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Circular Letter: SU/CTC/2022/001

To: All MPF Approved Trustees and Principal Intermediaries

Dear Sir/Madam,

COVID-19 Vaccination Programme and "Vaccine Pass" Arrangement

We refer to our circular letter dated 17 November 2021 to MPF trustees and principal intermediaries (PIs) to support the COVID-19 vaccination or to undergo effective testing for COVID-19 once a week. With the severe COVID-19 epidemic situation still lasting and the faster and highly transmissible Omicron variant, we urge all parties to step up precautionary measures to minimize the risk of contracting and spreading the virus in the workplace as well as in the community and suppress the fifth wave of the epidemic.

"Vaccine Pass" Arrangement

In order to curb the epidemic and resume normal life, the Government announced to implement the "vaccine pass" arrangement on 24 February 2022 under which only those who have received COVID-19 vaccination may be permitted to enter catering premises and scheduled premises. In supporting the Government to protect the public, the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority (Authority) has also implemented the "vaccine pass" arrangement from 16 February 2022. To achieve this end, MPF trustees and PIs are strongly advised to implement the "vaccine pass" arrangement. Staff/subsidiary intermediaries (SIs) who have not received a first dose

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of COVID-19 vaccine, except for those who are unfit to receive vaccination due to pregnancy or medical conditions, should not be allowed entering the office premises.

Third Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine

To ensure the business continuity of essential services, MPF trustees and PIs should also strongly advise staff/SIs who are yet to receive vaccination or eligible to receive the third booster dose to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Various measures in encouraging eligible staff and SIs to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, such as providing flexible working hours to accommodate vaccination appointments and providing incentives such as vaccination leave, should be continuously implemented.

Your cooperation and support are highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Leo Chu
Chief Operating Officer and
Executve Director