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Centre for Technical
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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 were offered to people who're worried about contracting 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 restructuring of the Government's medical and health services, the Special Preventive Programme (SPP) was reconstituted in 1991. 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 Yaumatei premise, which housed both the clinical and public health arms of the programmes.

The plan of setting up a resource centre was drawn up by SPP, with the primary objective of facilitating the participation of the community to respond to AIDS. With the support of the AIDS Trust Fund, an old maternity home at Wang Tau Hom Jockey Club Clinic was converted into an AIDS education, resource and research centre. It was named Red Ribbon Centre and its mission was rightly "to facilitate and enhance the community's response to HIV/AIDS". 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.

Red Ribbon Centre (Box 1) has since been the base of the HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Team of the Special Preventive Programmes. In 1998, the Advisory Council on AIDS conducted a review on the AIDS programme and situation in Hong Kong. The review process has alerted AIDS programme individuals of the international responsibility Hong Kong might or could play in the fight against the global epidemic. On 8 May 1998, Dr Peter Piot, Executive Director of the Joint United Nations

Box 1. The Red Ribbon Centre



Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), visited Red Ribbon Centre. The continued dialogue between UNAIDS and Red Ribbon Centre finally resulted in the designation of the Centre as an UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for Technical Support.

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 Department of Health and UNAIDS, UCT is committed to:

- (a) collaborate in the following fields -
 - (i) strategic planning for HIV prevention and care;
 - (ii) technical resource networking for promoting and enhancing community responses; and
 - (iii) scientific inquiry into socio-behavioural determinants and epidemiological data for the improved understanding of HIV epidemics
- (b) engage in the following activities -
 - (i) strengthen capacities for an expanded response to HIV/AIDS in Hong Kong and in the region, by facilitating conduction of consultancies, reference services, training, planning, evaluation, exchanges and other supports, as needed;
 - (ii) identify, develop, adapt and disseminate best practices in line with strategies formulated by UNAIDS;
 - (iii) participate in UNAIDS-sponsored meetings, assist in their organisation, and engage in other advocacy-related activities towards the common goal of HIV/AIDS prevention and care;
 - (iv) provide technical support, coordinate and participate in technical resource networks established by UNAIDS, and in close collaboration with other institutions involved in the response in the region; and
 - (v) promote, support and implement relevant studies and disseminate and apply results of such studies in collaborative research projects with UNAIDS.

UCT is headed by a director, who is the consultant and head of SPP. The day-to-day running of the Centre is organised by the SPP HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Team comprising a medical doctor, public health nurse in-charge, a team of public health nurses, an executive officer and the clerical team. The strategic planning of activities is guided by the Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee, which is appointed by the Director of Health. (Box 2) (refer to Annex A for the terms of reference and composition of the Management Advisory Committee, and Annex B for the organisation of UCT)

Box 2. The Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee at work, with visitors from Sichuen, Beijing and Henan in attendance.



III. Activity Profile and Programme Framework

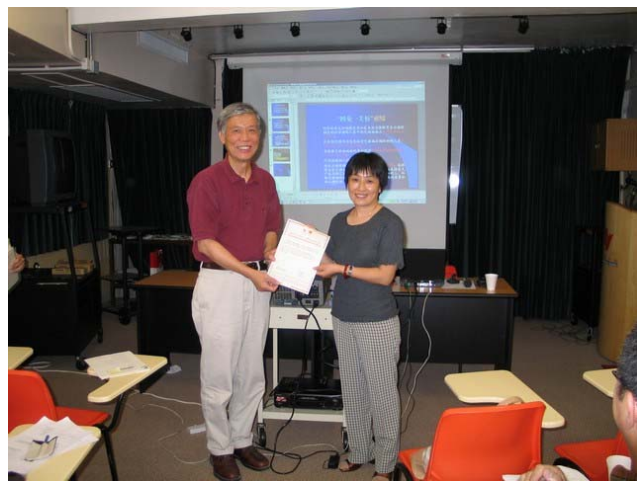
Items 3 and Item 4 of the Terms of Collaboration encompass the following five categories of activities:

- (a) Capacity building – item 4(a)
- (b) Best practice development – item 4(b)
- (c) Participation in UNAIDS activities – Items 4(c) and 3 (a)
- (d) Technical resource networking – Item 4(d) and 3(b)
- (e) Research studies – Items 4(e) and 3(c)

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 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

Box 3. Lions-Red Ribbon Fellow Dr Liu Zhonghua from Shandong received a certificate from Rev Chu Yiu-ming, Chairman of the Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee.



