

25 September 2020

Dear all Affiliated Clubs and Centre User(s),

### **Extension of Full-year Membership Benefit Scheme**

Since Hong Kong is facing the COVID-19 infection with an upsurge infected cases, various sectors including sports and entertainment activities are seriously affected.

The required closing of Rowing Centres has seriously disrupted the rowing activities of our clubs and members. For the Association the Centre closures have also resulted in a significant decrease in income due to the suspension of rowing activities.

Fortunately, thanks to the joint efforts of everyone, both of our rowing centres managed to be opened in an orderly manner in the beginning of this year but sadly have had to close again for various periods. The Association would like to take this opportunity to especially thank the affiliated Clubs' representatives for their valuable comments on the re-opening arrangements of the centers at that time, so that training and other rowing activities could still be continued at a limited extent under the pandemic.

During our regular meetings with affiliated Clubs, it was understood that membership fees paid during the closure of the rowing centres is one of the concerns raised by the members, although we appreciate that Clubs also recognise that the Association still has ongoing overhead costs.

In view of this, the Board of the Association decided to respond to the precious spirit of everyone working together to find good solutions to these challenges in the past few months. The Board has proposed that all center users who renew their membership as "Full Year" (including Adult and Concession) from any date in 2020, the Association will automatically extend this full year memberships by an additional three months. The same benefit will be applied to any new member who joins the Association during the 2020 year.

The Association sincerely wish to tide over the hard times together with everyone and demonstrate the spirit of rowing. After the epidemic eases, we hope to meet every rowing lovers again at the Shing Mun Riverside and regain the passion of rowing.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Hong Kong, China Rowing Association