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The Managements of Cinemas, Theatres,
Restaurants, Night Clubs, Bars,
Discotheques, Internet Computer Services Centres,
Karaoke, Massage Establishments &
Other Places of Public Assembly & Entertainment.

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Fire Safety in Places of Public Assembly & Entertainment

With the festive season drawing near, I am writing to seek your cooperation to protect your premises against the perils of fire by following the simple basic rules below:

- (i) **reduce fire risk** by ensuring electrical installations and circuits are not overloaded. It is the main cause of fires in places of public assembly and entertainment and can be prevented by employing registered electrical contractors/electrical workers to carry out regular inspection and maintenance work;
- (ii) **avoid discharge of special effects materials of pyrotechnic/ fireworks** of any nature on your premises without the approval of the licensing authorities, which is against the law and bears criminal liability. It is also a fire hazard and may result in serious consequences;
- (iii) **avoid use of colour dust/powder** on your premises without the approval of the licensing authority / relevant departments. Such colour dust/powder may pose undue life/fire risk to patrons and may result in serious consequences;
- (iv) **reduce the quantity of combustibles** inside your premises by clearing rubbish frequently. Please be aware that rigid foam packaging materials, when set on fire, will burn fiercely and produce large volume of dense and toxic smoke;

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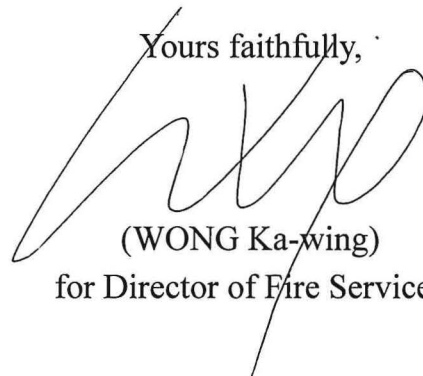
- (v) **avoid overcrowding** by controlling the number of customers inside your premises;
- (vi) **keep the fire service installations free from obstruction and in efficient working order** in your building or premises. Your staff should be well conversant with their operation; and
- (vii) **do not obstruct any means of escape or lock any exits.** Sections 14 and 15 of Fire Services (Fire Hazard Abatement) Regulation stipulate that obstruction or locking of means of escape is a direct offence. Any person who is found guilty of such offence shall be liable :
- on a first conviction to a fine at level 6 (i.e. \$100,000);
 - on a subsequent conviction, to a fine of \$200,000 and to imprisonment for 1 year; and
 - in any case to a further fine of \$20,000 for each day during which the offence continues.

We look forward to your cooperation in ensuring fire safety in your premises. Should you need further information, or wish to seek further advice on fire safety, please do not hesitate to contact the Licensing Division of the Fire Services Department in accordance with the following districts during **office hours**:

<u>District</u>	<u>Telephone number</u>
Hong Kong and Off-shore Islands	2549 8104
Kowloon West	2302 5339
Kowloon East	3423 9332
New Territories	3423 9328

For **urgent** enquiries **outside office hours** or **reporting** any fire hazards, please contact the Fire Services Communications Centre on the 24-hour telephone hotline **2723 8787**.

Yours faithfully,



(WONG Ka-wing)

for Director of Fire Services

With Chinese translation