



Press Invitation

To:

Emerging involvement of civil society in the campaign against HIV/AIDS in Mainland China

More than 7.4 million people in Asia live with HIV/AIDS. What are the responses of civil society towards HIV/AIDS epidemic in Mainland China? What is the role of civil society in the campaign against HIV/AIDS in China? What is the attitude of the Chinese government towards the emerging involvement of civil society, both local and international, in the campaign against HIV/AIDS?

In this seminar, Dr Wan will share with us his views with regard to the problems faced by emerging involvement of civil society, such as funding and its management, programmes, assessment, and many more, in the AIDS campaign, especially most recently from the general public, the affected communities and those who are concerned about orphans.

Dr Wan Yan Hai is currently Head of the Beijing AIZHIXING Institute of Health Education. He founded the Beijing AIZHI Action Project, which is now registered as a private health institute in Beijing. Dr Wan launched China's first HIV/AIDS counseling hotline in 1992; and his subsequent role in publicizing the blood donation scandal in Henan province brought him widespread international acclaim. He has been working on HIV/AIDS education, gay and lesbian rights campaign, blood safety, patients' rights, health policy and human rights advocacy in the past years.

In order to learn more about this hot topic, members of the press are cordially invited to attend the seminar organized by the Medical and Health Research Network of The University of Hong Kong.

Details of the seminar are as follows:

Date: March 25, 2004 (Thursday)

Time: 12:30 to 14:00

Venue: Seminar Room 7, LG/F, Laboratory Block, Faculty of Medicine Building, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Maggie Cheuk of the Medical and Health Research Network at 2819 2841.

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