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Dear Sir.

Legislative Proposals to Strengthen Tobacco Control

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The Hong Kong College of Community Medicine (HKCCM) lends full support to the strengthening of measures for tobacco control proposed by the Panel on

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Health Services at its meeting on May 18, 2015 (LC Paper No. CB (2)1456/14-15(07)). HKCCM is one of the Colleges under the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. We are responsible for the accreditation and training of Community

Smoking remains the single most important preventable cause of death and diseases in Hong Kong. Despite a gradual downward trend over the decades,

greater than 10% of the population aged over 15 years (i.e., roughly 650,000

Pictorial warnings in Hong Kong were introduced in 2007 and they have not

changed since then. In line with Guidelines by the World Health Organization (WHO), there is a global trend of health authorities to increase the size of these

warnings and the number of messages contained therein to alert smokers of

health hazards. We support the Administration's proposal for Hong Kong to

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people) still smoke on a daily basis. The proposed measures are a much needed step in the right direction. M em bers

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(a) Health Warnings on Tobacco Products

adopt similar measures in this regard.

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(b) Smoking Ban at Bus Interchange (BIs) at Tunnels Portal Areas

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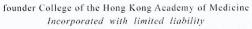
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This measure will protect large numbers of passengers using such facilities every day from the health hazards of second-hand smoke. We believe it will be welcomed and supported by the public at large.



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The potential health hazards of electronic cigarettes are being increasingly

recognized worldwide, as evidenced by concerns from the WHO and regulatory

measures from some advanced economies. In particular, there are questions about their safety (e.g., toxic/irritant substances contained in the vapor) and their

lure to young people to pick up smoking habit. In view of its uprising trend, we

support appropriate measures at this juncture to curb the health hazards of



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Yours sincerely,

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