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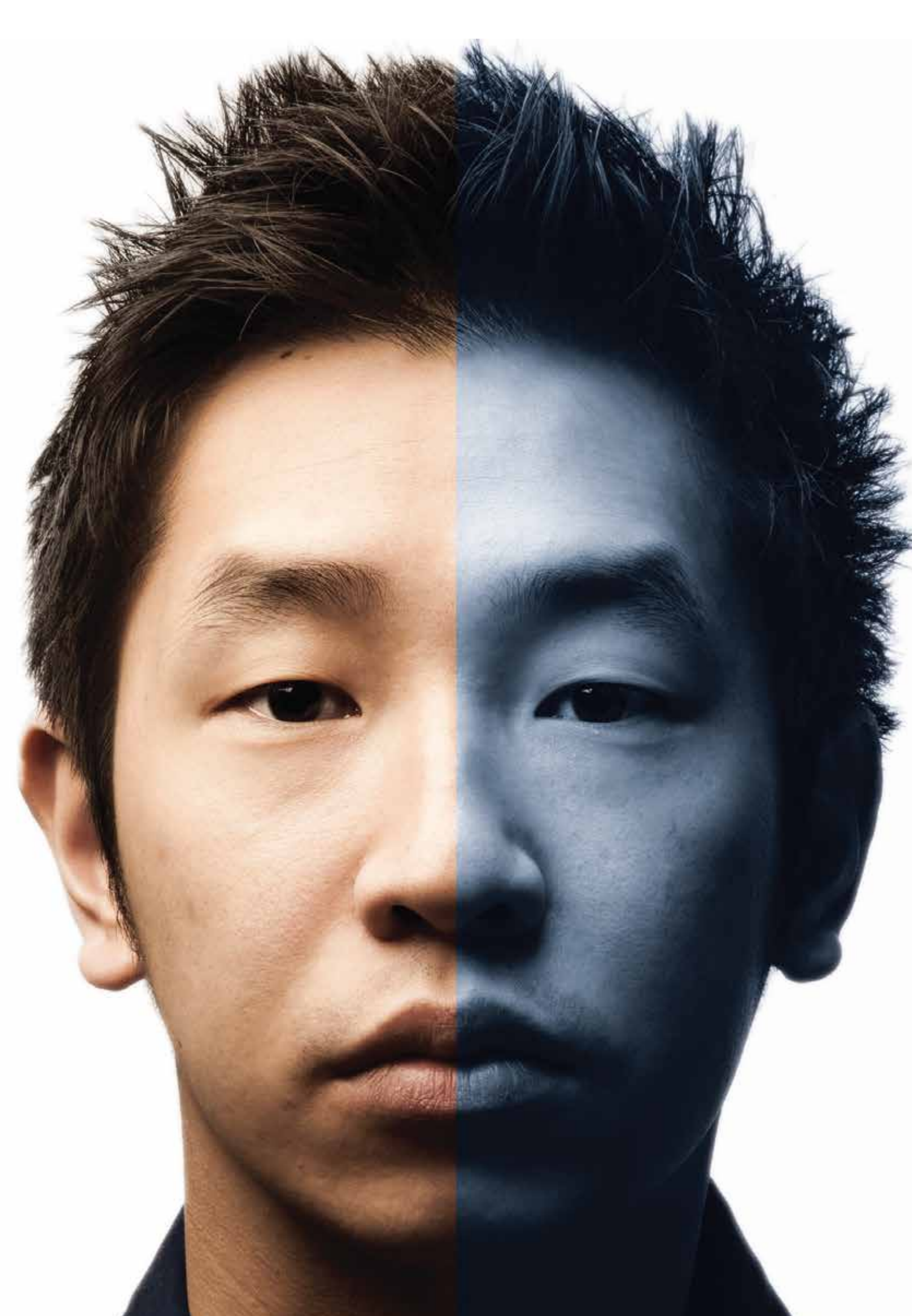
Western Pacific Region

