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Dear Secretary of District Council,

Vigilance against Ebola virus disease (EVD)

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared on 8 August 2014 the Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in West Africa a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The Department of Health (DH) has adopted the preventive strategies which are in line with those recommended by WHO. The Centre for Health Protection (CHP) will continue to closely monitor the development of the overseas situation and the latest recommendations provided by WHO.

2. We advise travellers to avoid unnecessary travel to the affected areas. The updated travel alert message has been posted on the websites of the CHP and the DH's Travel Health Service.

3. To heighten public awareness of EVD and its prevention, the CHP has produced health education materials, including pamphlets and health talk slides. Please join in our effort in promoting the health messages to the public through organising promotional activities and disseminating health education pamphlets where appropriate to educate the public on the preventive measures.

----- 4. Enclosed please find health education pamphlets of "Ebola virus disease (EVD)" for communication with your peers, clients and the public. Online version of the educational resources can be downloaded at CHP website (http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/her_list/463/24/34397.html). For more copies of materials, please call Central Health Education Unit at 2572 1476.

5. We would like to solicit your assistance in disseminating the message to District Council members and work associates to update them of the situation and preventive measures. More information on EVD is available at the CHP EVD page (http://www.chp.gov.hk/en/view_content/34199.html), the DH's Travel Health Service (<http://www.travelhealth.gov.hk/english/outbreaknews/outbreaknews.html>) or the WHO's webpage (www.who.int/csr/disease/ebola/en/).

6. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr Emily LEUNG)
for Director of Health

Encl.: Pamphlets of "Ebola virus disease (EVD)"

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