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Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
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Hong Kong

Dear Sirs,

Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005

We, Hong Kong Indoor Air Quality Association (HKIAQA), notice that the discussion on the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005 (the Bill) is under progress. We would like to express our views on the Bill and the legislative progress.

Hong Kong Indoor Air Quality Association (HKIAQA), is a non-profit making organization formed in 2002. It aims to promote better indoor air quality in Hong Kong and to align and provide a better communication and collaboration channel among the local indoor air quality service providers and organizations engaged in the indoor air quality related business. We concern smoking at indoor environment for its greatly deteriorating the indoor air quality of air-conditioned premises and impact to the public health. In addition, it is widely known that environmental tobacco smoke contains more than 6,000 chemicals which are harmful to human beings.

While we greatly appreciate the Bill on further banning of smoking in indoor environment, we are also aware that the Bill cannot be put forward to formal legislation in the near future due to pressure from various parties with vested interest. The HKIAQA would express their unreserved support to the Bill and legislation, and would request the Bills Committee not to water down the legislative effect of the proposed Bill.

We would like to summarize our views and opinion of the Bill as follows:

- a) In order to protect the public health, especially the elderly, children, pregnant women, workers at such indoor public places, smoking shall not be allowed at all indoor and covered areas;
- b) The bill and legislation shall cover all indoor public places including all restaurants, Karaoke shops, sauna shops, with no exemption or grace period given;
- c) Special smoking rooms shall not be allowed in all indoor public places since we consider smoke contaminated air will unavoidably pollute the indoor air;
- d) In the long run, the Government shall consider banning of import of all cigarette products to Hong Kong.



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We would most appreciate if the Bills Committee Members and the Legislative Council could consider our concerns and recommendation. We would be happy to further discuss with you on this matter if such is required. Lastly, we sincerely hope that the Bill will be put forward to formal legislation the soonest.

Yours sincerely,
For and on behalf of
Hong Kong Indoor Air Quality Association Ltd

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