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Smoke-free Campus

Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance

1. The Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Bill 2005 was passed into law for implementation with effect from January 1, 2007. The entire university campus (including indoor and outdoor areas), with the exception of certain exempt areas as defined by law (Annex), will be designated as no smoking area with effect from January 1, 2007.

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2. CUHK is committed to providing a safe and healthy work-place, learning and living environment for staff, students and visitors. A smoke-free campus is beneficial to the health and well being of all members of the University. It is imperative for all parties concerned (including staff, students, committee members, visitors, vendors, suppliers and contractors) to be well informed in advance and as frequently as necessary in future about the new statutory requirements. Event organizers should also be well informed so that they can notify their guests and participants to avoid misunderstanding and confusion.

Compliance and Educational Measures

3. The University will make its best efforts to communicate to and help its members and visitors to comply with the new legislation.
 - (a) The following official statement should be included in all invitations to guests, visitors and participants coming to CUHK campus to attend meetings, conferences, symposia and other functions:

*“ Under the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance (Cap.371), the entire campus of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (**including indoor and outdoor areas**) has been designated as no smoking area with effect from January 1, 2007. The Chinese University of Hong Kong is committed to maintaining a smoke-free campus. Thank you for your cooperation.”*

*“ 根據《吸煙（公眾衛生）（修訂）條例》（香港法例第 371 章）規定，由 2007 年 1 月 1 日起，香港中文大學的整個校園（**包括室內及室外地方**）嚴禁吸煙。香港中文大學致力維持無吸煙校園，敬請留意，並惠予合作。”*
 - (b) “No Smoking” signs will be put up at the following locations to remind all people about the new statutory requirements:
 - i) All the vehicular entrances to the campus;
 - ii) KCRC Station entrance;

- iii) Bus stops;
 - iv) Canteens and their outdoor areas;
 - v) Student hostels and guesthouses; and
 - vi) Other suitable locations.
- (c) The University will inform all its members and visitors about the new statutory requirements as early as possible through various channels including official circulars and information leaflets, CUHK Newsletter, University Marketplace, Chinese University Alumni Magazine, student handbooks, staff handbooks, library handbooks, appointment letters, tender documents and letters for contractors and suppliers, as well as notices and information leaflets distributed to invited guests, visitors and participants to the various sites and events on campus (including the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall).
- (d) Departments/units/student hostels should specify in their house rules that smoking will be prohibited on the entire university campus (including all indoor and outdoor areas) with effect from January 1, 2007. Any person found smoking on campus may i) result in penalty under the law; ii) have his/her rights and privileges in the use of part or all of the facilities concerned suspended for a specified period of time or removed completely; iii) be liable to disciplinary action by the University in accordance with the established procedures.
- (e) The University has designated the Director, Security and Transport Office as the “Manager” under the relevant Ordinance in charge of the management and control of the no smoking areas on campus.
- (f) All department chairmen and unit heads are requested to alert people within their department/unit and to urge them to comply with the statutory requirements on no smoking.
- (g) For general enquiries about the new legislation and its application on CUHK campus, please contact the Communications and Public Relations Office at 2609 8899 (by phone) or cpr@cuhk.edu.hk (by email).

Extract from the Smoking (Public Health) (Amendment) Ordinance

“ PART 2 EXEMPT AREAS

Item Type of area

2. *Type 1 private quarters (as defined in Part 3)”*

“ PART 3 INTERPRETATION

“Type 1 private quarters” (第一類私人宿舍) means any premises that comply with the following requirements –

- (a) the premises are the living accommodation provided by an employer to one employee, or to that employee and his family, whether or not any monetary consideration is received by the employer for providing the accommodation;*
- (b) the accommodation is occupied exclusively by that employee, or by him and his family; and*
- (c) the block of building in which the accommodation is situated consists only of such accommodation and the common parts (if any) shared by such accommodation; ”*

Exempt Areas on CUHK Campus

All indoor and outdoor areas of the University are required by law to ban smoking with effect from January 1, 2007. The residential units within the following staff quarters will be exempt areas as defined by law. However, permission to smoke in these premises has to be obtained from the University appointee assigned to reside in the respective residential unit:

- (a) University Residence Nos. 3-4 and 10-17;
- (b) Minor Staff Quarters 1-3;
- (c) Bamboo Lodge, Cypress Lodge, Pine Lodge and Panacea Lodge;
- (d) Vice-Chancellor’s Lodge;
- (e) Staff Quarters A-E, G and S, Chung Chi College*;
- (f) Friendship Lodge, New Asia College*;
- (g) United College Staff Residence, United College*; and
- (h) Ya Qun Lodge, Shaw College*.

** No exemption is granted for the whole block of the building if one or more units of the staff quarters within the said building are used by students or visitors.*

Staff quarters will be considered as “Type 1 Private Quarters” only if the whole block of the building in which the staff accommodation is situated only consists of such staff accommodation. For staff quarters also used by students or visitors, the whole block of the building will not be exempted. No exemption is granted for guesthouses, student hostels and the Warden’s flats situated in a student hostel.