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The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing supports the Government to totally ban on the sale of alternative smoking products and promote the smoking cessation campaign facilitating a smoke-free world

31st May 2022 is the World No Tobacco Day. The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing (HKAN) welcomes the Alternative Smoking Products (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance which came into effect on 30 April 2022. In view of the popularity of alternative smoking products among adolescents, HKAN urges the Government to focus on 1) helping the general public currently taking e-cigarettes and heated cigarettes to quit smoking, 2) investigating and studying the behaviors and trends of young people taking various smoking products. The collected data will facilitate formulation of policies to dovetail tobacco control policy in a timely manner.

The HK Census and Statistics Department announced in May 2022 that about 601,300 people in Hong Kong had daily smoking habits, accountable for 9.8% of the total population at aged 15 and above. People who were accustomed to daily smoking smoked an average of 12.7 traditional cigarettes per day. The survey also found that 17,500 people habitually smoked e-cigarettes on a daily basis, increased by 1.1%.

Smoking is the top cause of people getting sick and died in Hong Kong with an estimated number of more than 5,500 deaths each year. Smoking hazardous to health is well known to public, yet some people continued to smoke. The Government should strengthen every effort to regulate cigarettes and other tobacco products.

The World Health Organization opine that raising cigarette prices through higher tobacco taxes is the most effective tobacco control measure. HKAN deeply appreciate the Secretary for Food and Health allocating additional resources to launch smoking cessation workshops, and urges the Government-Elect to review the tobacco tax, allocate adequate resources for the health care teams to launch smoking cessation seminars, to establish more no-smoking areas so that the non-smoker group continue to expand.

The Hong Kong Academy of Nursing fully supports the government to lay strict and total ban on the sale of tobacco and alternative smoking products, promote smoking cessation campaigns thus to safeguard the health of our next generation by achieving tobacco endgame.

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