capacity building of NGOs and community organisations and their role in HIV prevention, treatment and care
79. Ms Joicy	Teacher, the Public Health of Nanchang University, JiangXi	16 - 27 November 2009	Study on HIV education, prevention and control and organisational management in Hong Kong
80. Dr Zhouji	Doctor of Guangxi Nanning Center for Disease Control and Prevention	25 Jan-5 Feb 2010	Study on HIV prevention and care
81. Dr HUANG Peizhen	Doctor of Haizhu District Center for Disease Prevention and Control	25 Jan - 5 Feb 2010	Study on HIV education, prevention and control and organisational management in Hong Kong
82. Dr PAN Jie Yun	Doctor of Haizhu District Center for Disease Prevention and Control	25 Jan - 5 Feb 2010	Study on HIV education, prevention and control and organisational management in Hong Kong

83. Ms Tangying	Nurse of Shenzhen Center of Chronic Disease Control and Prevention, Guangdong	25 Jan - 5 Feb 2010	Study on HIV programmes targeting sex workers
84. Dr SUN Yonghe	Section Manager of Department of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control of Aishan District Center for Disease Control and prevention Taian City , Shandong province	6 - 17 Sept 2010	Study on HIV preventive interventions targeting Men Who have Sex with Men
85. Dr YE Shujun	Doctor of Guangxi Hezhou Center for Disease Control and Prevention	6 - 17 Sept 2010	Study on capacity building of NGOs and community organisations and their role in HIV prevention, treatment and care
86. Ms MA Shuhuan	Vice President of Infectious Disease Hospital in Henan Province	11 - 22 Oct 2010	Study on Hong Kong's experience in HIV prevention, treatment and care
87. Mr LIANG Jun	Staff of Kumming Center of Disease Prevention and Control	11 - 22 Oct 2010	Study on HIV preventive interventions targeting Men Who have Sex with Men
88. Ms GONG Yanhua	Section Chief of HIV/AIDS Control Department of Center for Disease Control and Prevention of Foshan	8 - 19 Nov 2010	Study on HIV preventive interventions targeting Ethnic minority
89. Du Jia	Doctor of Center for Disease Control and prevention of Wuhou District, Cheng Du	8 - 19 Nov 2010	Study on Hong Kong's experience in HIV prevention and control
90. ZHAO Xianli	Nurse of Infectious Disease hospital in Henan Province	6 - 17 Dec 2010	Study on HIV prevention, treatment and care
91. SHI Zhaoyun	Doctor of Center of Disease Prevention and Control of Da Li Prefecture	6 - 17 Dec 2010	Study on capacity building of NGOs and community organisations and their role in HIV prevention, treatment and care



92. WU Yan	Associate Chief Physician of STD and HIV/AIDS Department of Beijing Ditan Hospital/The Home of Red Ribbon	6 - 17 Dec 2010	Study on Hong Kong's experience in HIV prevention and control
93. Dr REN Xu Qi	Doctor of Guangdong Provincial Center for Skin Disease & STD Control and Prevention	6 - 17 Dec 2010	Study on HIV programmes targeting high risk groups
94. Dr NONG Quan Xing	Vice chief of HIV/AIDS Department of Guang Xi Nanning Centre for Disease Control and Prevention	26 Sep - 7 Oct 2011	Study on the experience in HIV prevention, care and control
95. Dr WANG Yin	Physician of The Chengdu, Sichuan Province Hospital for Infectious Disease	26 Sep - 7 Oct 2011	Study on HIV prevention programme in Hong Kong
96. Dr David JIANG	Public Health Doctor of Intermediate Title of National Center for STD Control (NCSTD)	26 Sep - 7 Oct 2011	Study on HIV preventive intervention targeting MSM and FSW
97. Ms Helen	Associate Professor of The Public Health College of Kunming Medical University	14 - 25 Nov 2011	Study on preventive intervention and health promotion on youth
98. Ms Dr TAN Xueling	Vice director of Disease Control Department, Guangdong Province Jiangmen Hospital for Skin Diseases and STDs	17 - 28 Sep 2012	Study on preventive intervention and health promotion on Female Sex Worker
99. Mr WANG Xiaoliang	Research officer of Jiangsu Provincial Center for Disease Prevention and Control	17 - 28 Sep 2012	Study on HIV preventive intervention targeting MSM and PLHIV
100. Dr WANG Lili	Doctor of Harbin Center for Disease Control and Prevention of the National Center of AIDS	29 Oct - 9 Nov 2012	Study on the experience of Hong Kong Government and AIDS NGOs in programme planning and management
101. Dr YANG Yan Ling	Doctor of Yunnan Provincial Center for Disease Prevention and Control	2 - 13 Sep 2013	Study on the structure, mechanisms and methods of HIV prevention work in Hong Kong

