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Dear MOH

We wish to surface to you the above-titled discussion forum thread, with the following feedback.

The URL to the discussion thread is appended below please.

<https://reach.gov.sg/participate/discussion-forum/2018/02/06/feedback-and-suggestion-on-tobacco-issue>

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Dear GRLs, Nowadays, we can see many adolescent, youth which include both sexes puffing away. Most if I do not error, are educated. The cigarette pack contains printed the impact/outcome of consuming tobacco. Yet, this addicted smokers continued to do so. Now, we were told for lung cancer to develop after accumulating nicotine in the air sacs require quite some long years. This message had indeed reinforce in their mind and thus not effective as a deterrent. Today, finally during the budget debate, Finance Minister announce that there will be increases in tobacco tax. This fiscal policy hopes to address the issue with a double-edge sword. Making it expensive to consume, so that it reduces intake. On the other hand, as someone propose to construct smoke chamber which cost money. There was this artificial cigarette-ecigarette. It works to gradually discourage smoker from kicking the habit. When so many public places were banned from smoking, it acts in certain manner to discourage smoking. So much is debated. someone was suggesting, why not ban the import then many public areas can be freed for social economic gains. Surely, given a ten year grace period to reach this standard of living which the budget hopes to achieve in the middle term. Before I forget, the SG bonus-ang bao for achieving the goal set last year was commendable. it is a matter of carrotstick. Benefits from participating in a whole new strategy envisage by policy-makers.