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Dear doctors,

**Regarding Outreach Vaccination Activities in 2019/20**

Thank you very much for your support to vaccination programmes implemented by the Department of Health (DH) in 2018/19. You might have started planning for outreach vaccination activities in 2019/20.

In this regard, we would like to **remind all participating doctors of our vaccination programmes to observe the Code of Professional Conduct** issued by The Medical Council of Hong Kong as well as the **Terms and Conditions of Agreement of Vaccination Subsidy Scheme (VSS) and the VSS Doctors' Guide** issued by Vaccination Office, Centre for Health Protection (CHP) in carrying out services under VSS and school outreach vaccination activities. In particular, we would like to bring your attention to the followings: -

- According to the Code of Professional Conduct,

Section 5.2.5: “Doctors’ services may not be promoted by means of unsolicited visits, telephone calls, fax, e-mails or leaflets by doctors or persons acting on their behalf or with their forbearance.”

Section 14.1: “A doctor shall not offer to, or accept from, any person or organization (including diagnostic laboratories, hospitals, nursing homes, health centres, beauty centres or similar institutions) any financial or other inducement (including free or subsidized consulting premises or secretarial support) for referral of patients for consultation, investigation or treatment.”

- As stated in the VSS Doctors’ Guide,

Chapter 3: “Organisers and the doctor should stay clear of associating with any improper financial (or advantage) transactions.”



Please also note that the use of logos of DH, CHP and VSS without prior permission of DH on any materials issued by the participating doctors **is prohibited**.

Thank you very much for your attention and cooperation. For enquiries, please call our designated line at 2125 2128.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lin', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(Dr Ada LIN)  
for Controller, Centre for Health Protection