Fellowship is an individual-level attachment programme. The ***Lions-Red Ribbon Fellowship*** is a professional attachment programme designed by UCT and sponsored by *Lions Clubs International District 303 Hong Kong and Macau*. Since 1999, applications were received from technical persons from Mainland China to undertake attachments lasting for a period of two to four weeks in Hong Kong. In 2003, the upper limit of successful applicants was raised to 12. Fellows engaged

in studies, visits and exchange activities in their fields of expertise relating to HIV prevention and care. The fellows were invited to conduct a seminar with AIDS workers in Hong Kong, and were required to submit a report of their work to the UCT upon completion of the fellowship programme. (Box 3)

Seven fellows joined the scheme in 2004. As of the end of the year, total of 30 fellows have come to Hong Kong for the experience, the specificities of which are listed in Box 4. A composite report ("Lions Red Ribbon Fellowship Scheme" Fellows' reports 1999-2002) was published to describe the work of fellows of 1999 to 2002. Besides our interactions with HIV workers in mainland China, the fellowship programme also provided a platform for exchange and sharing among mainland workers themselves.

Box 4. Lions-Red Ribbon Fellows, 1999 – 2004

NAME OF FELLOW	AFFILIATION	FELLOWSHIP PERIOD	ASSIGNMENT
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

NAME OF FELLOW	AFFILIATION	FELLOWSHIP PERIOD	ASSIGNMENT
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, YUNNAN	2 – 15 Sep 2002	Study on HIV prevention, health promotion and behavioural interventions in tertiary students

NAME OF FELLOW	AFFILIATION	FELLOWSHIP PERIOD	ASSIGNMENT
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 Hui-lin	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

NAME OF FELLOW	AFFILIATION	FELLOWSHIP PERIOD	ASSIGNMENT
25. Dr YANG Xin-ping	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 Zheng-min	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 Su-hua	Chief Physician, Beijing Tuberculosis and Thoracic Tumor Research Institute		
28. Dr LIU Zhong-hua	Deputy Director, Shandong Center for Disease Control and Prevention	20 Sep – 1 Oct 2004	Study on preventive intervention and health promotion
29. Dr WANG Xiao-hui, 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 Xiu-fang	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

V. Consultancies and Official Meetings

Public health experts from Red Ribbon Centre have joined as *consultants* to provide support to HIV prevention and care programmes in Mainland China and other parts of the world. These assignments are in Box 5. There were also UN meetings that the Centre had participated in the deliberation of various issues on HIV/AIDS. (Box 6)

In 2004, the main focus was the participation in XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok. Staffs of Red Ribbon Centre joined the Hong Kong delegation to attend the conference. Red Ribbon Centre prepared eight poster presentation and screening of 2 announcement in the public interest (API) during the conference and the film "Love under the Sun" at 2004 AIDS Film Festival. VCDs of "Love under the Sun" were distributed in the exhibition hall.

Box 5. Consultancies conducted through the UCT Programme, 1999 - 2004

DATE	CONSULTANT(S) / TRAINER (S)	LOCATION	MISSION
22 – 24 Mar 1999	Ms Victoria KWONG & CHU Lai Wah	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 & 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

Box 6. Participation in UN meetings, 1999 – 2004

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

DATE	MEETING	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
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 th 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 Biregional 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)

DATE	MEETING	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS
1-2 Sep 2003	Phase II Meeting of UNESCAP 59 th 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 rd Bi-regional Partners Meeting	Melbourne, AUSTRALIA	Dr SS LEE (as participant)

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. (Box 7 and 8). Five workshops were held in 2004.

Box 7. Vietnam visitors of Family Health International being briefed by Dr SS Lee, the Centre Director



Box 8 (a). Workshops for Delegates from Mainland China, 1999 – 2004

DATE	AGENCY	PARTICIPANTS
30 Nov – 4 Dec 1998	Various Ministries, BEIJING	8 professionals and administrators from the Ministries of Health and Civil Affairs, Bureau of Broadcast and TV Administration, Chinese academy of Preventive Medicine
1 – 4 Aug 2000	Ministry of Railway and Ministry of Health, BEIJING	9 professionals and administrators
27 – 29 Dec 2000	Guangzhou municipal government, GUANGDONG	19 professionals and administrators from the sectors of health, justice, planning, finance, publicity, and public security
15 – 18 Dec 2001	Fujian Health Department, FUJIAN	8 experts from the Fujian Health Bureau

