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To: Panel of Health Services of Legislative Council

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Submission to Support the Proposal to Amend the Health Warnings on Packets and Retail Containers of Tobacco Products

On behalf of the Hong Kong Health Education and Health Promotion Foundation (HEP), I would like to submit our views on the captioned subject at the LegCo Deputation Meeting on Health Warnings on 23rd May, 2017.

HEP was established in 1999 by the first Director of the Department of Health, the late Professor Lee Shiu Hung. We aim at promoting community health through public education, professional training, and research as well as service development with multi-disciplinary and multi-sectorial approach.

In regard to the subject for this panel meeting, we have consulted our council members, which include doctors, nurses, school teachers and principals, nutritionist, businessman at food industry, etc. We have our consensus to support the proposal to enlarge the size of health warning to at least 85% of the cigarette pack area and increase the number of forms of health warning to twelve or more.

These amendments have been well documented with scientific evidences as effective measures to reduce smoking and the attractiveness of tobacco. On the other hand, they also helped to improve the public knowledge on health hazards of smoking.

Furthermore, the discussion of this proposal has commenced since 2015. It definitely should not have any delay to enact the proposed amendments. The later the enactment would only result in much more negative impact towards the public health.

Please consider our views and we are looking forward to working closely with the government for better community health.

Yours sincerely,

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