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To: All Club Certificate of Compliance Holders or Responsible Persons
All Holders of Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence
All Operators of Amusement Game Centre

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Latest Directions by the Secretary for Food and Health
published on 13 July 2020**

The epidemic situation of COVID-19 in Hong Kong has undergone drastic changes recently. The recent emergence of local cases of unknown infection source indicates the existence of sustained silent transmission in the community. The latest public health risk assessment shows that the risk of a large-scale outbreak is extremely high. In view of signs of further deterioration of the epidemic situation, the Government considers that there is a need to further tighten social distancing measures.

2. The Secretary for Food and Health (the Secretary) issued new directions, under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) (“Regulation”). Among the directions, it **takes effect from 15 July 2020 to 21 July 2020, for a period of 7 days** that –

- (a) scheduled premises including club-houses (excluding catering premises), mah-jong/tin kau premises, and those amusement game centres under the definition stipulated in the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435) should be closed; and
- (b) a person responsible for carrying on a catering business (including catering premises in club-houses) is generally required to cease selling or supplying food or drink for consumption on the premises of the business from 6pm to 4.59am of the subsequent day; and close any premises, or part of the premises, on which food or drink is sold or supplied by the business for consumption on the premises. The premises concerned may still sell or supply food and/or drink for takeaway services and deliveries. In addition, the number of customers at any catering premises must not exceed 50% of the normal seating capacity of the premises. No more than 4 persons may be seated together at one table within any catering premises.

3. For details of the latest directions, please refer to the Government press release published on 14 July 2020 (www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202007/14/P2020071400010.htm).

4. The Office of the Licensing Authority of the Home Affairs Department will conduct inspections to various premises to ascertain the compliance to the directions. Since the epidemic situation could fluctuate, special arrangements may have to be re-introduced at short notice. Please continue to pay attention to further updates available on the website of the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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