DATE	AGENCY	PARTICIPANTS
8 – 10 Apr 2002	Jiangxi Health Department, JIANGXI	10 professionals and administrators from the sectors of health, public security, prison, education and publicity
14 – 16 May 2002	Jiangxi Health Department, JIANGXI	11 professionals and administrators from the sectors of health, public security, prison, education and publicity
28 – 30 Sep 2002	Institute of Health Education, National Center for AIDS/STD Control and Prevention, Chinese CDC, BEIJING	3 professionals in health promotion
6-10 Jan 2003	Yunnan Day Top IDU Treatment Centre, YUNNAN	2 project officers
25-28 Apr 2004	Guizhou Health Department, GUIZHOU	11 professionals and administrations from the sector of health, public security and drug administration
8-9 Jun 2004	Jiangmen / Taishan Health Department, JIANGMEN/TAISHAN	17 experts from the Jiangmen / Taishan Health Bureau
30 Jul-7 Aug 2004	Hangzhou Health Department, HANGZHOU	1 health official
11-21 Oct 2004	Henan Provincial Health Bureau, HENAN	7 health officials

Box 8 (b). Workshops for Delegates from overseas, 1999 – 2004

DATE	AGENCY	PATICIPANTS
23 – 25 Sep 2002	Family Health International	Counselling Team of Bach Mai Hospital and representatives from National AIDS Bureau, Hanoi, VIETNAM
11 – 15 Nov 2002	Family Health International	Government Officials on HIV/IDU from NEPAL
22 Jan 2003	Salvation Army Korea	20 professionals from sectors of health and HIV/AIDS prevention and care
15-16 Sep 2003	Korean Alliance to Defeat AIDS	4 professionals and administrators in communicable diseases prevention and control
20-23 Dec 2004	Family Health International	17 government officials of health, public security and social affairs from VIETNAM and health professionals from FHI

On the other hand, brief half-to-one day **visits** from overseas agencies were commonly received by the Centre. A total of 38 visits involving some 558 people from around the world have been handled in the year 2004, a majority of which were from Mainland China. (Box 9 & 10) With the rising interest in strengthening HIV prevention in drug users in neighbouring countries and cities, a

Box 9. Visitors from Henan during their visit and staff of Red Ribbon Centre in 2004



significant proportion of visitors had come to take reference from both the HIV prevention activities at Red Ribbon Centre and the territory's methadone clinics.

Box 10. Visits to the Red Ribbon Centre, 1999 – 2004

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
TOTAL	75	756	31	148

VII. Training Courses

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 Special Preventive Programmes in the last fifteen years shall enable Red Ribbon Centre to develop training modules relevant to Hong Kong

and the neighbouring cities. 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
- (c) collaboration with other expertise agencies in Hong Kong and the region, including clinical services, universities and community-based organizations.

VIII. Best Practice Development

There are three levels of activities relating to best practice development. **Firstly**, best practice documents received from UNAIDS were kept in the Centre's library for the information of people working on HIV/AIDS programme. Whereas appropriate, they're distributed to 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. **Thirdly**, the Centre has been working closely with other agencies in the identification of best practices of local and international importance.

IX. UNAIDS Celebrity Against AIDS

In 1999, UCT responded to UNAIDS's call for an expanded advocacy role in HIV prevention and care through the appointment of celebrity as ambassador. Miss Miriam Yeung, a famous pop singer was appointed the UNAIDS Hong Kong Ambassador to help spread the AIDS message. Over the last years she has been actively involved in a whole range of activities in Hong Kong. (Box 12 & 13) The initiative has been renamed "Celebrity Against AIDS".

Box 12. Miss Miriam Yeung, singer and UNAIDS Celebrity Against AIDS, appearing at the World AIDS Day 2004 and receiving a souvenir from Mrs Betty Tung, Patron of Red Ribbon Centre.



On World AIDS Day 2004, Miriam Yeung appeared at the '0.2 Twenty Years of AIDS in Hong Kong – Sharing the stories of the “Most Inspiring Persons” cum Posters and News Archives Exhibition Kick-off Ceremony'. Miriam Yeung was voted as one of the most memorable persons by the public. A posters and news archives exhibition, which showed newspapers cuttings and posters related to HIV in Hong Kong and also reviewed the AIDS epidemic in the past 20 years, was launched as a parallel programme.

