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The Honourable Ms. Carrie Lam
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Dear Chief Executive Carrie Lam,

Lifting International Travel Restrictions for Vaccinated People

On behalf of the Food Drinks & Groceries Association members in Hong Kong, we congratulate the Government on the success of its efforts to control the number of COVID infections in Hong Kong. The government's measures have clearly been effective in many ways.

In light of this positive situation in Hong Kong, the government announced on 28 May 2021 plans to grant a limited number of quarantine exemptions for senior executives in the financial sector. This initial move is greatly appreciated by our business community if it is just the first step, and the move will quickly include other industries that suffered from travel restrictions at least as much as the financial companies.

The current quarantine exemptions for the financial sector is discrimination by sector that creates unjustified frustration as the financial sector is not the only sector adversely affected by the current pandemic. All the more, the unfairness of the discrimination is all but obvious if you consider relevant criteria such as economic, social, employment impacts.

Hence, we would like to respectfully submit that the exemptions be expanded to all business sectors, not only as a matter of fairness but more importantly, a matter of survival for many of our businesses (in which the majority are SMEs). This move will also give the whole vaccination program a tangible and practical proof of why people should follow government recommendations to be vaccinated.

Once again, we greatly appreciate all the careful thinking the government is doing to ensure the safety of Hong Kong. We hope that the introduction of the new exemptions from quarantine opens the door to a substantial lifting of restrictions concerning international travel for vaccinated people.

Yours sincerely,
Yours truly,

Mr. Steven Co
Chairman, The Hong Kong Food Drink & Grocery Association



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