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Panel on Health Services

Legislative Council Secretariat

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Via

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We are delighted to learn that the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health are proposing stronger measures on Tobacco Control, and would like to express our support on some of the suggestions.

There has been a wide consensus that smoking has a profound and detrimental effect on health and tobacco use is causing globally millions of life per year. Tobacco use remains as the lingering habit of many people and prevalence of diseases in the world; it should be banned immediately and unconditionally from all walks of life.

The government has by far the crucial role both in promoting public awareness on the adverse effects of smoking as well as in generating policies that are responsive to the health concerns of the public domain. Consequently, we appeal

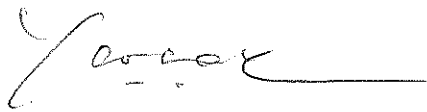
- (1) the government's determination to enlarge the pictorial health warnings to at least 85% of the cigarette pack area and increase the number of forms of health warning messages to twelve on the cigarette pack.
- (2) By further prohibiting smoking at bus interchanges located within tunnel portal areas, the government, we believed, is on the right track to protect civilians from secondhand smoke in public space.
- (3) In view of the recent surge in the selling and use of e-cigarette, we are deeply concerned that the war on smoking has been deflected to an unknown battleground where little research has been done on its contents and the effects on the users. We believe all forms of tobacco use are deadly and therefore, we

appeal to the government on legislating clear and strict regulations on the production, sales and use of such merchandise in the market.

We are looking forward for a better collaboration with the government on fighting for a smoke-free environment in Hong Kong.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yim-wah Mak', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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