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AMONG HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF  
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**ABSTRACT**

A cross sectional study was conducted from February 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> 2008 by a self-administered questionnaire to 260 high school students Khammouane, Lao. P.D.R. to identify safe sex intention regarding the prevention of HIV/AIDS, and the association between safe sex intention and factors such as the socio- demographic characteristics, attitudes, and subjective norm toward HIV/AIDS prevention.

The age of the respondents ranged from 14-19 years old and nearly 60% of respondents were female. The majority of the students were living with their parents. The result found that nearly 60% of respondents had poor parent-child communication toward HIV/AIDS prevention, and just over 41% of respondents had a good attitude toward HIV/AIDS prevention. The results also showed that about 71% of respondents had a good subjective norm toward HIV/AIDS. Sixty-four percent of students had good safe sex intention towards the prevention of HIV/AIDS. A statistically significant association between safe sex intention and parent-child communication ( P-value= 0.004), and between safe sex intention and age group (P-value= 0.030) were found from analysis.

The result of this study suggest that it is necessary to provide appropriate sex education in high school, and create an environment in which students are able to discuss sexual and related issues with their teachers and parents. It is also suggested that an establish the appropriate health promotion program for encouraging students to follow safe sex and HIV/AIDS prevention practice be established.

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