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Overview

- Trends of ATS Abusing
- Sources of ATS in Markets
- Mega Cases
- Crack Down on ATS Drug Crime
Main types of abused drugs in China

- Main abused drugs in China are still opiates
- The proportion of ATS users are increasing fast
- Totally there are 241,000 registered ATS-abusers, accounting for 21.3% of the total.

Analysis of abused drugs for drug abusers nationwide by the end of 2008
Main types of abused drugs in China

- The main types of ATS used currently are ice and ketamine.
- The ice-users and the ketamine-users account for 47% and 36% respectively of the whole ATS users.
ATS abusing sites

- The hot spots of ATS-abusing are spreading from public entertainment places to more private and more secret sites, such as nightclubs, hotels, rental houses etc..

- Among the all ATS cases in 2008, there are 13,000 cases occurred in public entertainment places, accounting for 29.9%. 40,600 people captured (6.1% off compared with 2007), account for 39% of all ATS captured people.
ATS abusing sites

In 2008, public agencies throughout the country investigated 27,000 entertainment places, of which, 895 were punished for drug problems, 83 were ordered to close down for rectification. Checks and rectifies drug-related problems in entertainment places.
ATS abusing groups

More and more people got involved from varies social grades and different careers.

- non-work youth and staffs working in entertainment places
- actors and actresses
- bosses of companies
- student
ATS abusing groups

For some white-collars and youth with high income, ATS is kind of upscale consumption symbolizing fortune.

In 2008,
◆ bosses 5%
◆ students 3%

of all the ATS abusers
Trends of ATS abusing

The regions where ATS abusing is occurring cover almost all large and medium cities in China.

In some regions in northeast and southeast China, the problem is more severe, the number of registered ATS-abusers in those regions is more than that of opiate-abusers.
Why ATS abusers increase so fast

- Lack of public awareness, some people do not even think ATS is a kind of drug.
- Entertainment places become drug-infested place. Motivated by the high profit from drugs, owners sometimes connive drug-abusing.
New emerged ATS drugs

The types of ATS propagated and diversified fast recent years, new types emerging in entertainment places currently feature ice tablets, MAGU, “Happy water”, “fairy water” ecstasy and ketamine.

“Happy water” is a kind of mixed liquid containing methamphetamine, amphetamine and ketamine.

“Fairy water” mixs MDMA, Nimetazepan, Codeine together.
The Sources of ATS in Chinese Markets

Since 1990’s when ATS emerged, the abusing ATS, typically ice, ecstasy and ketamine, has been on the increase and the pervasion has been sustaining its momentum.

China has been harmed deeply by not only domestically produced ATS, but ATS transited from neighboring countries as well.
The Sources of ATS in Chinese Markets

ATS seized in China from “Golden Triangle”, Europe and South America are increasing.

In recent years, it is noticeable that a big mount of ATS is penetrating into China through the border with Myanmar in Yunnan Province and flows to inner cities.
The Sources of ATS in Chinese Markets
In 2008, the amount of seized ice and ice tablets in Yunnan province weighs 2400 kg, about 40% to the whole mount of seized ice in China.
The Sources of ATS in Chinese Markets

On 15th March 2008, police from Liaoning and Yunnan Provinces with the assistance of Myanmar police cracked “11.30 mega drug case”, seized 18 suspects, 2kg ice tablets, 6 cars and 1,100,000 ¥ RMB, cut a trafficking route from Myanmar via Yunnan to Northeast China.

In June 2008, police in Yunnan and Myanmar police jointly solved “609” case in which 50.27kg ice tablets was seized.
Drug law Enforcement In 2008

In 2008, public security agencies severely crack down on drug production and trafficking activities. Through the year, a total of 61,900 drug-related criminal cases were recorded, 1,565 drug trafficking groups were uncovered, 244 clan-labs were destroyed, 73,400 drug suspects were arrested, and total of 4.33 tons of heroin, 1.38 tons of opium, 6.15 tons of ice and tablets and 5.27 tons of ketamine were seized.
Methamphetamine Seizured in recent years
GUANGDONG “911B” CASE

The suspects purchase normal chemicals to synthesize precursor chemicals, and then make liquid ice in Huizhou, Guangdong Province; the liquid was crystallized in Xiameng, Fujian Province and transported back to Guangdong for sale.
the chart of making, transporting and selling drug

In 2007

First step
Plant in Ping Di, Hueizhou city, Guangdong province to make ice liquid

Transport to

Second step
Plant in Tongan, Xiamen city, Fujian province to make ice

transport to

Guangdong and Taiwan for sale

In 2008

First step
Xinyu, Hueizhou city, Guangdong province to make liquid

Transport to

Second step
Plant in Jimei, Xiamen city, Fujian province to make ice

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GUANGDONG 911B CASE
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Equipments for filtering
the reaction kettles which have the capacity of containing 500kg raw material
GUANGDONG 911B CASE
Guangdong 911B Case

The equipment for environment preserving
GUANGDONG 911B CASE
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73 kilograms ice liquid, 300 grams crystallized ice, 170 grams heroin and 1879 grams ephedrine were seized,
Indicate a significant trend of modern ATS crimes in which people from different countries play different roles in a syndicate.
Ling Di CASE

Transnational become a key feature of modern drug crime. The long process of gaining raw materials, synthesizing drug and selling drug may occur in several different countries. Ling Di, who is a Chinese of mainland, combined people from Hongkong and Malaysia, set up clan-labs in two cities in Malaysia to produce large quantities of ice and heroin. It was a successful case jointly investigated by police from Guangdong, Hongkong and Malaysia in 2008.
Ling Di CASE

Ice sized
Ling Di CASE

Tu Jin Xin Ci, Wu yonglin and Lin Di
3.24 CASE

16 June 2009, an armed syndicate was dismantled by Guangdong police. The members in the syndicate included Chinese and Vietnamese, trafficked varies types such as Ketamin, MAGU and heroin. All of them were remote-controlled by the boss, Ling Xuebian, who lived abroad and is still at large.
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The characters of ATS crime

These cases indicate current characters of ATS manufacture and trafficking

- Syndicates are remote-controlled by the bosses who live overseas. Therefore, it is hard to root out a whole syndicate.
- Syndicates are becoming larger and larger. Members from different countries are involved in.
- Syndicates are organized in a rigorous way.
Initiatives to Crack Down on ATS Drug Crime

In response to the severe ATS situation facing us, the NNCC conveys important instructions of our national central leaders to all relevant agencies and calls on all agencies nationwide thoroughly promoting People’s War on Drugs, places attacking ATS drug crime as one of the most important priorities to curb its spreading momentum. As the same time, we attach much importance on drug prevention and education, treatment and rehabilitation; make solid efforts to strengthen investigations on ATS crimes.
Initiatives to Crack Down on ATS Drug Crime

Firstly, to strengthen publicity and training among vulnerable groups, improve public awareness on the harm of ATS.

Youth participate in the drug control publicity activity
Initiatives to Crack Down on ATS Drug Crime

Secondly, to deepen rectification operations on drug-related problems in entertainment place.

Conference on promoting Shanghai’s efforts in heavy crackdown on drug-related criminal activities in entertainment places
Thirdly, to promote the international cooperation in drug law enforcement in response to transnational trend of drug trafficking, to enhance intelligence exchange and to jointly investigate transnational cases with relevant countries. Our operations to solve ATS problems must be international if they are to be effective.
Question ?

Thank You!