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Liberal Democratic Party Parliamentary Tobacco Caucus

To whom it may concern

Liberal Democratic Party Parliamentary Tobacco Caucus
Shunichi Yamaguchi, Chairman

Resolution of the 11th Regular General Meeting of the Parliamentary Tobacco Caucus

We are pleased to inform you that the subject matter has been resolved as shown below (reverse side).

Date and time: Tuesday, 24 October 2023
Venue: Room 901, Liberal Democratic Party Headquarters
Attendees:
  • Members of Parliament (approx. 70 in person and 40 by proxy)
  • National Federation of Tobacco Marketing Cooperative Associations (about 100 national representatives)
  • National Central Association of Tobacco Cultivation Associations (about 10 national representatives)
  • Japan Tobacco Inc.
  • Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Chairperson: Shunichi Yamaguchi, Chairman
Moderator: Tetsushi Sakamoto, Secretary General
Agenda:
  • Situation surrounding tobacco, etc.
  • Tobacco taxation system in 2024, etc.
  (Requests regarding the next tobacco taxation system)
  (Improvement of smoke separation environment using local tobacco tax, etc.)
Resolution

We, LDP Tobacco Diet Caucus, recognizes and taken seriously the current severe situation surrounding tobacco, and has set the following objectives and action plan:

1. If the future tobacco tax increase is unavoidable, achieve HTP tax reform (so that HTP tax amount is the same as CC tax amount) before the tax increase is applied to CC.

2. Aim to postpone the tax increase after HTP tax reform as long as possible, and when the said tax increase is implemented, have it implemented it in small, phased increments.

3. Aim for early nationwide institutionalization of the use of local tobacco taxes to separate smoking areas and non-smoking areas in outside/inside public and private facilities and improve its policy effectiveness through 2024 LDP Tax Reform Proposal and the notification from the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications to be amended.

We hereby confirm and notify that the abovementioned resolution has been unanimously approved.