

# CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Member,

The past 2 weeks have seen single digit infections of COVID-19 with zero infections on Monday 20th April. Of particular note is the fact that there are very few “local” cases being reported and as such Hong Kong is demonstrating strong containment of the virus.

Notwithstanding, the current restrictions on social gatherings and the closure of sports and recreational facilities and various commercial venues has been extended to 7th May.

The Club continues to observe all current Government guidelines, and this extended to the most recent General Committee meeting held on Monday 20th April.

For the first time in the Club's history we initiated video conferencing using Zoom in order to limit the number of people physically present in the meeting. It also allowed one of the GC members to call in from New Zealand.

This initial use of such conferencing went relatively well and in line with the continuing work we are doing on the website and IT in general we will look to continue with this.

The finances of the Club have of course suffered, with revenue from the various F&B Outlets considerably reduced. The one exception is the Kiosk which is seeing good patronage. Although there appears to be more people visiting the Club, it will be some time before we come anywhere close to normality.

However, with the exception of the sports and recreational facilities that are currently closed by order of the Government, we are fortunate to be able to keep almost all of the F&B Outlets open for use by Members and their Guests.

On the above note, our Staff have been working hard to continue to provide us all with great service. Unfortunately, the Annual Staff Party has had to be cancelled and realistically we do not anticipate being able to hold this event in 2020. This is a shame because it is a great way to say thank you to all our Staff and is an event that is very much looked forward to each year.

One further point to note is that we will not be publishing a magazine in May (and maybe not in June, either) and it is the intention that I continue to write to Members on a regular basis which will then be followed later by “What's On” which is the weekly update for all the F&B events/promotions that are ongoing at the Club.

In the meantime, continue to stay safe and healthy.

Michael J Wood  
Chairman  
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# 主席的話



親愛的會員：

2019新型冠狀病毒於香港連續兩個星期錄得個位數的確診個案，4月20日(星期一)更沒有新增個案，值得注意的是現在新增的「本地」個案其實寥寥可數，這代表香港有足夠能力控制好新冠疫情。

即使如此，政府還是宣布延長現行一系列限制社交措施至5月7日，包括限聚令，以及繼續關閉康體設施及各類商業場所。

本會將繼續遵守政府現時的所有指引，最近4月20日(星期一)舉行的委員會會議就是一個好例子。

為了減少會議成員之間的身體接觸，委員會使用通訊軟件Zoom，進行了史無前例的視像會議，一位身處紐西蘭的成員亦因此能夠參與其中。

第一次視像會議順利完結，而伴隨著我們在網頁及資訊科技方面的工作愈趨成熟，相信下一次視像會議也是勢在必行的事。

然而，疫情亦使本會的財務狀況轉差，很多餐廳及食肆的收入大幅下降，但Kiosk是一個例外，仍然有很多人光顧。雖然本會的人流好像變高了，不過距離一切如常的日子相信還有一段時間。

儘管在政府的指令下，康體設施目前仍須關閉，慶幸我們差不多所有餐廳及食肆都能夠維持營業，會員及其同行客人仍然可以在此享用佳餚。

本會員工一直致力為大家提供優質服務，可惜今年的員工晚會不得不因疫情而取消，估計2020年也不能夠補辦。週年員工晚會本應可以讓員工盡興一番，以感謝他們的付出，過往的晚會更是每年萬眾期待的盛事，然而今年卻只能成為遺憾。

此外要注意，我們5月(或許6月都是)將不會出版期刊，所以本人打算在網頁定期發布文章。緊隨其後會有「每週快訊」，讓會員了解本會所有餐飲美食的最新活動及推廣。

與此同時，繼續祝願大家身體健康。

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