

To : Members and partners of the WFHSS

Subject : Cancelation of the annual WFHSS congress

Amsterdam, June 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

Dear member of the WFHSS,

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) has started the board of the HKSSMA (organizers of this year's WFHSS congress in Macau, China) and the executive board of the WFHSS have been carefully monitoring the situation in the world. Also looking for the impact of this virus for all the people that are going to attend the congress (attendees and sponsors) in order to protect all our fellow co-workers working in the field of Hospital Sterilisation.

Since we are now facing this pandemic and nobody can oversee how long this will take and what the impact of this will be for the near future, HKSSMA unfortunately had to decide to cancel this year's congress.

The next annual congress of the WFHSS will be in 2021 and will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, November 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Although the decision to cancel this year's congress was very hard to take, it aligns with all the recommendations from experts all over the world regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The health and safety of our attendees, speakers and sponsors is our top priority.

On behalf of the HKSSMA and the executive board of the WFHSS

Please keep doing the important job you do for the safety of all our patients and co-workers and keep safe yourselves!

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