

8 April 2009

To Whom it May Concern

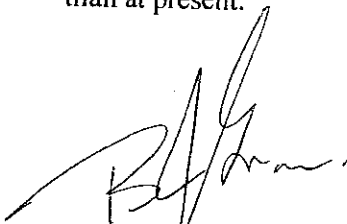
I am writing to express my support for the Hong Kong Jockey Club in its application to add race days to the annual calendar.

In over five years' experience working with the Club in their staff development, talent management and community initiatives I have had the opportunity to understand the very significant efforts the HKJC makes to be a responsible employer and a strongly committed contributor to society. There is much owed to the HKJC not just for its charitable contributions but also for its follow-through to ensure that real and sustainable benefits accrue to the community through the funding of a wide range of projects.

It is my understanding that without the opportunity to enhance the racing calendar the Club – and thus Hong Kong – is at real risk of a diminishing contribution to these charitable initiatives. All arguments would seem to point to an acknowledgement of the benefits that the additional race meetings would offer - growing the revenue stream, meeting customer demand for entertainment, realizing owners' interests in running their horses and, in particular, assuring the ongoing provision and future planning of charitable enterprises that enhance the life of Hong Kong citizens.

Initiatives in education, health, the arts and youth development are not 'fringe' activities which can or should be curtailed or mounted as temporary services. The HKJC is the major driver of such initiatives and surely deserves to be given the support it needs in order to continue and enhance the efforts which, frankly, are not matched by any other agency.

I would urge that positive consideration be given to granting the additional race days to the annual calendar, so that all stakeholders – not the least the people of Hong Kong who need and use the facilities and programmes funded by the HKJC – can continue to benefit and can be assured that the future of such benefits is more secure than at present.



Betty Jean Gran
Consultant, Training & Development Services

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April 16th, 2009

Secretary
Betting & Lotteries Commission
c/o Home Affairs Bureau
The SAR Government of Hong Kong
31/F., Southorn Centre
130 Hennessy Road
Wanchai
Hong Kong

To whom it may concern

My wife and I would like to ask you to consider the additional five race meetings and 20 simulcast days at your meeting on 24th April.

We are the very proud parents of an Apprentice Jockey and this is the first year for us in the racing circles of Hong Kong.

It is clear that racing, albeit twice a week, is a very favourable and popular pastime here in Hong Kong. There is a huge following, not only by the general public, but also by seasoned punters.

Our family is very proud that our son has taken up a career in horse racing as he has a keen interest in equestrian sport. We are very glad that he can pursue his career in Hong Kong which has world class standards and reputation as evidenced by the fact that Hong Kong was selected as the location for hosting last year's Olympic equestrian events. As parents, we hope that more local residents would consider racing as a career for their children.

If more race days were added to the calendar, not only would this help our son and other apprentices enhance their careers further, but would also bring a huge economic boost to Hong Kong (by way of tax to the Government and donations to the needy) and provide much needed employment in the current economic situation. This can only be of benefit to the entire community here.

We seriously hope you will consider this proposal favourably.

Yours sincerely,

Chris and Jenny Chadwick

15 April 2009

Betting & Lotteries Commission
Civic Affairs Division (3), Home Affairs Bureau,
31/F, Southorn Centre,
130 Hennessy Road,
Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Dear Sirs,

I am Roland, Chan Ka Hong, an ex-employee of the Hong Kong Jockey Club. I joined the Club in 1978 and retired in 2006 as the Human Resources Manager (Corporate Services) in the Human Resources Department. I am writing to express full support to the proposal for an additional of five racedays each year. I truly believe that the proposal can maximize the social and economic contribution that horse racing makes to the Hong Kong community.

HKJC operates in a not-for-profit basis and it is well-known that its surplus goes back to the community. Over the past decades, the Club donated an average of one billion Hong Kong dollars every year to hundreds of charities and community projects, in particular the young, elderly, sick and less able. The Club aims to bring a better quality of life to the people of Hong Kong and immediate relief to those most in need. Upon the approval of five extra racedays with more revenue, I am sure HKJC would proactively put more efforts on identifying and generating more projects that anticipate future community and social needs.

HKJC is one of the largest employers in Hong Kong. It hires over 20,000 part time staff and nearly 5,000 full time staff. Facing the onslaught of the financial tsunami, the unemployment rate is raising. If HKJC is allowed to add five extra race meetings per year, more employment opportunities can be created through its race meeting operations.

In addition, HKJC is the largest single tax players in Hong Kong. According to HKJC records, revenue from horse betting has shrunk sharply due to structural decline and Macau competition. If more race meetings are allowed, the Government revenue will increase through the Club's tax

contribution. It would definitely be a long term benefit to Hong Kong.

The Club is also one of the largest racing organizations in the world. Horse racing is the most popular spectator sport in Hong Kong. The prestigious international horse races like the Hong Kong Derby, the Queen Elizabeth II Cup and the Hong Kong International Races attracts lot of visitors to Hong Kong every year. I believe more racedays can make contribution to Hong Kong tourism and promote Hong Kong as a destination worldwide.

I fully support and agree HKJC's proposal of adding five extra race meetings per year. In view of social and economic considerations as mentioned above, I believe it will be a loss to Hong Kong if the Government would not take this decisive step to ensure the Club's sustainable development in future.

Yours faithfully,



Roland K. H. Chan

8 April 2009

To Whom It May Concern,

Hello, let me introduce myself first. I am Polly who is hearing impaired, can lip reading and simple speaking in Cantonese, mainly use Hong Kong Sign Language. I hold a Higher Diploma in Computer Studies and a Bachelor degree in Business & Information technology from City University of Hong Kong.

