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**Re: new tobacco control measures**

In related to the anti-smoking proposal submitted to the Health Services Panel of Legislative Council on 18 May 2015, our Society would like to express our strong support to these measures. As medical professionals, we are all aware of the potential detrimental effects of smoking to people's health, no matter it is through first hand, second hand or even third hand smoking.

Over the years, different anti-smoking strategies have been implemented by the HKSAR Government but we noted that there are still new ways emerging in promotion smoking in the community. Therefore, the newly proposed measures by the Tobacco Control Office are designed to cover these loopholes. The new strategies include: 1) increasing the size of pictorial health warning to 85%; 2) regulation of e-cigarettes; and 3) extension of smoking ban to bus interchange at tunnel portal area. We support these new strategies and believe that it can help to prevent children from exposing to second or third hand smoking that may jeopardize their short and long term health.

In the "Summit on Child Health and the Environment" organized by our Society and the Hong Kong Paediatric Foundation in October 2014, a special session was dedicated to "Tobacco and Impact of Second-hand Smoke on Children's Health". With the advice from international and local experts, we have drawn the following suggestions:

- 1) Protection of children from any form of tobacco exposure;
- 2) Legislation to prohibit smoking in vehicles with children inside;
- 3) Increasing tobacco tax to encourage smoking cessation in the population;

4) Development of a curriculum on environmental health for undergraduate medical students and postgraduate healthcare professionals.

The Hong Kong Paediatric Society is a professional body established since 1962 and dedicated to promotion of child health and child advocacy. We urge all the healthcare professionals and the community as a whole to work together to safeguard a healthy environment for our children to grow and to develop.

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