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TEXT:

(((REPORT BY FAN YOU (5400 0642): "PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTER CHEN MINZHANG CALLS ON ESTABLISHING GLOBAL SYSTEM FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF AIDS")))

((TEXT)) BEIJING, 8 NOVEMBER (GUANGMING RIBAO)--THE SINO-U.S. SYMPOSIUM ON MEASURES AGAINST AIDS OPENED THIS AFTERNOON IN BEIJING. CHEN MINZHANG, CHINA'S PUBLIC HEALTH MINISTER APPEALED AT THE MEETING: ADOPT REGION- AND NATION-TRANSCENDING JOINT MEASURES, AND ESTABLISH A GLOBAL PREVENTION SYSTEM AND NETWORK TO EFFECTIVELY CHECK THE SPREAD OF AIDS.

ACCORDING TO AN ESTIMATE BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION ((WHO)), AT PRESENT, SOME 8 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE HIV VIRUS; 700,000 PEOPLE HAVE AIDS; AND AIDS PREVENTION HAS BECOME A PROBLEM WHICH CONCERNS THE WHOLE WORLD.

IN THE EARLY 1980'S, THE HIV VIRUS WAS TRANSMITTED TO OUR COUNTRY. OUR COUNTRY'S HEALTH DEPARTMENTS STARTED MONITORING AIDS IN 1985. UP TO THE END OF THIS SEPTEMBER, THE COUNTRY HAD TESTED MORE THAN 300,000 BLOOD SAMPLES FROM THE TARGETED POPULATION, AND DISCOVERED 446 CASES WITH A POSITIVE RESPONSE, AMONG WHICH 68 WERE FROM PEOPLE ABROAD, 378 WERE MAINLAND RESIDENTS; FIVE OF THEM WERE

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DIAGNOSED AIDS PATIENTS, AND AMONG THESE FIVE PEOPLE THREE CONTRACTED THE VIRUS FROM ABROAD, TWO FROM THE MAINLAND.

IN THE AREA OF RESEARCH ON AIDS PREVENTION, OUR COUNTRY'S HEALTH WORKERS HAVE ENGAGED IN A SERIES OF TASKS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. AT PRESENT, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A RELIABLE LABORATORY FOR SEROLOGICAL RESEARCH; WE HAVE ISOLATED AN HIV VIRUS FROM A FOREIGN TOURIST WHO WAS AN AIDS PATIENT TRAVELING IN CHINA, AND USED IT TO TEST THE PRESENCE OF AN ANTIGEN; THERE ARE FIVE UNITS WHICH HAVE ESTABLISHED P3-LEVEL LABORATORIES, TO DEVELOP RESEARCH ON THE ETIOLOGY OF AIDS AND ON MOLECULAR BIOLOGY; WE HAVE ALSO EXPLORED CHINESE MEDICINE AND QIGONG FOR TREATMENT OF AIDS.

UNDER THE CONDITIONS THAT NEITHER MEDICINE FOR EFFECTIVE TREATMENT OF AIDS NOR SPECIAL PREVENTIVE MEANS ARE AVAILABLE, OUR COUNTRY HAS EXTENSIVELY DEVELOPED PROPAGANDA AND EDUCATION ON AIDS PREVENTION, TO HELP THE MASSES TO UNDERSTAND ITS DANGER, GRASP PREVENTIVE KNOWLEDGE, AND DO THE WORK IN SELF-PROTECTION WELL.

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