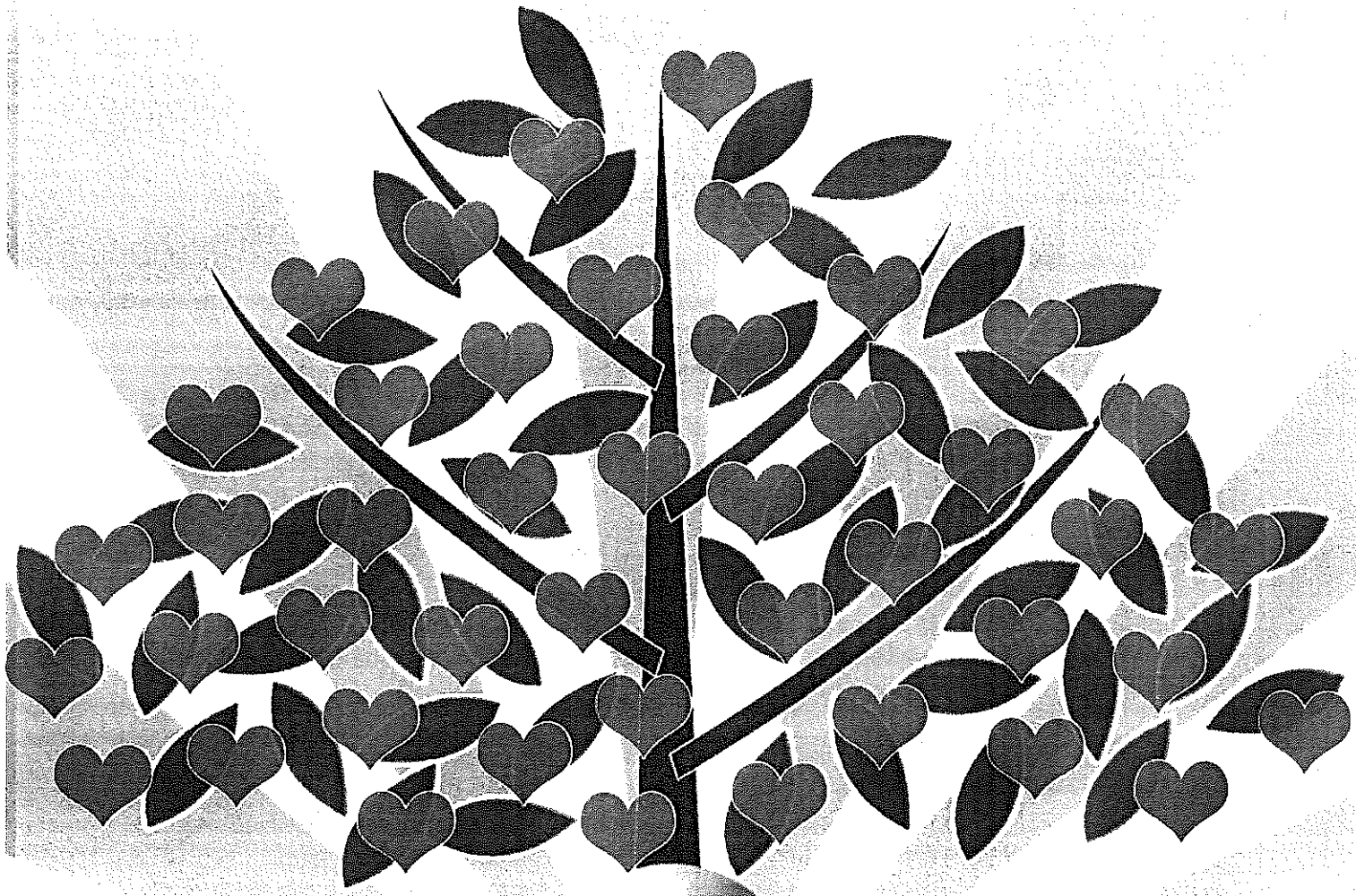
I work as a Human Resources Assistant for Hong Kong Jockey Club for almost three years. I am responsible for the e-learning programmes. I would like to upgrade myself through continuous study and self-learning. Communicating among my colleagues is my great problem. Thanks so much for my colleagues' understanding. They would like to communicate with me by writing on paper, emails, simple speaking. They offer me more opportunities to learn useful knowledge and experiences, especially the e-Induction project. They let me learn how to manage the project, enrich my knowledge and have gotten more valuable experiences. I feel proud that can help the Club expand and update its online staff training courses.

I would like to say million thanks to the Club that offering equal job opportunities. I have gained the Outstanding Disabled Employees Award from the Government's Labour Department in 2006. The Club has always committed to providing equal job opportunities to both able-bodied and disabled people. There are five deaf people working as stable assistant in Beas River Country Club for many years. We can show that the deaf people has their talents and skills as same as normal people. If the Club offers more appropriate job positions, I believe that talents and skills will be brought from deaf people and disabilities to the Club and help the Club's development and continues to support the vulnerable and promoting a caring and responsible society.