102. Dr HUANG Jin	Doctor of Guangdong Province Dongguan City Tangxia Hospital	15-26 Sep 2014	Study on the preventive interventions for MSM and FSW, HIV treatment and care, and the role of NGOs in these areas
103. Dr WANG Lihua	Deputy Director, AIDS Prevention and Control Branch, Guangdong Province Jiangmen City Center for Disease Control and Prevention	15-26 Sep 2014	Study on the structure, mechanism and management of AIDS NGOs and experience of Hong Kong Government in HIV prevention work
104. Dr LIU Zhongchang	Deputy Chief, AIDS Prevention and Control Branch, Taishan City CDC, Jiangmen City, Guangdong Province	17-28 August 2015	Study on the HIV prevention programme in Hong Kong compared with Mainland China, with specific interest in MSM, IDU and FSW.
105. Dr Ban Ziqi	Public health control officer, The fourth people's hospital of nanning, Nanning City, Guangxi Province	29 August – 8 September 2016	Study on the HIV treatment structure, psychological support of HIV patient and NGO's role in HIV prevention in Hong Kong
106. Dr Yin Bangjie	HIV treatment officer, National Helath and Family Planning Commision, Nanning City, Guangxi Province	29 August – 8 September 2016	Study on the HIV treatment structure, psychological support of HIV patient and NGO's role in HIV prevention in Hong Kong

\*No application in 2017-2020

## Annex D: Consultancies conducted through the UCT programme, 1999-2015

DATE	CONSULTANT(S) / TRAINER(S)	LOCATION	MISSION
22 - 24 Mar 1999	Ms Victoria KWONG & Ms LW CHU	Dali, YUNNAN	Dali Medical College International Symposium on HIV/AIDS prevention, transmission, care and healthy living
20 - 22 Oct 1999	Dr SS LEE	GENEVA	International consultation on HIV/AIDS reporting and disclosure
19 - 28 Nov 1999	Dr KH WONG	HAINAN & GUANGXI	Evaluation of China AIDS Network STD/AIDS Prevention among women in the service industry
25 - 31 Aug 2000	Ms Elise CHU & Ms Georgiana CHEUNG	INNER MONGOLIA	National Training Course on AIDS counselling and laboratory safety
4 - 9 Sep 2000	Dr SS LEE	Urumqi, XINJIANG	UNDCP project on assessment methodologies for non-captive groups and community-based interventions
19 - 20 Nov 2001	Dr SS LEE	GENEVA	Interim WHO ARV Treatment Working Group for the establishment of anti-retroviral guidelines in resource limited settings
4 - 8 Aug 2002	Dr SS LEE	BEIJING	Preparation for submission to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB & Malaria (GFATM)
17 - 20 Sep 2002	Dr SS LEE & Ms Elsie CHU	Zhigui, HUBEI	WHO health promotion project development, focusing on the promotion of safe injection in health services and the community
2002	Dr SS LEE & Dr KH WONG		Expert comments to WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Newsletter. Issue No.7, 2002.
2003	Dr KH WONG		Expert comments to WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific HIV/AIDS Antiretroviral Newsletter. Issue No.9, 2003
9 - 15 Jan 2005	Dr SS LEE	VIETNAM	HIV/AIDS prevention, care and support for injecting drug users
11 - 15 July 2006	Dr Kenny CHAN & Ms Victoria KWONG	GANSU	HIV clinical programme
4 - 16 Nov 2006	Dr Kenny CHAN & Ms PS WONG	BEIJING	Training Workshop on Clinical HIV/AIDS for Mainland Health Care Workers
23 - 25 Jan 2007	Dr KH WONG	BEIJING	China AIDS provincial director meeting
28 - 31 Mar 2010	Dr Kenny CHAN, Ms Victoria KWONG & Ms Ada LEE	GANSU	HIV clinical programme
8 - 9 Oct 2010	Dr Kenny CHAN	BEIJING	中國愛滋病防治進展與攻堅技術策略研討會
10 - 11 Feb 2015	Dr KH WONG	SHANGHAI	Provincial AIDS Directors Meeting

