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Plenary Session 2 Getting to Zero in the Asia and Pacific Region

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SaSp1-03 Epidemic and Response in Korea – Progress, Challenges and Opportunities :
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- **Timeline**
- **Policy Formulation thru Challenges**
- **Opportunities**

Timeline 1

- 1981 AIDS reported
- 1985 ELISA developed
- 1985 first HIV infection confirmed
- 1987.7. HIV screening on all blood units
- 1987.9. AIDS control centers in NIH'
- 1987.11. AIDS prevention Act
- 1988.22. 1st WORLD AIDS DAY

Timeline 2

- 1988.22. Testing for specific group of foreigner (the law revised)
- 1989.10 Anonymous testing introduced
- 1991-92 Red ribbon as a symbol of AIDS solidarity
- 1993.7. Mandatory testing for seafarers abolished



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- 1995.12. Role of civil society in education and information dissemination expanded

Timeline 3

- 1996-97 Breakthrough in treatment
- 1999.2. Safety place adopted in law
- 2001-02 UN Secretary General Cofi Annan proposed Global Fund for AIDS
- 2008.3. Rights to labor (non-discrimination on the part of employer) stipulated and anonymous testing adopted in the law

Timeline 4

- 2010.1. Removed restrictions of reentry or stay because of HIV-positive status
 - By amending the Directive of the Entry of HIV infected Foreigners (international guideline of the Ministry of Justice)
- 2010.8. HIV testing requirement of incoming and before placement health exam on foreign worker removed in the Labor-related Regulation
- 2010.11. HIV-related restrictions abolished in the Immigration Control Act

Policy Formulation thru Challenges

- Fear and stigma came first before real infection
 - Incubation period from 1981 to 1985 with reluctant medical society and fear mongering media greatly expended the stigma and discrimination.

“You never have second chance to change first impression”

- “We against they” proposition
 - Blood HIV screening tool directly applied to person
 - Risk population group



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- Resort to law making

***“AIDS Special Law” 1st in the world?
It endangered public health advocacy and assurance***

- Over-reliance on HIV testing
 - 1986 3 persons with HIV confirmed out of sex workers (in US military based area)
 - >> From 1987, all of them to be tested once a year
 - Aug 1987 1st case having presumptive route of infection thru domestic sexual contact with sex worker(s) reported
 - >> Sep 1987, testing expanded to most of sex workers
 - 1987 HIV testing party applied on seafarers
 - >> early 1989, seafarers included in mandatory testing target
- Biased by numerator analysis
 - Proportion of sex worker (in US military base areas) to total cumulative number of persons with HIV by year

Year	1987	1988.6	1996	2010
Sex worker(A)	8	11	15	?
Total(B)	14	26	570	7,656
A/B(%)	(57)	(43)	(3)	(<1)?

Civil societies

- Global opportunities
- Statement by Ambassador In-kook Park at the UN High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS June 2011

“.....The goals for 2015 are simple and clear. But, in order to achieve them within 5 years, the **entries society** needs to participate proactively and foster an HIV-free society without any



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stigma and discrimination.....health and social investment to vulnerable groups, including Sex workers, drug users, and men who have sex with men (MSM) should be scales up.....Therefore, rights-based approach that puts these people at the center of response should be taken.....”

2011 UN High-level Meeting on HIV/AIDS

- Global opportunities
- Statement by Ambassador In-kook Park at the Meeting
“.....In the legal and social context, it is noteworthy that the prohibition of any discrimination against people with HIV in the workplace was stipulated in 2008. Furthermore, through the revision of the Regulation in 2010, mandatory HIV testing for the purpose of HIV-pacific travel restrictions no longer exist....”
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- Global opportunities
- Statement by Ambassador In-kook Park at the Meeting
“.....Meanwhile, the 10th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (ICAAP), to be held in Korea this August, is expected to contribute to raising public awareness on HIV/AIDS.....”
- More than that