HIV, HEPATITIS AND STI

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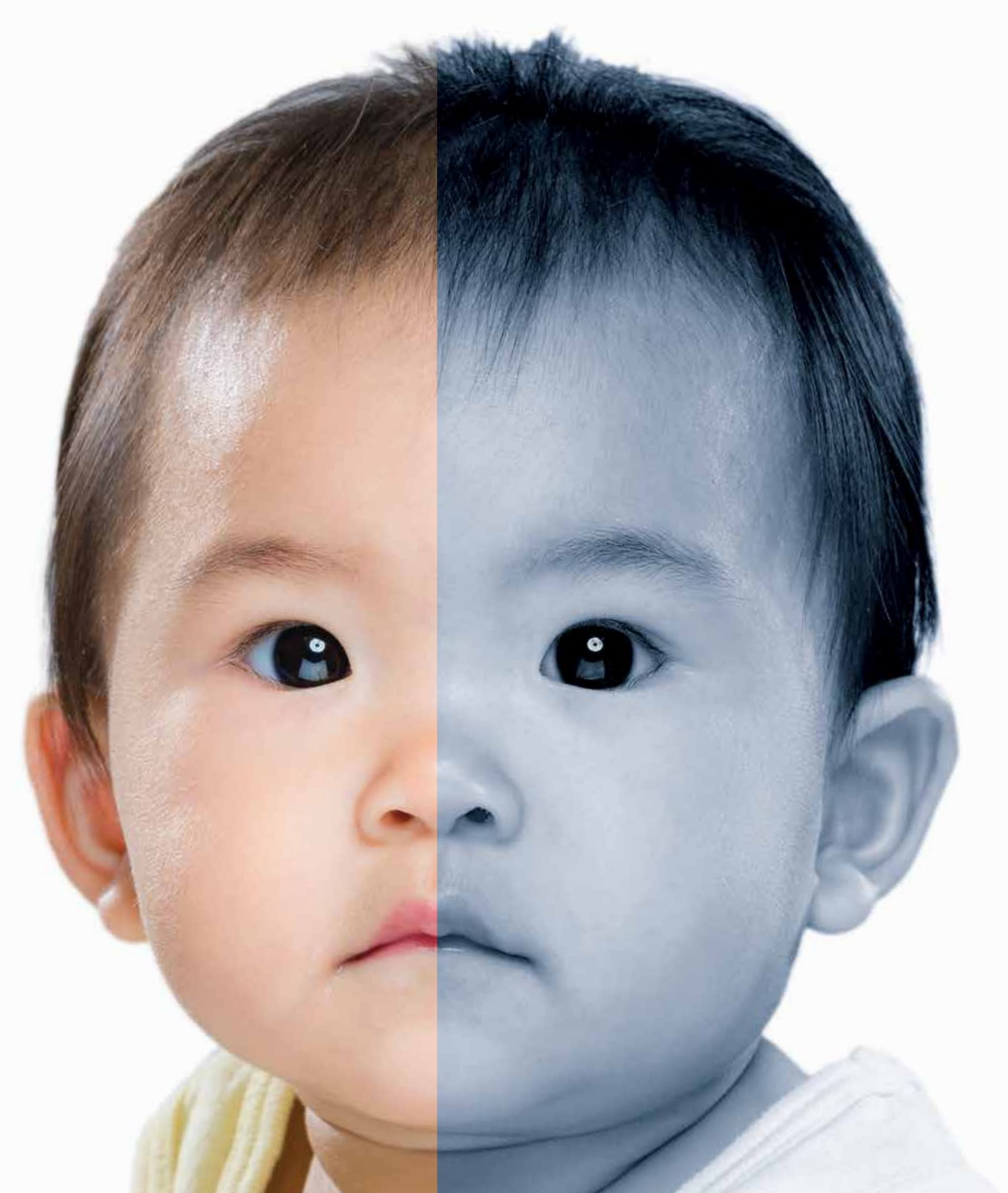
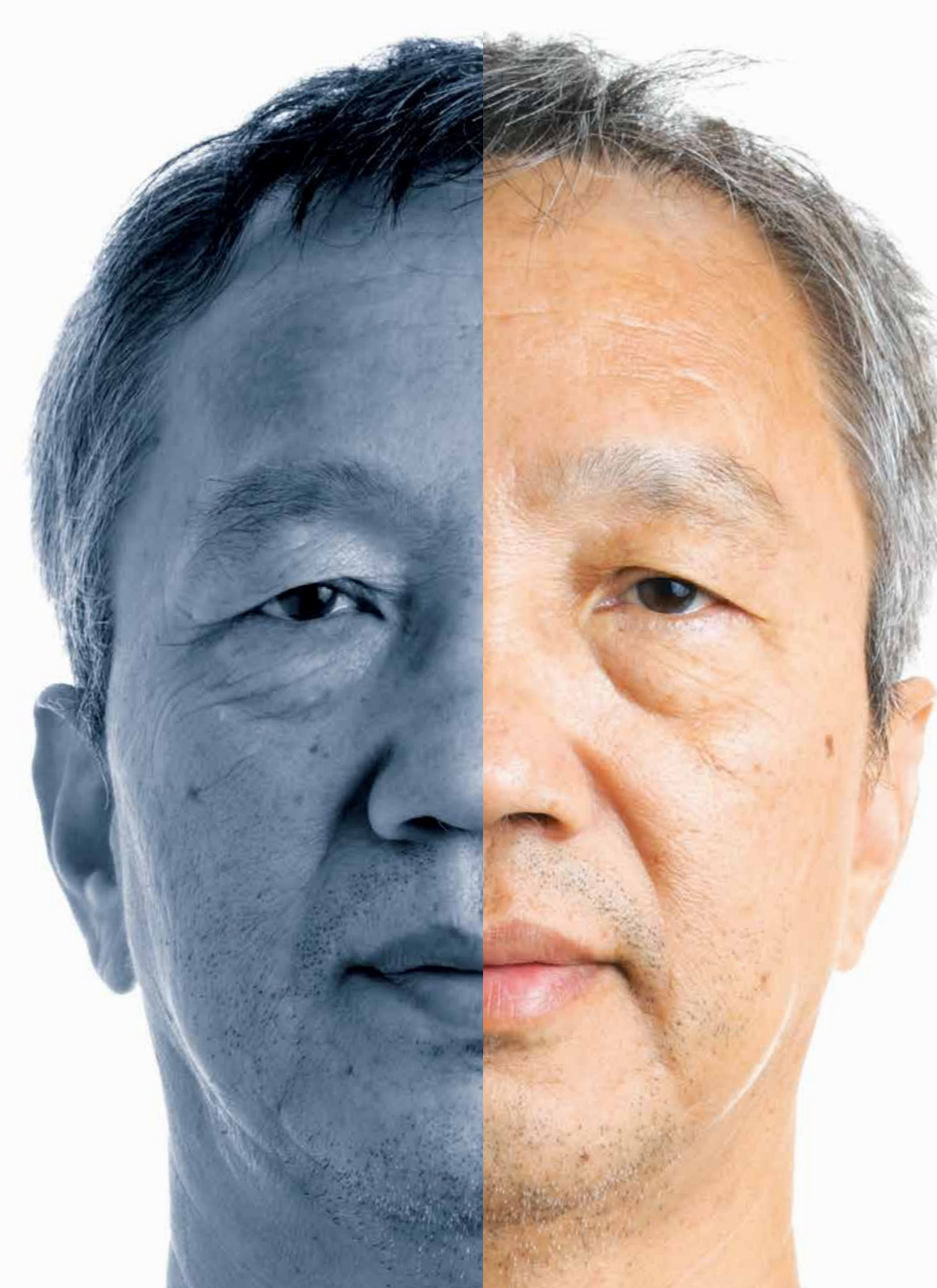
INVEST IN HEPATITIS