Yours Sincerely,



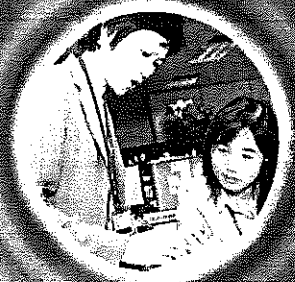
Lam Heung Ling



**Outstanding Disabled Employees
Award from the Government's
Labour Department in 2006**



**Activities provided
by the Club**



**Communicating
with colleagues**

敬啟者,

從報章獲悉, 香港賽馬會欲申請於來季增加五場賽事. 本人十分支持並有以下意見。

香港賽馬會是一非牟利慈善機構, 其經營所得之盈餘全撥捐慈善, 備受推崇, 亦獲全港市民讚譽. 馬會亦是香港最大的僱主之一, 聘用的全職及兼職員工超過二萬餘人, 對本港的就業率有着極大的幫助。

本人是退休人氏, 亦曾經是香港賽馬會的僱員, 在該機構工作了二十八年. 對馬會的營運, 服務及其對社會的貢獻, 十分支持. 眼見這三十多年來, 馬會對香港社會所作出的貢獻, 包括慈善捐獻, 社區計劃, 醫療服務, 教育, 藝術, 體育等等各方面的支持及成就, 都使港人得享其成果, 本人雖然已退休多年, 但仍以曾在香港賽馬會服務多年而感到榮幸和驕傲。

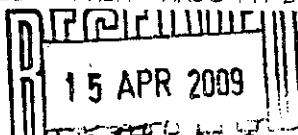
香港現面對經濟困境, 馬會的賽馬事業亦自然受到影響,, 投注額下降自然會影響到政府的稅收及慈善的捐獻, 這當然不是香港人樂于見到的。

本人相信, 增加賽事雖然不能彌補預計下降的投注額, 但至少可以有正面的幫助。而且, 增加賽事也直接使到超過二萬人的兼職員工, 因增加工時而得以賺取多些入息。而那些喜愛賽馬博彩的人士, 也不會將他們的金錢轉往其他非法的賭博上. 這些不都是對社會有正面的影響嗎?

所以, 本人希望政府有關部門, 考慮接納香港賽馬會這次增加賽事的建議。

香港市民

藍振邦



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馬建甲對增加5個賽馬日的心聲

馬建甲 (一讀者) 9.4.09

香港有百多萬馬迷，今日有新聞報道馬會向政府建議
 每個馬季增加5個賽馬日及20個海外賽事轉播日，估計分
 別可為政府帶來四億八千萬元及三千六百萬元稅收；只可增加
 四千一個賽馬日及五十至一百個全形。馬會總裁應家柏表示
 ，收緊暑期真空期，可打擊外國賭博。

馬建甲對此提議，政府應積極考慮，否則，如酷暑前
 仍拖而未定，趕不及增添馬匹應付賽馬數量。民政事務局
 局長，正等候博彩及樂業事務委員會意見。事關社會向題
 及高馬迷有關，亦將屬大馬會受薪工作人員有直接影
 响，「等候」已非「應酬」之詞，應密切密切進行諮詢，集

中認同大原則給極決定。有調查反對，是意料中事；有社
 組織反對亦屬常理，若大家抱著必選理順從大道理的心態
 ，便可獲得正確而取決。担心暗風盛行；担心少了冷靜朝
 ，減少家庭「政案」且「心」都是言之有理，但從大處去探
 討，若能增加四千賽馬工作一項，未嘗不是有需要的事；
 若留著馬迷不「過」才「過」搏杀，更是大好事。中央希望優
 化經濟是元地已說到出口，澳門將把將馬的連之教育中心
 是執行是元地的網絡，今後澳門的經濟路向將會比今日有
 異，這是正確的政策。若能增加5個賽馬日會否對香港賭
 風盛行，按馬建甲的從聽答案是肯定，身經百战的馬迷決
 不會將個人腳晒落去，他們知道是數下這都形同「片水」，大部分

(續下) 相信小注怡情 (過吓心痕) 亦相信「賽馬」就係咁嘍嘍「七斷頭」亦不
 長「信」唯一保存「實力」的方法——賭取限於一定數目注碼「賭」咁大是初哥所為
 大部分馬迷只相信一個必然定律——馬身輪源取得決馬而已。

Hong Kong Jockey Club
1 Sports Road
Happy Valley
Hong Kong



14 April 2009

To whom it may concern,

This letter relates to the Hong Kong Jockey Club's (HKJC) proposal for an increased number of race days and simulcast races.

Kenexa are a global human capital management company that have been partnering with HKJC for a period of approximately two years. Put simply, Kenexa help organisations achieve two things. Firstly, we help organisations to recruit (and develop) individuals that are likely to be high performers. Secondly, we help organisations to create the right environment that will allow these individuals to perform to the best of their abilities.

Kenexa are fortunate enough to have conducted a significant amount of global research into what makes organisations successful from a human perspective. In our experience, it is rare to find an organisation like HKJC that is genuinely committed to corporate social responsibility. HKJC's charitable donations to projects have a direct impact on sustaining economic and social growth for the wider Hong Kong community.

In the field of human capital management, we have also witnessed this social responsibility first hand. We have found HKJC to be extremely committed to the continuous development and support of their employees. Their investment in employees creates a positive chain reaction, where the individual, the organisation and ultimately the Hong Kong community all benefit.

In the current economic climate, where many organisations have been reducing jobs, it is refreshing to see HKJC remain committed to their employees. The organisation has been taking a proactive approach to exploring new business opportunities that will result in increased jobs and benefit the Hong Kong community as a whole.

We feel that an increased number of race days, supported by HKJC's strong corporate social responsibility, are likely to have the following benefits:

- Additional revenue for the Government
- Help to maintain HKJC's significant charitable donations
- Secure new employment opportunities for a wide range of individuals
- Allow continued investment in facilities for the benefit of the wider community

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Hurst".