Box 13. Activities of UNAIDS Hong Kong Ambassador, 1999 – 2004

DATE	EVENT
Nov 1999	Visit to Red Ribbon Centre
Dec 1999	Meeting with Dr Emile Fox, UNAIDS CPA China
	World AIDS Campaign “I Care” Party for youth
Feb 2000	“Youth Action on AIDS” Funding Scheme Prize Presentation Ceremony cum Exhibition
Mar 2000	Participation in patient support group
	Radio channel
May 2000	“Let us share, show our concern” Red Ribbon Centre Third Anniversary Publicity Function and Open Day
Jul 2000	Teen AIDS Walker 2000 Charity Walk
Oct 2000	Gathering with people living with HIV/AIDS
	Appeal to youth on “Positive Response” VCD
Dec 2000	World AIDS Campaign “Positive Response” Day
Feb – Apr 2001	Radio show “Safety Seven”
May 2001	“Building a Harmonious Community” Red Ribbon Centre Fourth Anniversary Publicity Function and Drawing Contest
Nov 2001	“Fluttering Red Ribbon” Public Performance in Beijing
Dec 2001	World AIDS Day “We care 27802211.com” campaign
May 2002	Harm Reduction Media Campaign Launching Ceremony
Jun 2002	Walk Hand in Hand 2002 Charity Walk
Aug 2002	Dr Sex Hotline www.Dsonline.com.hk Soft Launching
Dec 2003	SexEdonline www.SexEdonline.tv Launching
Dec 2004	0.2 Twenty years of AIDS in Hong Kong - Sharing the stories of the “Most of Inspiring persons” cum posters and News Archives Exhibition kick off Ceremony

X. Technical Resource Networking

Red Ribbon Centre operates a resource centre rich in its production and collection of education materials in Chinese (and English). These include posters, leaflets, comic books and other education items developed by the SPP HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Team. The Centre also functions as the publisher of SPP's other programmes on clinical services, policy development and surveillance as well as research. Policy guidance, technical guidelines, medical and nursing manuals are therefore the other categories of resource materials produced through Red Ribbon Centre.

As the "international arm" of Red Ribbon Centre, UCT has been communicating actively with agencies around the world to support activities in other countries through our distribution of resource materials for reference purposes. All the newly produced items are regularly distributed to all provinces in the Mainland through the UNAIDS China Office in Beijing and UNDP China. The number of sets of items (including leaflets, posters, videos, periodicals) amount was about 200 per month.

Beginning March 1999, a periodical "The Node" (Box 14) has been published regularly to update on the activities of the UCT programme. Eighteen issues have been published by the end of the year 2004.

Several Hong Kong-based NGOs have focus on the HIV situation and programme in mainland China and neighbouring countries. They worked in different parts of China and provide different kinds of service, ranging from community development to HIV treatment. Representatives of nine NGOs working in mainland China and neighbouring countries shared their experience in conducting HIV prevention and care project in mainland China at Red Ribbon Centre on 18 September 2004. This function has helped to coordinate and consolidate the technical exchange network of community workers in HIV prevention and care in mainland China.

XI. New Initiatives

The Red Ribbon Centre has been strengthening its focus on the **building of capacity** in this development of programmes on HIV/AIDS. The effort is in line with terms of collaboration drawn up between Red Ribbon Centre and UNAIDS

Box 15. The Node Vol. 8 No. 3



ago. The following crystallises the plans to realise the new focus:

With the escalating demand from agencies and technical professionals, **short-term fellowships** for health professionals with an emphasis on vocationalism are developed. The aim of the training arrangement is to promulgate best practices that have been established through experience and system development. Fellowship training programmes are now structured under five categories:

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

Other than Lions-Red Ribbon Fellowship, all the programmes are newly developed. Each of the programmes is designed to last for one week to three months. Fellows will undertake the training attachment in some or all forms of observation at the services, work under supervision, tutorials conducted by staff specialists, visits to relevant services or organisations and guided self-studies.

In facing a greater need of HIV education effort in the community and more capacity building demands from mainland China and neighbouring countries, the **expansion and renovation of Red Ribbon Centre** was started in April 2005 and expected to finish in mid 2006. The area of Red Ribbon Centre will increase by 30% to about 400 m². The capacity of conference room and activities area will increase and activities of larger scale can be held in Red Ribbon Centre in further.

The last report of UNAIDS core indicators for Hong Kong AIDS performance was in 2003. Red Ribbon Centre will assist Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS to collect data and to **construct the UNAIDS core indicators in 2005**. Two university students, from Yale University and Chinese University Hong Kong respectively, attached at Red Ribbon Centre in May 2005 to assist the construction of some UNAIDS core indicators.

XII. Acknowledgements

The setting up of the UCT programme has been an exciting experience for the Red Ribbon Centre. The HIV Prevention and Health Promotion Team acknowledges the support of the Department of Health, Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee, Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS and UNAIDS China Office.

Annex A: The Red Ribbon Centre Management Advisory Committee (2003-2006)

Terms of Reference

To advise on the effective running of the Red Ribbon Centre

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Annex B: Organization of Red Ribbon Centre UNAIDS Collaborating Centre for Technical Support