**Think hepatitis is under control?
Think again.**



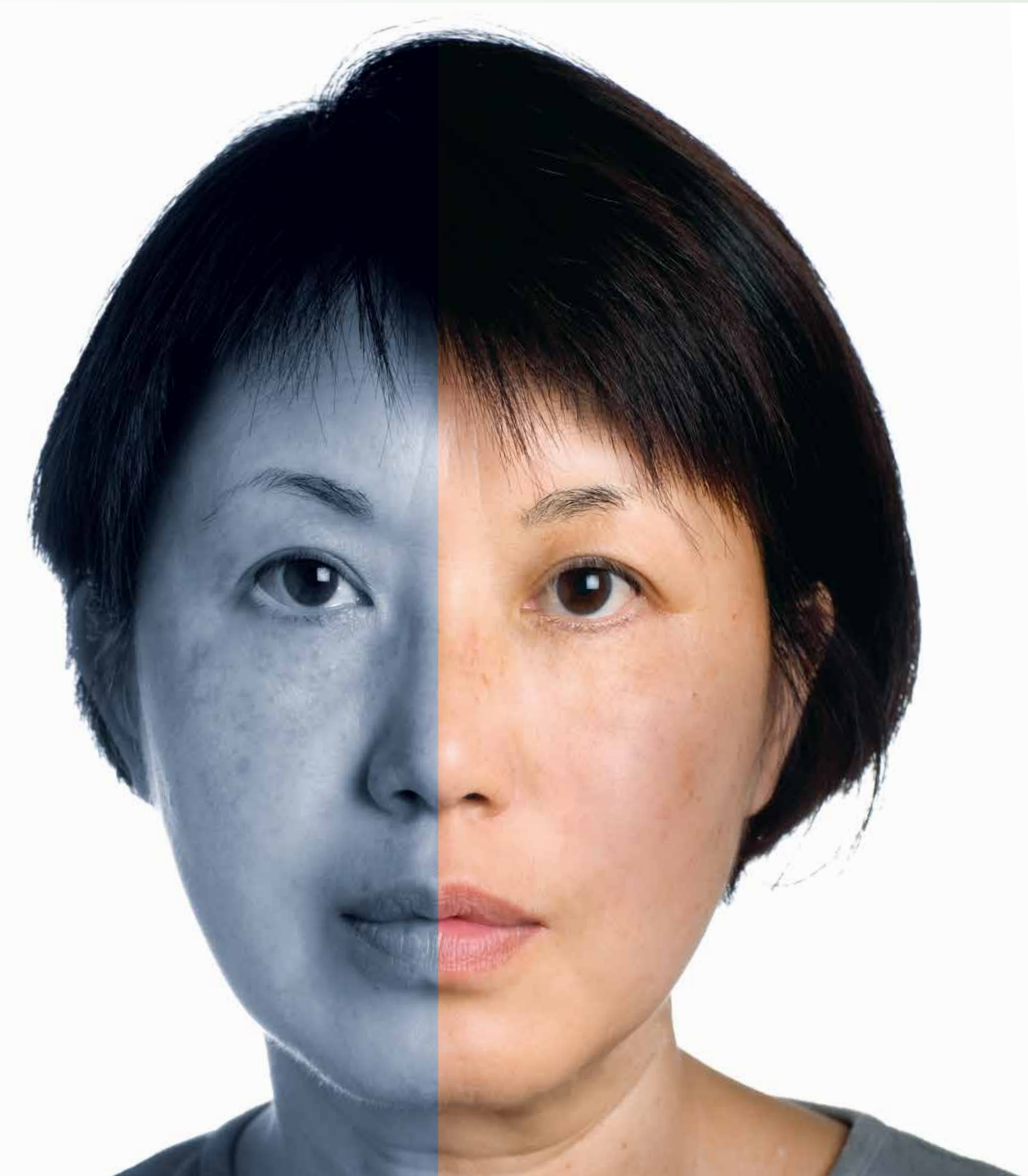
Globally, 1.4 million people die of hepatitis every year, a figure similar to AIDS deaths.

Chronic hepatitis B and C are the leading causes of liver cancer, which is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in the Western Pacific Region.



Immunization programmes alone cannot solve the problem. Hepatitis B immunization is not universal, and there is no vaccine for hepatitis C.

In the Asia Pacific Region, effective medications for treating hepatitis are often unavailable or inaccessible.



**Comprehensive national action plans
are urgently needed.**

Invest now to fight viral hepatitis.

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