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An exhibition on "Understanding AIDS" will be staged at the Entrance Arena, Level 1 of the New Town Plaza in Sha Tin from June 28 to 30 to promote public awareness of the nature of the disease and ways to combat it. It will be jointly organised by CUHK, the Central Health Education Unit, and the AIDS Counselling and Health Education Service, with assistance from the New Town Plaza.

The exhibition will also complement a three-day international seminar on AIDS to be hosted by CUHK at the end of June.

Entitled "AIDS in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Region: Strategies for Prevention and Control - the Role of Institutions of Higher Learning", the 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.

Over 70 delegates from 10 countries in the Asia and Pacific region have registered as participants and some 40 papers will be presented during the seminar period. Seven local and internationally renowned experts will give plenary speeches. Local professionals include Dr E K Yeoh and Dr Patrick Li of the AIDS Counselling & Health Education Services, Department of Health; Dr Yeung Hin Wing, Director of the Chinese Medicinal Material Research Centre, CUHK; and Dr H Dyers, Senior Medical Advisor of Burroughs Wellcome & Co (HK). Coming from Harvard University will be Dr M Essex, from the Chinese National Commission on AIDS Prevention Professor Zeng Yi, and from the University of California at Los Angeles Professor R Detels. Dr M Carballo, Chief of Behavioural & Social Research Global Programme on AIDS, World Health Organisation, has been invited to give the keynote speech and Mr T H Chau, Secretary for Health & Welfare, will officiate at the opening ceremony on June 28.

Delegates as well as representatives from the Hong Kong Government will take part in a round-table discussion on the possibility to set up a regional information centre on AIDS on the last day of the seminar on June 30.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the seminar sessions. Interested parties should contact the seminar secretariat at 0-6952359 or 0-6952893 to reserve seats and obtain further information.

Attachment: Facts & Figures Related to AIDS

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