Ed Hurst
Executive Consultant

To: Betting and Lotteries Committee

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April 18, 2009

I understand the Hong Kong Jockey Club is proposing to increase the number of racing days.

The Jockey Club is a good charitable organization. Adding more race days will not cause more problems to the society. Rather it will help increase charity donation and increase tax revenue to the Hong Kong Government.

Yours sincerely,

IRIS HO WAI NGOR

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To: Hon. members of the Betting and Lotteries
Committee

I write to express my opinion regarding the
Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal to increase the
number of racing days and simulcast.

I am a ~~in~~ full member of the Jockey Club,
yet I have no interest in horse racing. However,
I do think horse racing is serving a meaningful
service to a lot of people in Hong Kong, and I don't
think adding more racing days will cause any more
problem to Hong Kong. The Jockey Club is an
important provider of charity funds, and I fully
support its proposal to increase charitable funds and
at the same time, increase tax revenue.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

(Samuel Lai)

To: H.V. Jockey Club.

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I support the increase of fine more rainy days so that more beneficiaries would be benefited from the proceeds.

(Raymond Pan)

18.4.2007

To: Betty and Nottices Committee

I agree to increase the number of racing days

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Kong GOVERNMENT. 2) Hong Kong Jockey Club will

expand more charitable to some necessary

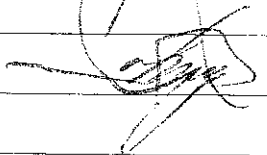
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people as to stay in Hong Kong in return to stay

in other area for gradually.

Yours Sincerely

MR. TERRY C. P. HO



22/4/2018

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Betting and Lotteries Committee

19 April 2009

I write in support of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal to increase the number of racing days and simulcast.

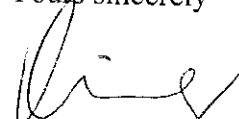
As a citizen of Hong Kong, I am proud that the Jockey Club combines first class racing entertainment with charities. Its long standing tradition is the admiration of other jurisdictions worldwide.

Adding more racedays will not fuel the gambling propensity of the people because they are not casinos which operate 7 days a week and 24 hours a day.

On the other hand, more racedays means more jobs and more donations.

I sincerely hope the government would favourably consider the proposal.

Yours sincerely


King Kong Sang

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Betting and Lotteries Committee

I am writing to support the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal to add local racing days and additional simulcast races.

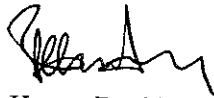
The Hong Kong Jockey Club is a well-respected organization in Hong Kong, which provides high quality racing entertainment, as well as making significant contributions to charities.

The addition of racing days will provide additional jobs and income to the people of Hong Kong, and will also have the added benefits of generating more tax revenues for the Government and more donations to charities.

The argument that additional race days and simulcast races will lead to more young people gambling is without grounds, as most young people are more interested in on-line games than racing. Having more simulcast races also promotes interest in the sport and allows racing fans to enjoy popular international races.

I hope the government will favourably consider the proposal from the Club.

Yours sincerely,



Kwan Po Shan

18 April 2009

Betting and Lotteries Committee

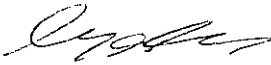
18 April 2009

I wish to give my support to the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal to increase the number of racing days and simulcast.

The Jockey Club is a good charitable organization and uses its surplus income to assist Hong Kong people, like the Ocean Park.

I don't have problems with adding more racedays and I hope they can even open the racecourse to children so that they can get close to the horses.

Yours sincerely



Law Yuk Wah

April 15, 2009

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As I have heard that the Hong Kong Jockey Club recently has submitted a proposal to the government, planning to have extra races taking place in the coming July, I wish to write this letter in support of such proposal.

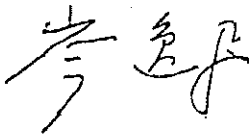
As I understand, the Hong Kong Jockey Club could not be considered merely as a gambling organization, it is also the largest single taxpayer in Hong Kong and its surplus mainly goes to charity. The Club has donated billions of dollars every year to hundreds of charities and community projects in Hong Kong. I have also noted that during the current global economic turmoil, in spite of a lot of financial pressure on Hong Kong business, the Club still stands by its commitments to charitable and community projects, seeking to preserve jobs in the local market and also create new job opportunities for the community.

Now the Club is one of the largest employers in Hong Kong with nearly five thousand full time and more than twenty thousand part-time staffs. During the past years, I have conducted various training programmes for the Club's Corporate People Development, teaching their staffs of management level on courses like "Sun Tzi's Art of War and Management"(孫子兵法與管理) and also "I-Ching and Management"(易經與管理), with emphasis on a series of ideas in strategies and tactics compatible with objective laws. I explain to them that strong commitment to the betterment of the society is indispensable in running successful business.

I believe that the management of the Club always awares to care for the needs of the community and its proposal to extend race season will not increase the number of gamblers or to create any social issues. It is rather a strategic measure that will prevent potential revenue from leaking out into the illegal black-market bookmakers or offshore casinos on one hand, and maintain donations of the Club to charity on the other hand. Besides, a longer race season will certainly create more jobs in Hong Kong which will help people to overcome difficulties in the present tough periods.

Therefore I sincerely hope that the Club's proposal will be considered by the Authorities thoroughly, bearing in mind that the community always expects the Club

to continue to give money to worthy causes and will not cut back its charitable donations in the current climate.



