



## Foreword

Meeting of health administrators of Asian countries has been held in a past few years on the occasion of ASEAN Japan Workshop on HIV/AIDS control. Through exchange of information, It has become clear that the epidemiological situation of HIV/AIDS in Japan is rather unique among Asian countries in its magnitude and route of transmission, while many problems such as rapid changes in sexual behavior of youth are common.

The magnitude of HIV/AIDS problem in Japan is still one of the lowest in the world, however, new HIV infection and new AIDS cases have been increasing. Major route of transmission is homosexual contact among male, while other routes are rare.

This is the reason why we published this booklet on the epidemiology of HIV/AIDS in Japan, what are major problems we are facing in HIV/AIDS control, public relations, and events, and important research activities on HIV/AIDS carried out in Japan.

I hope all these information are useful to you, and it is our hope to continue further exchange of information on HIV/AIDS and its control.

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