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To: Licensee of All Non-Food Premises/ Permittee of All Food Premises

**Precautionary Measures against
Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)**

As you are aware, there are recently confirmed SARS cases in Guangzhou. In Hong Kong, we should always stay alert and step up precautionary measures against the return of SARS.

The measures should include stepping up the cleaning and maintenance of all the ventilation systems on the premises, and paying more attention to food safety and the health condition of staff. If an employee has developed respiratory symptoms, he or she should cease working and seek medical consultation immediately. To safeguard public health, premises should regularly be cleaned, and all the facilities and equipment should also be disinfected.

Staff of these premises should maintain good personal hygiene habits, wash their hands frequently, cover the nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing to prevent droplet spread.

You may recall that last year this Department issued to you letters on precautionary measures against SARS including those relating to rodent and pest controls. These measures are still applicable and you should continue to observe them closely.

We trust that you will continue to respond positively to our appeal and contribute to the efforts of our community to prevent the return of SARS.

Should you have any enquiries on the matter, please feel free to contact our Senior Health Inspector, Mr. /Ms. _____ on Tel. _____.

Yours faithfully,
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for Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene