

## Special Health Services

### Narcotics and Drug Administration

The Department operates an out-patient methadone maintenance as well as detoxification scheme for drug abusers. There are at present 21 methadone clinics in Hong Kong operating daily including Sundays and public holidays. The total number of patients registered with the scheme was 9 176 as at 31 December 2000 and the average daily attendance in 2000 was 6 502 (Figure 26). The service receives central laboratory support for opiate testing in urine.

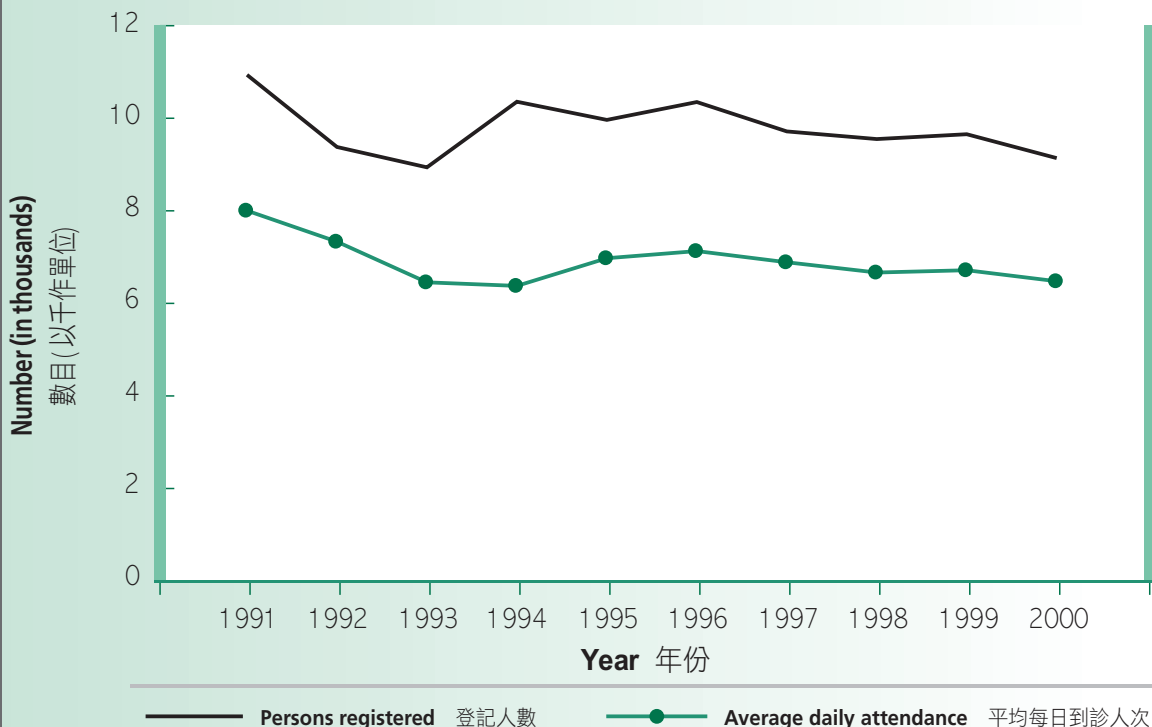
## 特別衛生事務

### 毒品管理部

本署轄下的美沙酮診所為吸毒者提供美沙酮代用及戒毒服務。現時全港共有 21 間美沙酮診所，於星期一至星期日（包括公眾假期）開放。截至二零零零年十二月三十一日為止，在美沙酮診所登記的人數為 9 176；而二零零零年的平均每日求診人次則為 6 502（圖 26）。診所並透過中央化驗室，提供尿液測試服務。

Figure 26 Number of Registered Persons and Average Daily Attendance at Methadone Clinics, 1991 - 2000

圖 26 一九九一年至二零零零年美沙酮診所登記人數與平均每日到診人次



Counselling services at methadone clinics are provided by social workers of the Society for the Aid and Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers (SARDA). Methadone clinics thus provide a point of contact to refer patients to other treatment and rehabilitation agencies when necessary.

As drug addiction constitutes a high risk group for AIDS and other blood borne diseases, health education and counselling for patients is always a priority. Concomitant activities include broadcasting of health educational video and cassette programmes in methadone clinics, free distribution of condoms and the provision of blood testing services for patients of Methadone Treatment Programme. Since November 1999, blood screening services for HIV and hepatitis B infections have been extended to all methadone clinics.

### Pharmaceutical Service

The Pharmaceutical Service ensures the safety, quality and efficacy of medicines used in Hong Kong. Acting on the authority of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, the Pharmaceutical Service registers and approves the marketing of pharmaceutical products, issues licences to drug manufacturers, importers, wholesalers and retailers, and joins hands with the Police against illegal sale of controlled medicines. It comprises four sections.

美沙酮診所內更駐有香港戒毒會的社會工作人員，為病人提供輔導，並作為聯絡點，在有需要時將他們轉介往其他醫療或康復機構。

由於吸毒者有較大機會感染愛滋病及其他透過血液傳播的疾病，故美沙酮診所亦在這方面加強了對病人的健康教育及輔導工作。有關的活動包括在美沙酮診所播放健康教育錄影帶及錄音帶、免費派發安全套以及提供驗血服務予參與美沙酮治療計劃的人士。由一九九九年十一月開始，愛滋病及乙型肝炎感染驗血服務已擴展至全港所有美沙酮診所。

### 藥劑事務部

藥劑事務部的工作是確保本港市面上出售的藥物在安全程度、品質及成效方面均符合標準。該部獲藥劑業及毒藥管理局授權為藥劑製品註冊和批准銷售藥物，向製藥商、進口商、批發商和零售商簽發牌照，並聯同警方打擊售賣受管制藥物的違法行為。藥劑事務部共設有四個工作組別。