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MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND HOUSING SARAWAK

From: Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Local Government and Housing Sarawak

To: All Local Authorities in Sarawak

Subject: **GUIDELINES FOR APPROVING ESPORTS ESTABLISHMENT**

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1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this circular is to provide guidelines on the licensing of Esports establishment in the State.

2. ESPORTS

2.1 "Electronic Sports" or more commonly referred to as "Esports" involves the playing of video games watched by live or online audience. Esports is now generally considered as a sporting activity albeit without the need for balls or pitches, merely played in front of a monitor or screen. Being an IT-enabled sporting activity, Esports can attract online gambling and if this is not properly regulated, it can bring in serious social problem.

3. PREREQUISITES FOR LICENSING OF ESPORTS ESTABLISHMENT

- 3.1 The prerequisites for establishing Esports establishment and terms and conditions of licence are attached herewith as **APPENDIX "A"** and **APPENDIX "B"** respectively.
- 3.2 Licensing of Esports establishment will be governed by Entertainment Ordinance, 2000.
- 3.3 Acknowledging that the activities in Esports establishment can be a source of social problem, the need for such establishment to operate in a controlled environment is very important.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LOCAL AUTHORITY

- 4.1 Local authority is expected to fully enforce the prerequisites and the requirements for the establishment of Esports centre and also to impose the terms and conditions of licence.
- 4.2 Local authority is to ensure that the terms and conditions of the licence are fully complied with by the licensee throughout the duration of the licence.

5. APPLICATION

This circular shall be applicable to all local authorities established under the Local Authorities Ordinance 1996 (Cap. 20).

6. DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

This circular shall take effect from **1st May, 2019**.

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PREREQUISITES FOR ESTABLISHING ESPORTS CENTRE

1. *Location*

- (i) All Esports centres except for the ones established by the Government are to be preferably located in a shopping mall in a single large building.
- (ii) It is limited to one Esports centre per shopping mall on a single floor.
- (iii) There must not be a separate access available that will allow members to frequent the Esports centre after closing hours.
- (iv) If approved to be located elsewhere by the local authority, the alternative location must be sited on a commercial lot and unless permitted, shall not be located on the ground floor.
- (v) Where full length partition is considered necessary at the premises, it must be constructed with transparent material.
- (vi) There must be sufficient number of CCTV cameras installed within and outside the licensed premises for purpose of surveillance.