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Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: Proposal to amend the health warnings on packets and retail containers of tobacco products ("the Proposal")

Hong Kong Patients' Voices ("HKPV") was formed in 2015 with a mission to advocating better healthcare service to patients while collaborating with stakeholders.

We have had the benefit of reading the relevant papers submitted by the government to the Legco Panel on Health Service on the subject and wish to express our following views.

1. HKPV supports the Proposal for it is necessary to further reduce the number of smoking population in Hong Kong although tougher measures, such as increment of tax on tobacco, could also be done to achieve better results. Meanwhile, enforcement of smoking ban should also be enhanced to reduce smoking at various locations, such as bars, restaurants, amusement centres etc, affecting the health of others.
2. It is a known fact that smoking can cause a number of diseases, including cancer and other chronic diseases, and thus putting enormous pressure on the public healthcare system as more and more resources (including healthcare professionals and medicines) have to be spare to deal with the problems. It is unfair for taxpayers (and other patients) to foot the bills for curing diseases arisen from or as a result of smoking as a habit.
3. HKPV urges the government to consider all other possible measures to reduce the number of smokers and hopes the Legco members to support the Proposal to make Hong Kong a smoke-free and healthy city of the world.

Yours very truly,

Alex Lam

Alex Lam
Chairman

願景 Vision

貫徹人本醫療，
落實病人參與

To actualize
Patient-Centered
Healthcare
with patient
involvement

使命 Mission

代表病人發聲、
培訓病人領袖、
促進各方協作、
實踐全民健康。

Voice for patients;
Train up patient
leaders;
Collaborate with
stakeholders;
Put universal
health coverage
in practice.