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A press release issued by The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing (HKAN) on 10 October 2018 in response to the Chief Executive's 2018 Policy Address.

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The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing welcomes CE's 2018 Policy Address to safeguard Hong Kong citizens' healthcare, particularly on (1) primary health care (2) total ban on e-cigarettes and new tobacco products (3) mental health (4) prevention of cancer (5) regulation of nursing specialties

The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing, composed of 14 Specialty Colleges, would like to make the following recommendations based on the above 5 points:

- 1. Primary health care**
District Health Centre is operated through district-based, medical-social collaboration and public-private partnership to provide services in health promotion, health assessment, chronic disease management and community rehabilitation. The use of nurse clinics can optimize the effects of health promotion and health protection in the community.
- 2. Total ban on e-cigarettes and new tobacco products**
The total ban of import, sales and promotion of e-cigarette and other new smoking products is vital to the health of youths and adolescents. The government should insist on the legislation of full ban and conduct public education to strike out illegal sales.
- 3. Mental health**
Mental wellbeing of individuals is an important component of overall community health. The government should inject resources to strengthen the community mental health nursing services to facilitate rehabilitation and social reintegration of mental health clients.
- 4. Cancer prevention**
While we appreciate the government-commissioned study to identify risk factors associated with breast cancer for women, promotion and public education on self-examination of breast should be conducted broadly to the public.
- 5. Regulation of nursing specialties**
In order to maintain the excellent health care services in Hong Kong, retention and cultivation of talents as well as managing the contemporary complex health care delivery services, the regulation of advanced practising nurses in specialty areas is necessary and is in alignment with international development. This is also for the protection of public safety. The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing sets standards, accredits curriculum and certifies examinations for advanced practice nurses in different specialty areas and can help to support the government in this endeavor.

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