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Panel on Health Services Legislative Council Hong Kong Special  
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Re: Graphic Tobacco Warnings in Hong Kong

Dear Panel Members,

Cigarette smoking is, without question, the leading cause of preventable death. Researchers in Hong Kong and around the world are in agreement. There is mounting evidence that warning labels can motivate current smokers to quit and prevent youth from ever picking up cigarettes.

I support the government proposal to upgrade the current pack warnings as the profound impact that these graphic and candid messages is clear. Taking steps now to ensure the proposal, as described in LC Paper No. CB(2)386/16-17(05), passes, will save lives.

Thank you for considering this opinion.

Yours, Sincerely,

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