

TOBACCO CONTROL IN DPRK

(till the end of 2006)

1. Background.

Smoking is one of the greatest threats to health today. About one-third of the world's adults use tobacco.

Half of them will die by diseases from smoking. And in all countries the social, economic and family loss from tobacco are increasing today.

Nevertheless, tobacco use has not been decreasing yet and tobacco control is floating as a target that mankind must achieve in new millennium.

WHO has elaborated the WHO, FCTC, the first international health treaty and entered its enacting on 27 February 2005.

There were many tobacco control activities in DPRK, the parties of the treaty, in the past.

Government has been providing the actual conditions and supports to works to protect the communicable and non-communicable diseases with the essential principle that must be protected the disease before development. Tobacco control is an important health activity to protect and guarantee health of population. In 15 January 1985, issued a decree, "On the restriction of smoking in population", government had provided the first basis to take place tobacco control activity countrywide. After that, there were many regional tobacco control activities, especially after ratified the WHO, FCTC, the activities have more actively taken place.

1) Political and legal supports

① establishment of tobacco free places under a decree of government, "on smoking order in the public places", July 20 2005.

Tobacco free places included in decree are as follows:

- All government level buildings
- All level health and educational facilities
- All cultural buildings including theatres, movies and museums
- All public service establishments including shops and restaurants
- All transports and buildings for them (bus, train, car, airplane, stream, subway and waiting room, station, airport and so on)
- All areas where may be fired

② to ban of sale to and by minor under above same decree

③ to display the health warning and components of tobacco on tobacco box

2) Executive activities.

- ① Establishment of the national tobacco control committee
 - Center level number
director(full time)
vice director (half full time) 2 number
secretary (full time) 1 number
 - Province level
director (half full time)
vice director(half full time) 2 number
secretary 1 number(full time)
- ② Technical support institute under the national tobacco control committee
Hygienic Research Institute
- ③ Development of the national tobacco control strategy (2005-2015).
This strategy involves the national targets of in future decade and will be adapted, if necessary.
Final target is to decrease 10% of the current prevalence of tobacco use.
- ④ Development of the national tobacco control plan
- ⑤ Propaganda activities undertaken.
 - Activities using media
All media, especially central level TVs and newspapers have covered on tobacco control activities (including the hazards of smoking, economic loss, and tobacco control activities in our country and world).
 - Activity through annual “ the world no tobacco day).
 - Established the all level hospitals as tobacco free district through tobacco free hospital campaign and organized the counseling sections for stop-smoking in all the hospitals.
- ⑥ Scientific activity undertaken.
 - Establishment of survey mechanism on the prevalence of tobacco use in population.
 - Works to develop the substitute of Nicotine.

3. Opinion for activities in future

Considered tobacco control activities in the past, tobacco control activity is very complex instead of the other activities. Of course, to parallel the plan and the practice is very difficult. We think that successes of tobacco control may achieve only with the propaganda, development and the enacting of the comprehensive tobacco control legislation, support of proper tobacco free means for smokers and the routine survey on prevalence of tobacco use. We are going to take activities considered the above experiences and lessons.

National tobacco control provision

Tobacco bans and restriction	banned	restricted	Not regulated	Un known
Advertising in certain media	X			
Advertising to certain audience	X			
Advertising in certain locations	X			
Advertisement content or design	X			
Sponsorship or promotion for certain audience	X			
Sponsorship advertising of events	X			
Brand stretching	X			
Sales to minors	X			
Sales by minors	X			
Place of sales		x		
Vending machines				X
Free production				X
Single cigarette sales				X
Misleading information on package	X			
Smoking in government building(incl,worksites)	X			
Smoking in private work sites				X
Smoking in educational facilities	X			
Smoking in health care facilities	X			
Smoking on buses	X			
Smoking on trains	X			
Smoking on taxis	X			
Smoking on ferries	X			
Smoking on domestic air flights	X			

Smoking on international air flights	X			
Smoking in restaurants	X			
Smoking in night clubs and bars	X			
Smoking in other public places	X			
Advertising health warnings /messages				
Age verification for sales				X
Manufacturing licensure	X			
Package health warning /messages				
Label design on package				X
Ingredient /constituent information on package label				X
Amount of tar			X	
Amount of nicotine			X	
Amount of other ingredient / constituent				X
Product constituent as confidential information				X
Product constituent as public information				X
Constituent disclosure by brand				X

Other provisions	yes	no	un-known
National tobacco control committee	X		
Tobacco control education /promotion	X		
Anti-smuggling provisions	X		
Litigation enabling provisions			X

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