## Annex E: Participation in UN meetings, 1999 – 2017

DATE	MEETING	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
22 Apr 1999	UNAIDS APICT Task Force on Drug Use and HIV Vulnerability meeting	Bangkok, THAILAND	Dr SS LEE (Task Force member)
26 Oct 1999	V International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific – UNAIDS Symposium: Mapping the Beat: Drug use and HIV vulnerability in Asia	Kuala Lumpur, MALAYSIA	Dr SS LEE (speaker): Building the foundation for HIV prevention in drug users
3 Sep 2000	IX International Congress of World Federation of Public Health Associations – UNAIDS symposium on HIV/AIDS	Beijing, CHINA	Dr SS LEE (speaker): The Red Ribbon Experience
18 Apr 2001	UN Theme Group on HIV/AIDS and Ministry of Health Joint Feedback Seminar on Strategic Planning for AIDS Prevention and Care	Nanning, Guangxi, CHINA	Dr SS LEE
23 - 25 Apr 2001	Ministerial Segment of UN ESCAP 57 <sup>th</sup> Session – regional preparation for UNGASS	Bangkok, THAILAND	Dr SS LEE
2 - 4 May 2001	UN Regional Task Force on Drug Use and HIV Vulnerability meeting	Denpasar, INDONESIA	Dr SS LEE (Task Force member)
4 - 8 Jun 2001	UN ESCAP III Asia-pacific Intergovernmental Meeting on Human Resources Development for Youth (theme on HIV/AIDS)	Bangkok, THAILAND	Dr KH WONG
12 Jun 2001	World Bank Third Asian Development Forum Policy Seminar: the dual burden of HIV/AIDS and TB in the future economy	Bangkok, THAILAND	Dr SS LEE (speaker): the why's and how's of behaviour change
25 - 27 Jun 2001	United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS	New York, USA	Dr SS LEE, Dr Margaret CHAN (Director of Health) in China delegation
7 - 9 Feb 2002	Asia Pacific Bi-regional Workshop on Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria	Beijing, CHINA	Dr SS LEE
7 Jun 2002	Meeting of the UN Theme Group on HIV/AIDS in China	Beijing, CHINA	Dr SS LEE (presentation on the challenge of capacity building in HIV prevention and care)

4 - 5 Jul 2002	Meeting of the Global Reference Group on HIV Prevention among Injecting Drug Users	Vienna, AUSTRIA	Dr SS LEE (as member)
12 - 13 Dec 2002	Meeting of the UN Regional Task Force on Drugs and HIV Vulnerability	Hanoi, VIETNAM	Dr SS LEE (as member)
11 - 13 Jun 2003	WHO Training Workshop on Methods for HIV/AIDS Estimation and Projections	Bangkok, THAILAND	Dr Michael CHAN (as participant)
15 - 18 Jul 2003	Meeting of the UN Regional Task Force on Drugs and HIV Vulnerability	Chiang Rai, THAILAND	Dr SS LEE (as member)
1 - 2 Sep 2003	Phase II Meeting of UNESCAP 59 <sup>th</sup> Session	Bangkok, THAILAND	Dr Kenny CHAN
19 Apr 2004	2004 UN Regional Task Force on Drug Use and HIV Vulnerability	Melbourne, AUSTRALIA	Dr SS LEE (as member)
20 Apr 2004	WHO 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bi-regional Partners Meeting	Melbourne, AUSTRALIA	Dr SS LEE (as participant)
25 - 27 Apr 2005	Training Workshop on Methods of HIV/AIDS Estimates and Projections	Bangkok, THAILAND	Dr Raymond HO (as participant)
3 - 4 Sep 2005	3 <sup>rd</sup> Experience Exchanging Conference of International HIV/AIDS Prevention & Control Cooperation Programs in China	Kunming, CHINA	Dr Krystal LEE (as participant)
23 - 26 Sep 2006	Male Sexual Health and HIV in Asia and the Pacific International Consultation: Risks & Responsibilities	Delhi, INDIA	Dr KH WONG and Dr KW AU (as participant)
19 - 21 Sep 2007	2 <sup>nd</sup> Asian Workshop on HIV & AIDS prevention through sport	Beijing, CHINA	Dr KH WONG (as participant)
18 - 20 Feb 2009	Consultation on Health Sector Response to HIV/AIDS among Men Who Have Sex with Men	Hong Kong	Dr KH WONG (as participant) and Dr Raymond HO (as Secretariat)
29 Jun - 1 Jul 2009	Developing a Comprehensive Package of Services to reduce HIV among Men who have sex with Men (MSM) and Transgender (TG) Populations in Asia Pacific	Bangkok	Dr KH WONG (as participant)
21 - 25 Sep 2009	60 <sup>th</sup> Session of the World Health Organisation Regional Committee for the Western Pacific (WHO/UPRO/RCM)	Hong Kong	Dr KH WONG (as participant)

