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To: 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 30 November 2020**

The local COVID-19 epidemic situation is serious. There have been over few hundred confirmed cases reported from the large outbreak cluster caused by group gathering activities in indoor premises. A considerable number of local cases with unknown source have indicated the existence of many silent transmission chains in the community. The Government considers that there is a need to further tighten the social distancing measures, targeting those closed, crowded, closely-contacted, and mask-off leisure and entertainment group activities.

2. The Secretary for Food and Health issued new directions on 30 November 2020, under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). Among the directions, it takes effect from **2 December 2020 to 15 December 2020**, for a period of 14 days that the following premises must be closed –

- (a) mah-jong/tin kau premises; and
- (b) those amusement game centres under the definition stipulated in the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance (Cap. 435).

3. For details of the further tightening of social distancing measures under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance and the summary of the latest directions, please refer to the Government press release¹ published on 1 December 2020 and the Government Notice published in Government Gazette².

¹ Government press release published on 1 December 2020: www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202012/01/P2020120100068.htm

² Government Notice published in Government Gazette on 30 November 2020:
www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/volume.php?year=2020&vol=24&no=117&extra=1&type=0

4. The Office of the Licensing Authority of the Home Affairs Department will step up 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 of the Department of Health. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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