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Dear Professor Chan,

Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019(Amendment Bill)

The Hong Kong College of Community and Public Health Nursing (HKCCPHN) is pleased that the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2019 (Amendment Bill) has been passed in the Legislative Council today. Upon the passage of the Bill, the import, manufacture, sale, distribution and advertisement of alternative smoking products (ASPs), including e-cigarettes, heated tobacco products and herbal cigarettes, would be prohibited.

Being healthcare professionals, we fully understand and witness the harm of cigarettes on people health and highly addictive. Scientific evidence showed that all tobacco products are harmful to health with increased risk of disease such as lung cancer, coronary heart disease and stroke. Exposure to secondhand and third-hand smoke may casually linked to cancer, respiratory and cardiovascular diseases, and have adverse effects on the health of pregnant women and fetus, infants and children. Emerging researches showed that the presence of harmful and carcinogenic substances in alternative smoking products, and e-cigarettes contain nicotine and are addictive. Like all other addictive products, it can lead to the use of other addictive.

Substances leading to reduce impulse control, deficits in attention and cognition, and mood disorders. Besides, young starter of e-cigarettes users tend to progress using combusted products in their later lives.

With all those harmful effects on people health, no commercial interest should be weighed over the health of people, particularly on next generation. We strongly support the Government stringent measures to TOTAL BAN of all alternative smoking products. It is certainly protecting the public health at a high level. .

Yours Sincerely,



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