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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 2 September 2020 (Government continues to relax social distancing measures in a gradual and orderly manner)

Following the first phase of relaxation last week to extend the dine-in service hours for catering businesses and re-open some of the scheduled premises, the Government has decided to, starting from this Friday (September 4), further extend the dine-in service hours and re-open more scheduled premises including fitness centres, some of the places of amusement, club-houses (except for those premises and facilities that must remain closed under Cap. 599F), massage establishments as well as indoor and outdoor sports premises for activities involving little physical contact in order to resume more social and economic activities and provide more opportunities for the general public to exercise to maintain physical and mental health so that the public will be fit to continue to combat the epidemic.

- 2. The Secretary for Food and Health published the latest directions on 2 September 2020 under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions)(Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F). Among the directions given, club-houses may be open subject to the relevant requirements and restrictions. However, the following premises and facilities in club-houses (if any) must be closed:
 - (a) Amusement game centre;
 - (b) Bathhouse;
 - (c) Party room;
 - (d) Club or nightclub;
 - (e) Karaoke establishment;

- (f) Mahjong-tin kau premises;
- (g) Swimming pool;
- (h) Steam and sauna facilities; and
- (i) Ball pits.
- 3. Also, catering premises, fitness centre, place of amusement, beauty parlour, massage establishment, the specified indoor and outdoor sports premises as well as cinema in club-houses may be open subject to compliance with the respective restrictions and requirements applicable to the premises.
- 4. The latest directions will be effective from 4 September 2020 to 10 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 2 September 2020 and the Government Notice published in Government Gazette².
- 5. 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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¹ Government press release published on 2 September 2020: www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202009/02/P2020090200757.htm

² Government Notice published in Government Gazette on 2 September 2020: www.gld.gov.hk/egazette/english/gazette/volume.php?year=2020&vol=24&no=77&extra=1&type=0