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Panel on Health Services
Legislative Council Complex
1 Legislative Council Road
Central, Hong Kong

Dear Prof. Hon LEE,

**Response to Proposal to Amend the Health Warnings on Packets and
Retail Containers of Tobacco Products**

The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine is a statutory body for the accreditation and training of medical and dental specialists in Hong Kong, and has been serving to foster postgraduate specialist training for over 20 years.

In regard to the subject for the special meeting of the Panel on Health Services to be held on 17 January 2017, the Academy has consulted its Council including the 15 constituent specialty Colleges. There is unanimous support of the Government's proposal to amend the prescribed forms (including specifications) of the health warnings, the size and number of the health warnings, and messages for the packet or retail container of cigarettes and tobacco products.

The Academy applauds the Government's continuous tobacco control efforts in safeguarding public health. We look forward to closer collaboration with the Government, with the ultimate aim in improving the quality of public healthcare system in Hong Kong.

Yours sincerely,

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