

Hong Kong Biotechnology Organization Limited

香港生物科技協會有限公司

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Legislative Council Bills Committee on
Genetically Modified Organisms (Control of Release)
Legislative Council,
Hong Kong.

Dear Sir / Madam,

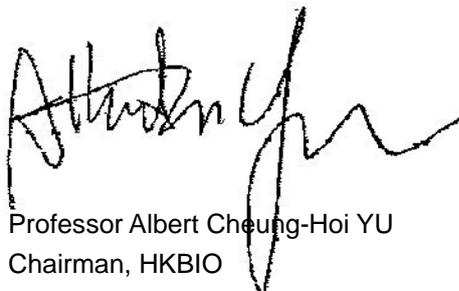
I write on behalf of the Hong Kong Biotechnology Organization Limited (HKBIO) to express our opinion on the Genetic Modified Organism (Control of Release) Bill and the extension of Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety.

We are a non-profit making organization aimed towards promoting Hong Kong's biotechnology industry and research development, opening up opportunities to broaden and strengthen our support of our members and affiliates, communicating benefits and values of biotechnology to the global community.

HKBIO advocates the support of the GMO Bill and shall provide for effective participation in any future legislation administration or policy measures concerning herein for the Hong Kong Government through access to the brains trust of the biotechnology industry, scientific and technical expertise in safety and environment as well as public health. We believe the government's proposal to extend the Convention and the Protocol to Hong Kong is a positive movement shared amongst the international community including China, facilitating scientific development under international practices.

With many of the challenging issues we face today, there is tremendous benefit to be seen in Hong Kong following international practices for the growth and advancement of the biotechnology industry and applying the resources so that it serves the needs of global sustainable development. HKBIO looks forward to interact on various intricate issues pertaining to the GMO Bill, offering our network of appropriate experts who will be glad to provide relevant comments.

Yours sincerely,



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