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Amendment Bill 2005

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Dear Sirs,

**Submission from the Government Doctors' Association
on the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005**

The Government Doctors' Association represents Government Doctors and Dentists working in the Department of Health of the HKSAR Government or the Hospital Authority.

As a professional organization, we stand for the betterment of health care in Hong Kong.

In connection with the **Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005**, the GDA would like to submit our opinions as follows:

1. The health hazards caused by exposures to secondhand smoke are well established.
2. The Government Doctors' Association (GDA) supports the principle of the Bill to provide for protection against secondhand smoking in indoor workplace and public places.
3. The GDA agrees that smoking should be prohibited in all residential care homes for the elderly, residential treatment centres, out-patient clinics and hospitals for the health benefits of patients, residents, elders and staff members therein.
4. The GDA supports the empowering of Tobacco Control Officer (TCO) inspectors to deal with offences in the Ordinance.
5. The GDA agrees that the visual impact from health warnings required on the packets of tobacco products should be further enhanced.

Our organization shares the same vision with the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau, the Department of Health, the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health in safe-guarding the general health of our community.

Yours faithfully,



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Chairman