岑逸飛 (Shum Yat Fei)

Adjunct Professor, The Institute for Enterprise,
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University ;

Columnist of newspapers and magazines ;

Presenter ,RTHK, radio programme "Free As The Wind" (講東講西)



致博彩及獎券事務委員會：

本人岑德強從事報刊發行工作多年，今天出席貴會的特別公開會議，目的是表達個人支持由香港賽馬會（下稱「馬會」）最近向政府提出有關賽馬活動安排建議的意見。

現今社會資訊發達，很多報章都將新聞上載，方便讀者瀏覽；很多人現在亦只會上網閱讀報刊，再加上現今的經濟環境，對報刊發行以至數以千計的報販來說，可謂百上加斤，想盡方法以保生計。

從報刊發行商的角度看，增加賽馬日及增加轉播海外賽事是個多贏的方案。首先，發行的生意額將會增長，因為附有馬經版的主要報章在賽馬日例必加印，數量由一萬至數萬份不等，加上其他馬報及馬簿等，數目更大。因應增加賽馬日及轉播海外賽事而加印的報刊和馬簿，連帶運輸及跟車工人將報刊分發至各個分區銷售點的需求也必會從中得益，變相促進經濟及勞動市場發展。

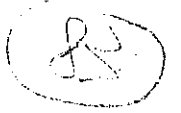
早前政府提高香煙稅，令香煙價格上升，報販的收入已因此而受影響，對於馬會提出增加賽馬日及增加轉播海外賽事，對報販來講可說是一個喜訊，因為與賽馬相關的書報刊有三十多份，賽馬日的銷紙量，比非賽馬日多，對一眾依賴售賣報刊，尤其是一些由年者長者經營的小型報檔來說，增加賽馬日實有助保障很多相關人士及其家人的生計。

總的來說，我認為增加賽馬日跟助長賭風沒有必然關係。若論賭馬會傾家蕩產，為甚麼炒樓、炒股又沒有問題？事實擺在眼前，買「迷你債券」不是比買「馬仔」更加高危嗎？

本人希望政府積極考慮馬會增加賽馬日及轉播海外賽事的建議，並給予支持，令各界均能受益。

岑德強

2009年4月21日



敬啟者:

本人李有來，為香港賽馬會之退休員工，此次來信乃為支持香港賽馬會於每季增加五個賽馬日。

香港賽馬會向來十分支持社會公益事務，每年均會撥款幫助不少有需要人仕。我相信增加賽馬日不但能為香港帶來額外稅收，還能支持賽馬會多做公益事務，從而回饋社會。

本人從前在馬會任職馬房領班，現已退休十多年。香港賽馬會一直提供非常好的工作環境予員工，員工除了有穩定的工作及收入外，更為員工子女提供獎學金，使本人的子女能順利完成大學，貢獻社會。如增加賽馬日，馬會必定需要增加人手以應付日常之營運，相信對社會上其他行業均會有推進作用。香港現正面對金融風暴的衝擊，裁員減薪之聲不絕，且全港職位數目也有減少的現象，增加賽馬日可即時增加相當數量的職位，實有助舒緩香港之失業情況。

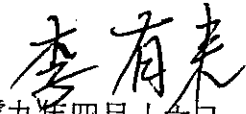
此外，不少馬迷亦經常會在香港馬季歇暑時往澳門賭場消遣娛樂，如果香港能夠增加賽馬日，相信必定能吸引馬迷留港消費，此舉亦能帶動香港各方面，如飲食、交通運輸的消費。

敬希博彩及獎券事務委員會能夠考慮以上因素，准許香港賽馬會於每季增加五個賽馬日，謝謝。

此致

香港博彩及獎券事務委員會

市民 李有來


二零零九年四月十六日

這記者：

香港賽馬會申請增加本地賽事及海外賽事將獲數千，本人深表贊成。

正在此金融動盪的時候，每員工正面臨失業，有職員正擔憂要致無薪假期同時，香港賽馬會反為港人提供及增加就業的機會，我們作為香港人的怎能反對！

過去二三十年來，賽馬會為香港捐款建造的公共設施如大學，安老院，泳池，公園等等，我們都有目共睹。正在此經濟每況越下的情形，社會正需要更多資助的時間，而如果馬會沒有新增加收入的賽事，我們的公共設施又何以為繼？

我不相信增加賽事會助長賭風！要知道

在沒有實惠的日子裏，人們都會想著過
澳門，上賭船，用來投注的錢又是跑到別
處去吧！

所以我整間馬會增加本地賽事，我相信
增加本地賽事亦即為我們需要更多公共建設
的普羅大眾造福！

謝謝！

敬啟
博彩及獎券事務委員會
秘書

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李永佳

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寄件人: 20/04/2009 21:31
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標題: Increase of horse racing meetings in the forthcoming season

Dear sirs,

I refer to the consultation as conducted by your Betting and Lotteries Commission of your Bureau concerning the increase of horse racing meetings in the forthcoming season.

Please be informed i absolutely support the increase of horse racing meetings as proposed by the Hong Kong Jockey Club ("HKJC") and do not consider such increase will cause a potential inducement of additional gambling activities.

Indeed, the resources as committed by the Government and HKJC recently in supporting the voluntary organisations to promote responsible gambling have been very successful and provided adequate opportunites in helping people who are in need of such help.