2 - 4 Nov 2009	Meeting on Strengthening Monitoring the Health Sector Responses to HIV/AIDS in the Western Pacific Region	Manila, PHILIPPINES	Dr Kenneth CHAN (as speaker and participant)
14 - 16 June 2010	Meeting for the HIV/AIDS Programme Managers of Asian Countries in the Western Pacific Region	Phnom Penh, CAMBODIA	Dr KH WONG (as speaker and participant)
26 - 27 Aug 2010	MSM & TG Multi-city HIV Initiative — local consultant workshop on the city level assessment tool	Bangkok, THAILAND	Dr Raymond LEUNG (as resource person)
7 - 9 Dec 2010	Action Planning Meeting of Men Who Have Sex with Men and Transgender Populations Multi-City HIV Initiative	Hong Kong	Dr Raymond LEUNG and Dr Francis WONG (as secretariat) and Dr Francis Wong (as resource person)
17 Dec 2010	Forum on Enhancing AIDS Prevention and Treatment among MSM	Beijing, CHINA	Dr Raymond LEUNG (as speaker)
10 - 12 Jul 2012	Regional Experts Meeting for "Enhancing HIV, STI and other sexual health services for MSM and transgender people in Asia and the Pacific: training package for health providers and reduction of stigma in healthcare settings"	Bangkok, THAILAND	Dr KM Ho, Consultant (Dermatologist) in charge (as temporary adviser)
11 - 13 Sep 2012	Consultation meeting on HIV, STI and other health needs of transgender people in Asia and the Pacific	Manila, PHILIPPINES	Dr Raymond LEUNG (as observer)
17 Nov 2012	The 8th Singapore AIDS Conference	Singapore	Dr KH Wong (as Keynote speaker)
25 to 28 February 2013	National HIV/AIDS and STI Programme Managers Meeting for Asian Countries in the Western Pacific Region	Kunming, China	Dr KH WONG (as speaker and participant)
1 - 2 Jul 2015	National HIV/AIDS and STI Programme Managers Meeting for Selected Asian and Pacific Island Countries in the Western Pacific Region	Manila, PHILIPPINES	Dr KH WONG (as speaker and participant)
27-30 June 2017	National HIV, Hepatitis and STI Programme Managers Meeting for Selected Asian and Pacific Island Countries	Manila, PHILIPPINES	Dr Kenny CHAN (as speaker and participant)
9 to 13 October 2017	Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee for the Western Pacific	Brisbane, Queensland, AUSTRALIA	Dr Kenny CHAN (as speaker and participant)

## Annex F: Visits to the Red Ribbon Centre, 1999 – 2021

YEAR	Mainland		Other countries	
	No. of visits	Total visitors	No. of visits	Total visitors
1999	6	21	7	8
2000	11	72	6	10
2001	23	173	5	15
2002	23	230	6	31
2003	12	260	7	84
2004	32	518	6	40
2005	35	538	9	46
2006	42	757	5	27
2007	54	790	8	52
2008	43	627	10	89
2009	25	408	3	38
2010	37	373	5	23
2011	17	224	3	20
2012	12	229	1	1
2013	17	301	3	5
2014	14	238	1	1
2015	9	161	1	11
2016	7	120	1	1
2017	4	83	0	0
2018	1	7	1	2
2019	2	10	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>6140</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>504</b>