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The ASAIHL Seminar on "AIDS in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Region: Strategies for Prevention and Control - the Role of Institutions of Higher Learning" opened at The Chinese University of Hong Kong today (June 28). This is the third time CUHK has played host to an academic gathering of the Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL) of which it is a founding member. Over 70 participants from all over Southeast Asia, Australia and USA are attending the seminar.

The Acting Vice-Chancellor, Professor Baysung Hsu, gave a welcoming speech at the opening ceremony. The President of the ASAIHL, Dr Iam Chaya-Ngam of Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand, flew in from Bangkok to address the gathering.

Mr Nigel Shipmen, JP, Acting Secretary for Health and Welfare, officiated at the opening ceremony and Professor M Essex from the Harvard AIDS Institute delivered the keynote speech.

The 3-day seminar aims to examine issues related to the incidence, control and prevention of AIDS in Southeast Asian countries and to explore strategies for sectoral, national and international cooperation. Principal plenary speakers include Professor R. Detels from the University of California at Los Angeles, Professor Zeng Yi from the Chinese National Commission on AIDS Prevention, Dr E K Yeoh and Dr Patrick Li from the AIDS Counselling and Health Education Service, Dr Dyer from Burroughs Wellcome & Co (HK) and Dr Yeung Hin Wing from The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

The seminar will go into its second day tomorrow and will close on June 30 after a round-table discussion on the possibility of setting up a regional information centre on AIDS.

#### Attachments

1. Speech by the Acting VC, CUHK
2. Speech by Mr Nigel Shipmen, JP, Acting Secretary for Health & Welfare

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