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HKAF's new approach on reversing HIV rising trend

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health (DH) has recently released the latest figures on the HIV/AIDS situation in Hong Kong from April to June as of 2019. A total of 137 additional cases of HIV infection were reported from April to June (2nd quarter of 2019). This figure represents a slight decrease of 9 cases compared to the previous quarter. In total, the cumulative number of HIV infections has reached 9,998 cases. With just 2 more cases, the total number will hit or pass 10,000 by next quarter.

And according to the CHP reports, of the 137 new cases, 115 were males while 21 were females. On the transmission front, 70 cases acquired the infection via homosexual or bisexual contact, 25 via heterosexual contact and one via drug injection. In other words, sexual contact remains the major route of transmission regardless of their sexuality.

Although the total number of additional cases has shown a decrease for two consecutive quarters, the Foundation still shows concern about the continuing rising trend of new cases regardless of our relentless efforts on calling citizens to take a more proactive prevention approach. And now, in order to curb the spread of HIV/AIDS among young people more pragmatically, we take a step forward by establishing an outreach centre ("Consulting & Activity centre") in Mong Kok (on Nathan Road) as we see we can reach the hidden high-risk groups more efficiently there.

New Consulting & Activity Centre

The Foundation will launch a new Consulting & Activity Centre in Mong Kok in September 2019. The Foundation will continue to conduct regular activities and free, anonymous and confidential HIV tests to the community by appointment (AIDS Helpline: 2513 0513; WhatsApp: 9093 0335 or LINE: HIVTesting).

"Run for an AIDS Free World" Charity Run enters its 2nd year

Besides the centre set-up, the Foundation is proud to announce that we will launch the 2nd "Run for an AIDS Free World" charity run (the "**Charity Run**") on Sunday, 1 December 2019 (i.e. World AIDS Day 2019), at Sunny Bay Promenade. The objectives of the Charity Run are to raise funds first of all and to enhance public awareness about HIV and create a caring community for those people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Brief event information of the Charity Run are as follows:

Date : 1 December 2019 (Sunday)
Venue : Sunny Bay Promenade
Race categories : 10km Timing Race (Individual)
5km Fun Run (Individual / Team of 2 / Team of 4)

The Foundation welcomes direct donation for the Charity Run. For details of the Charity Run, please visit http://aids.org.hk/?page_id=11070.



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About the Hong Kong AIDS Foundation

The Hong Kong AIDS Foundation was established in 1991 and is a non-governmental social service organisation. The Foundation's mission is to limit the spread of HIV infection in the community. Throughout the years, the Foundation has been actively engaged in the promotion of AIDS education, the provision of services, and the nurturing of a harmonious and caring environment for those infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. For more details about our work, please visit <http://www.aids.org.hk>.

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