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To: All Hotel/Guesthouse/Holiday Flat/Holiday Camp Licensees

Dear Sir/Madam,

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome and Local Dengue Fever Case

In view of the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) situation and the local dengue fever case, we enclose health education pamphlets and posters related to MERS and dengue fever, and would like to appeal for your support in promoting health messages about prevention of both diseases.

MERS

The Government has activated the “Serious” Response Level under the Government’s Preparedness Plan for the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) on 8 June 2015.

The Department of Health (DH) advises the public to avoid unnecessary travel to Korea, in particular, those with chronic illnesses. Travellers in Korea and the Middle-East should avoid unnecessary visit to healthcare facilities. Travellers in the Middle-East should avoid going to farms, barns or markets with camels, and avoid contact with sick persons and animals, especially camels, birds or poultry.

Please visit the Centre for Health Protection’s MERS webpage (http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/26511.html) for updated information, including:

- disease situation;
- travel health advice;
- guidelines on the prevention of MERS, and
- online version of the educational resources.

More information on MERS is also available at:

- The CHP Facebook Page (www.fb.com/CentreforHealthProtection);
- The CHP YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/c/ChpGovHkChannel) ;
and
- Travel Health Service of DH (www.travelhealth.gov.hk).

Dengue Fever

The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of DH announced on 2 June 2015 that a local case of dengue fever was confirmed. DH advises the public to adopt mosquito control and personal protective measures both locally and during travel, maintain good environmental hygiene and prevent accumulation of stagnant water to remove breeding grounds. Anyone feeling unwell after returning from a trip should seek medical advice as soon as possible and provide travel details to their doctors.

The public may also visit websites about Dengue Fever below for more information:

- The CHP Website (www.chp.gov.hk) ;
- The CHP Facebook Page (www.fb.com/CentreforHealthProtection);
- The CHP YouTube Channel
(www.youtube.com/c/ChpGovHkChannel) ;
- Travel Health Service of DH (www.travelhealth.gov.hk) ; and
- The FEHD's Guidebook on Control and Prevention of Mosquito Breeding
(www.fehd.gov.hk/english/safefood/handbook_prev_mos_breeding.html).

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

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