If you would like to discuss any further, I can be reached at

Yours faithfully
Ngai Cheung Kin David

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致博彩及獎券事務委員會
有關香港賽馬會增加五天賽馬日建議
之有關書面申述

黃世澤
時事評論員

2009年4月21日，香港

甲、引論

1. 基於對香港利益總體考慮，本人向貴會建議，支持香港賽馬會提出的有關提案，並認為，基於就業與公眾道德的平衡，反對的理據並不充分。

乙、香港的總體利益考慮

2. 每一個賽馬日，除了香港賽馬會僱請大量的兼職員工，應付保安以及電話投注業務的需要，亦同時拉動相關經濟活動，例如馬場及投注站附近的茶餐廳，食肆，酒吧等，此外運輸業包括的士，小巴的生意，亦有所裨益。
3. 除此以外，賽馬日亦為中國及海外遊客來港的活動之一，包括商務及旅遊活動，賽馬活動可推廣成為香港發展MICE(Meetings, Incentive Tours, Conventions & Exhibitions)之賣點之一，夜馬更為商務應酬提供合適場所。因此增加賽事及賽馬日對香港服務業旅遊業及商業運作均有利。
4. 香港不少社會福利機構依賴香港賽馬會捐款運作，由於現時香港金融界出現大幅度縮減捐款的情況，倘若香港賽馬會下降，對社福機構，以至弱勢社群利益將極為不利，本人懇請委員注意背後的公眾利益。
5. 儘管不少反對人士，認為香港賽馬會增加賽馬會助長賭風，但由香港理工大學所擬備的報告表明，現時香港法律不能管制的澳門賭場廣告，以及賭場行為，明顯助長病態賭博。反而本港香港賽馬因受到嚴格規管，並不向投注人士提供信貸，亦嚴格監管馬場及投注站內人士行為的做法，因此本港賽馬活動其實已經盡力避免賭博相關問題。
6. 有論者提出「錢從何來」的問題，認為增賽馬日所獲之投注均來自一般打工仔小市民，甚至有反賭人士指這是「劫貧濟貧」。這點自然不符事實。一如政府每年徵收的入息稅，以金額計大部份交稅者只佔稅款的較少部份，一小部份高收入者佔了總稅收的大部份，馬場收益亦如是，大部份小市民均小賭怡情，而大額投注均來自富有人士，商家等。「錢從何來」的答案不是很明顯嗎？
7. 另一方面，香港賽馬是不少基層人士的僅有娛樂，我們沒有理由限制他們有限享受娛樂的權利。況且他們已是成年人，作為個自由社會，政府是不該對成年人的所有行為作出監管。

丙、結論及補充

8. 基於上述的理由，本人認為委員會批准香港賽馬會的申請，以公眾利益而言是利多於弊，故應給予批准。
9. 但若委員對增加賽馬日有可能造成的病態賭博風險仍有擔憂，本人建議委員會，可以向民政事務局建議，於報章馬經版加強以公帑買廣告位，宣傳防止病態賭徒的信息，以及去信監管財務公司的機構，禁止財務公司在馬經版刊登廣告，這已經能有效回應有部分誠心擔憂病態賭博人士反對人士的憂慮。但本人認為，有部分反對人士，純粹有意將其一己宗

教信仰強加於所有成年人身上，尤以明光社為甚，在其他課題上，公眾人士對這組織的憂慮亦相當明顯，甚至觸發社會事件，委員考慮此等組織建議時，必須同時一併考慮，公眾對宗教或教條治港的憂慮。

致博彩及獎券事務委員會：
就香港賽馬會向政府提出有關賽馬活動安排建議的意見書

本人是香港賽馬會（下稱「馬會」）的公司騎師，今天出席博彩及獎券事務委員會的公開特別會議，希望表達個人對馬會向政府提出有關賽馬活動安排建議的支持立場。

生於八十年代的我，從騎超過十個馬季。在 2006/07 年度馬季，取得 40 場冠軍，超越 2000/01 年度還是一名見習騎師時創下的 37 場冠軍個人最佳成績。及至 2008 年 5 月，我更加有機會擔任奧運火炬手，在沙田馬場騎馬傳送火炬迎接北京奧運。

個人能夠締造上述的成績，主要原因是得到馬會提供的栽培和出賽的機會，讓我由見習騎師拾級而上，發揮騎術的潛能；期間當然遇到不少考驗，但憑著香港人一貫拚鬥的精神，每每把困難逐一克服過來。

事實上，在這些年間，馬會把賽事辦得十分出色，出賽馬匹的水準、練馬師和騎師的發揮亦達到世界級；不論是賽事運作或博彩活動的監管，均專業嚴謹。成功躋身馬會公司騎師行列，不單把個人興趣揉合到事業前途，還令我感到自豪。以去年為北京奧運當火炬手為例，在沙田馬場騎馬傳送火炬迎接奧運來臨的一刻，那份光榮令我畢生難忘。

至於奧運馬術在香港成功舉行，不單向世界展示香港的實力，還令國際社會有機會目睹馬會的卓越成就。由那一刻開始，我覺得騎師不單是一份職業，更是個人的事業，而賽馬不是博彩，而是一項運動，我則是不折不扣的運動員。

我的家人對我的事業發展，十分支持和替我感到驕傲，包括年紀輕輕的兒子。記得去年十二月帶他到在彭福公園舉行的「奔 FUN 馬運會」玩耍，當他看到有真馬在場，便得意洋洋地嚷著要騎馬。那是他第二次騎馬，我陪伴在側，看到他騎得不錯，很有天分。

鑑於我認為騎馬是一項有益身心的活動，騎術更是一種運動，而騎師是職業運動員，要不時鍛鍊體魄，保持規律的生活，每朝清晨開始工作訓練馬匹，為比賽做好準備，出賽時全力以赴，爭取最好的成績，從事騎師這一職業，我認為應該跟其他職業運動員一樣受到尊重。

