

ASIAN VAPING ASSOCIATION

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Date: 29th June 2015

Re: In reference to panel on Health Services to be held on 6th July 2015.

Dear Honorable members of the Health Panel,

Kindly allow me to introduce myself. My name is Nav Lalji and today I am here representing the Asian Vape Association.

The **Asian Vape Association** is a not-for-profit organization comprised of consumers and supporters of the electronic-cigarette industry and it's products. As an organization our objectives are to safeguard e-cigarette consumer interests and promote responsible use and sale of e-cigarette products.

In light of the recent concerns over e-cigarettes and the COSH recommendation urging the Hong Kong Government to ban e-cigarettes completely. We would like ask the Health Panel to reconsider the total ban and instead we propose to start an open dialog to discuss how to improve safety and regulate the sales or e-cigarettes products in the interest of public health and safety.

We believe the following five steps can be taken in order to protect the interests of public health and safety.

- Prohibiting Sale to minors
- Responsible Labeling and Packaging
- Establishing Manufacturing and Quality Practices
- Continuous Scientific Research
- Public Education

For and on behalf of Asian Vape Association,



Nav Lalji, Chairman