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World Health Organization Training Course on the Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation of Drug Abuse (Press Release)

Drug abuse is a worldwide major health problem, and is regarded by the World Health Organization (W.H.O.) as one of the important areas for urgent attention. For this reason, Hong Kong was asked to run a training course in August last year to train frontline workers in the care of drug abusers from China, Macau, and Hong Kong. The last year's course proved to be a successful one, and a request was made to repeat a similar course this year.

Hong Kong has been chosen to run such a training course mainly because of the vast experience of our government and non-government institutions here in fighting against drug abuse and in providing a multi-modality care for drug abusers. A second training course is scheduled to run on 11-20 December 1995, at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (C.U.H.K.). There will be 20 participants from China, 2 participants from Macau, and around 10 observers from Hong Kong. This course is sponsored by the Western Pacific Regional Office of the W.H.O., and is jointly directed by Professor Char-Nie Chen and Dr. James M.N. Ch'ien from the Department of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, C.U.H.K. All lecturers are invited from among the experts in Hong Kong.

Lectures in the training course consist of epidemiology (covering world and regional patterns of drug abuse); pharmacology (covering all abused substances from caffeine to heroin); treatment (covering psycho-social, behavioural, compulsory, maintenance therapies); rehabilitation (covering psychosocial, religious, out-reach, and self-help programmes); preventive education (covering drugwise and Life Education programmes, school education, community education, as well as personal experiences from recovered abusers); legislation, monitoring and illicit markets (covering patterns of drug-trafficking, laws relating to drug abuse and drug-trafficking, and a confidential register for monitoring the trend of drug abuse); relationship with human-immuno-deficiency virus infection (HIV) and acquired immuno-deficiency syndrome (AIDS)(covering surveillance, prevention, and management of HIV infection and AIDS, as well as the relationship between drug abuse and HIV infection and AIDS); and research (covering recent research on, and evaluation of, programmes in prevention, treatment and rehabilitation).

An opening ceremony for this training course will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, 11 December 1995, at the Shaw College Lecture Theatre, C.U.H.K., in Shatin. A briefing session to press reporters will be available from 11:30 am after the opening ceremony.

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