Jockey Club S.A.T.H. Project for Healthy Families **TUBERCULOSIS (TB)**

What is Tuberculosis (TB)?

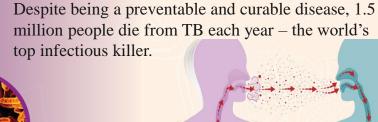
- An infection that commonly attacks human lungs.
- Caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M. tuberculosis).
- TB can be treated.



Mode of transmission & Pathogen

TB SPREADS THROUGH THE AIR

TB spreads from person to person when someone with contagious TB coughs, speaks, or sings.





TB is NOT Spread by

Sharing toothbrushes



Saliva from kissing

Shaking someone's hand



Touching bed linens or toilets



Sharing food, drink, or utensils

Situation in HK:

About 4500 notified cases of TB in Hong Kong every year (i.e., 0.6 out of every 1000 persons)

Every year, 10 million people catch M. tuberculosis.

Symptoms of TB





Coughing up blood or Chest pain (lasting longer sputum (phlegm from inside the lungs)





Fever



Night sweats



Loss of appetite



Weakness or fatigue Weight loss

