Changes during Adolescence

- 1. The physical development of everyone differs due to genetic inheritance and acquired factors. Therefore, you need not compare with others or worry too much.
- 2. When you feel anxious about puberty, you should:

A. avoid adopting negative approaches and attitude as follows:

- i) covering up, shirking and refusing to accept the facts;
- ii) solving problems by methods which are unhygienic or lacking scientific proof; and
- iii) comparing with others frequently, thereby becoming self-abased or arrogant and affecting interpersonal relationship.
- B. adopt positive approaches and attitude as follows:
 - releasing emotions: express emotions when feeling uneasy by appropriate means such as chatting with others, writing a diary or listening to music;
 - ii) accepting your body image: get knowledge about the physical changes during puberty and accept the ongoing changes in your face, physique and body;
 - iii) facing the reality positively: endeavour and learn to solve problems for personal growth; and
 - iv) seeking help from friends and seniors:in respect of incidence: explore ways to solve the problems;in respect of emotions: share personal feelings.

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3. Talk to professionals or healthcare workers if you have any questions.

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