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To: All Club Certificate of Compliance Holders or Responsible Persons

Dear Sir/Madam,

Latest Directions by the Secretary for Food and Health published on 27 August 2020 (Government begins to relax social distancing measures in a gradual and orderly manner)

The situation of COVID-19 outbreak in Hong Kong and the number of confirmed cases have slightly stabilised in the last week, but remain very volatile. Under the new normal, the general public must accept that there would be sporadic cases and clusters in the community from time to time. We cannot and should not wait until there is no confirmed case in the community for an extended period of time before considering relaxation of social distancing measures. The Government will, having regard to the latest development of the epidemic situation and risk assessment, relax social distancing measures under a refined and sophisticated approach in a gradual and orderly manner in phases so as to allow social and economic activities to resume. The first phase of relaxation would include re-opening of indoor premises for passive activities where the risk is relatively easy to manage as well as outdoor sports premises for activities involving little physical contact.

- 2. The Secretary for Food and Health published the latest directions on 27 August 2020 under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions)(Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). Among the directions given, club-houses must be closed. However, the following facilities in club-houses (if any) may be open subject to the relevant requirements and restrictions¹:
 - (a) Premises on which food and drinks is sold or supplied by the business for consumption on the premises (catering premises);

Please refer to the Government press release published on 27 August 2020 (www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202008/27/P2020082700033.htm).

- (b) Beauty parlour;
- (c) Outdoor sports premises (namely athletic tracks in sports grounds, tennis courts and tennis practice courts, golf courses, golf driving ranges and practice greens, bowling greens, shooting ranges, archery ranges, cycling parks, horse riding schools and radio-controlled model aircraft flying fields); and
- (d) Cinema.
- 3. The latest directions will be effective from 28 August 2020 to 3 September 2020, for a period of seven days. For details of the relaxation of certain social distancing measures under Prevention and Control of Disease Ordinance and the summary of the latest directions, please refer to the Government press release published on 27 August 2020 (www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202008/27/P2020082700033.htm).
- 4. Since the epidemic situation could still 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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