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Legislative Council Panel on Health Services

**Centre for Health Protection
Strategic Plan on
Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases 2007-2009**

Purpose

This paper sets out the strategic plan on the prevention and control of communicable diseases of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) for 2007-2009.

Background

2. The CHP was set up on 1 June 2004 as a new public health infrastructure under the Department of Health with a mission to achieve effective prevention and control of diseases in Hong Kong in collaboration with local and international stakeholders. Guided by three strategic directions, namely real-time surveillance, rapid intervention and responsive risk communication, the CHP has made significant progress towards achieving its objectives and key strategies in the prevention and control of communicable diseases for 2004-2006.

The Strategic Plan

3. In moving ahead, the CHP will build on the foundation established and continue to work towards these three strategic directions in the prevention and control of communicable diseases. The objectives

identified are:

- (a) to further strengthen infectious disease surveillance system and network;
- (b) to further enhance the preparedness for public health emergencies;
- (c) to contain outbreaks of infectious diseases effectively;
- (d) to raise stakeholders' awareness of and preparedness for public health threats; and
- (e) to provide high quality and professional public health protection services.

A copy of the CHP Strategic Plan on Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases 2007-2009, which has just been promulgated, is attached.

Advice sought

4. Members are invited to note the strategic plan on the prevention and control of communicable diseases of the CHP for 2007-2009.

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