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To: Holders of Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence

Dear Sir/Madam,

Government tightens social distancing measures in view of latest epidemic situation

The Government announced on 5 January 2022¹ that social distancing measures will be tightened from 7 January 2022 for a period of 14 days to 20 January 2022 in view of the development of COVID-19 epidemic situation in Hong Kong with a view to containing the epidemic as early as possible.

2. For the above-mentioned period, the Government will tighten social distancing measures to the most stringent level as seen during the third and fourth waves of the epidemic, with a view to reducing public traffic, social functions and crowd gatherings to the greatest extent. This serves to curb the spread of the virus in the community through discouraging members of the public from going out and joining activities unnecessarily. Relevant measures will apply to all **catering business**² and **scheduled premises**³ regulated under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F), including **all Mahjong/Tin Kau premises must suspend operation during the above period.**

3 The Office of the Licensing Authority under the Home Affairs Department will conduct inspections to various premises under its purview to ascertain the full compliance to the requirement. Since the epidemic situation could change at anytime, 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 of the Department of Health.

¹ The relevant Government Press Release is accessible at www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202201/05/P2022010500859.htm

² For specification and directions in relation to catering business, please see the Government Notice No. 28 of 2022 which is accessible at www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20222606e/egn2022260628.pdf

³ For directions in relation to scheduled premises, please see the Government Notice No. 29 of 2022 which is accessible at www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/pdf/20222606e/egn2022260629.pdf

4. To safeguard public health and tackle the public health threat posed by the mutant strains, we appeal to the trades to co-operate and comply with the relevant requirements in order to curb the spread of the virus in the community.

Yours faithfully,

(signed)

(Ms. Anny LAW)

for Chief Officer (Licensing Authority)
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