然而，社會傳統觀念把賽馬與賭博劃上等號，等同邪惡的行為，主觀地認為一旦染指這個圈子，便一定會變成問題賭徒甚至病態賭徒，從此走上沉淪賭海的不歸路！因此，他們把馬會視為另類賭場的「莊家」，騎師、馬匹則是「賭具」。每當馬會提出增加賽馬日等建議時，便會被冠以助長賭風的罪名。

我從騎十多年，不明白為甚麼表現出色的職業籃球員、網球員及桌球手等可以被視為明星，但職業騎師在賽馬事業當中就會淪為「敗壞道德，荼毒青年」的

參與者？為甚麼國際賽事如 NBA 籃球賽及溫布頓籃球賽等就備受尊重，但國際賽馬盛事嘉年華就被一些團體標籤為巧立名目的賭博推廣活動？為什麼增加五個賽馬日和轉播海外賽事，不能被視為推動賽馬業發展，加強競爭力，拓闊賽馬愛好者視野的行為，而狹隘地把它扣上鼓吹賭博的帽子？

當世界不斷在進步時，我們是否也應該放下有色眼鏡，以公平和務實的態度，正面看待賽馬活動的經濟和社會功能及騎師的工作。

香港賽馬會騎師



鄭雨瀨

二零零九年四月廿四日

黃汝安 - 本地華人練馬師

博彩及獎券事務委員會主席、及各位委員：

多謝大家給我機會，在這裡，以一名在馬圈工作超過三十年的專業人士，發表演見。

自從馬會提出增加賽馬日的建議後，有一部份人就條件反射地出來反對，並把增加賽馬日，跟助長賭風聯繫起來。這一個聯繫，或者應該叫做「聯想」，到底有幾多事實根據呢？

我希望大家明白，並不是每一個熱愛賽馬運動的人，都會鼓勵他人去賭馬，同樣地，並不是提出增加賽馬日，就等同鼓勵更多年青人去賭馬。我現在講一講一些數據和事實。

我是一位練馬師，為香港賽馬運動工作了超過三十多年，可以講，我是見證著近幾十年香港賽馬運動的蓬勃發展。而由 1995 年開始，我們增加過兩次賽馬日，一次是 1996 年，一次是 1999 年，賽馬日由 1995 年第一季七十一日增加到目前的七十八日。

增加賽馬日是否一定助長賭風？以投注額為例，1996-97 年度馬季共有 75 個賽馬日，總投注額有 923 億；到十年後的 2006/07 馬季，78 個賽馬日的總投注額只得 640 億，跌幅超過百分之三十。當然投注額的起伏會受經濟因素影響，但亦清楚說明，在經濟不明朗的環境下，馬迷也會理性地「就住嚟買」，所以以現時的經濟前景來說，增加五個賽馬日未必會令賭風加劇，但就一定可以穩定賽馬事業的發展，保障就業和對政府的稅收。

「賭風」是一個很複雜的社會問題，並不是單單增加幾個賽馬日就可以助長到，問題賭徒也不是單純因為投注賽馬而出問題。我每天都看多份報章和電視新聞，給我最深印象的，還是那些在賭場輸掉金錢，向大耳窿借貸被押回港，又或是無力償還欠債而自殺的新聞。

在這幾十年，每一個賽馬日，我也會在馬場工作，我所見的馬迷，大都是「熟口熟面」。其實，這十幾年間，入場觀賞賽馬的人數不斷減少（1996-97 年度總入場人數 326 萬；2006-07 年度只有 193 萬），從投注額和入場人數可見，賽馬事業的發展已到了危險的邊緣，政府作為最大的得益者，應該提供協助。

增加區區的幾個賽馬日，就會令一些從來不懂得欣賞賽馬的年青年人，開始賭馬？提出這個講法的朋友，不但不認識賽事，更加漠視現今的社會現實。各位，我們不是生存三、四十年前的香港，當時，賽馬差不多是唯一的大眾娛樂。現在的香港社會，不但多元化，娛樂活動更五花八門，賽馬運動絕對不是目前香港年青人首選的消遣娛樂。我亦看不到有任何事實，可以證明，增加幾個賽事日，就可吸引到時下的年青人，走入馬場或者投注站去投注。

另外，最近香港有一意見團體反對增加賽馬日，他們指出今季的投注額去到目前為止，只是下降了百分之一點一，社會沒有其他任何一個企業，會因為業績下降了百分之一點一，而要求政府修例協助企業生意暢旺。

我對這種講法感到很失望。當社會大眾要求我們的政府，我們的公營機構、大企業，做事要有遠見，不要事事等到「爆煲」，才來慢慢「剖屍」研究；但對香港賽馬會，這個全港最大僱主之一，聘請超過二萬名全職及兼職員工的機構，卻存在另一標準，一種毫不合理的偏見。

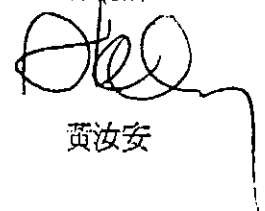
在金融海嘯打擊下，未雨綢繆，馬會提出增加賽馬日，以協助賽馬事業長遠的持續發展，穩定政府的博彩稅收入，對慈善項目的捐助，這些建議，是對馬會員工、政府、每一個受資助機構、以至每一位受惠的弱勢社群人士，一種負責任的做法。莫非要等到賽馬事業的營運虧損累累，才去開始想辦法？莫非大家以為馬會可以像早前那些酒樓，旅行社，美容瘦身等行業，不理過萬員工的生計，關門結業？

不受控制，不受監管的賭風，自然要壓止，但不能簡單地和增加賽馬日混為一談，混淆視聽。

我衷心希望各位委員，根據事實，以一種持平的態度，把賽馬視為一種運動，來研究馬會提出增加賽馬日的建議。

謝謝。

練馬師



黃汝安

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17 April 2009

Secretary
Betting & Lotteries Commission
c/o Home Affairs Bureau
The SAR Government of Hong Kong
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130 Hennessy Road
Wanchai
Hong Kong

Re: Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposals on extra race days and simulcasts

I am writing in my capacity as a horse enthusiast and proud owner of *Asali Victory* and *Congrats* to share my opinion on the captioned proposal with members of the Betting & Lotteries Commission.

I have been a racing fan more than two decades and have witnessed with great pride the growth of horse racing in Hong Kong and its elevation to the highest international standards over the years. The decision of the IOC (International Olympic Committee) to stage last year's Olympic equestrian competition in Hong Kong is a strong testament to the quality of racing and world class racing facilities and infrastructure we have in Hong Kong.

The proposal to increase 5 race days and the simulcasts of major international races is something the Government and the community should support as this would align Hong Kong with other leading racing jurisdictions in the world. The Australian Government for example has, within its administration, a Ministry for Racing to promote horse racing, devote resource and formulate policies to help enhancing the sustainability of the business. It should be generally agreed that horse racing does bring benefit to the local economy by providing a major revenue source for the Government, creating great number of jobs, generate large amount of donations for local charities and community projects, as well as boosting the tourism industry.

It is time the community and the Hong Kong Government to change their mindset about racing and give it the proper credit it deserves.

Lastly, I wish to register my interest in attending and speaking before the Betting Lotteries Commission Special Meeting on 24 April to further elaborate my views.

Yours truly,



Admond YUE
Horse Owner

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April 18, 2009

Secretary
Betting & Lotteries Commission
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130 Hennessy Road
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Dear Sir/Madam

Presently, I am a trainer with the Hong Kong Jockey Club and our family has a long history of racing here in Hong Kong. I feel strongly about the recent discussion on the Club's proposal to increase the number of race days and simulcasts.

My father Lawrie Fownes was a trainer in Hong Kong for more than 20 years since early 1980s and has had a most wonderful and successful career in local racing industry. Being heavily influenced and inspired by my father's work when I was young, I have already decided to take up my father's profession early in my adult life.

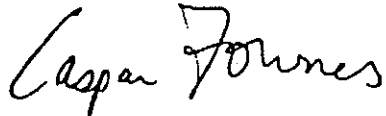
Over the decades, my family and I have witnessed the spectacular advancement of horse racing industry in Hong Kong. I am very proud to be working in the Hong Kong Jockey Club whose world class standard of racing has drawn admirations from other racing jurisdictions. We now have four locally-based runners ranked in the top 20 of the world, and our prestigious international races (e.g. the Hong Kong International Races) also attracts some 30 to 40 top international runners to compete in Hong Kong each year.

While the quality of Hong Kong racehorses improved significantly in recent years, many local trainers also sent their runners to take part in top overseas races, seeking glory for Hong Kong. I was among one of them who have made these attempts. Last year, *Sanziro* became the first horse I sent to race overseas and he finished third in the Singapore KrisFlyer International Sprint. This year, I will be sending *Green Birdie* to compete with other top world horses in the same race next month. But sadly, as existing regulations limit the number of overseas races to be simulcast in Hong Kong each year, even when some of my compatriots are sending their top runners to take part in overseas races, horse Owners, their friends and relatives, as well as other racing fans may still be unable to watch these races live and give their support.

I think the development of our racing industry is at its crossroads. While the standards of racing have reached the world's highest level, the present political environment and existing governing structure have sadly and greatly hindered the long-term development of horse racing. Many in our profession including jockeys and trainers have growing concerns about the long-term sustainability of horse racing in Hong Kong. I strongly urge the Government and the Betting & Lotteries Commission to adopt a more positive stance

towards the future development of local racing industry, and approve the proposal of adding extra race days and simulcasts as these are measures that will help maintain the viable operation of the Club.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caspar Fownes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Caspar Fownes
Trainer

April 18, 2009

Secretary
Betting & Lotteries Commission
c/o Home Affairs Bureau
The SAR Government of Hong Kong
31/F, Southorn Centre
130 Hennessy Road
Wanchai
Hong Kong

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to express my personal view to members of the Betting & Lotteries Commission, in regard to the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal of adding extra race days and simulcasts.

I have been riding here in Hong Kong on a regular basis for the past 13 years. Alike many fellow expatriate riders who have stayed and developed their riding careers here, I think the quality of Hong Kong racing is among one of the forerunners in the world. Many jockeys whom I met at the overseas, and others who took a short stint of stay in Hong Kong, generally agree to the fact that the Club's racing operation has been very professional, and share an equal standard as in other major racing jurisdictions in the world.

While we appreciate the excellence and great quality of racing in Hong Kong, fellow jockeys and I, however, are puzzled by a number of unnecessary restrictions imposed to the Club's racing business and its operation. As an eight-time Champion Jockey here, I am dedicated to help promote Hong Kong's racing sport. But I very often feel frustrated when expressing my views on the issue of number of race days and the limitation of simulcast races, as these restrictions are non-existent in other countries, and they hinder the further development of local racing industry.

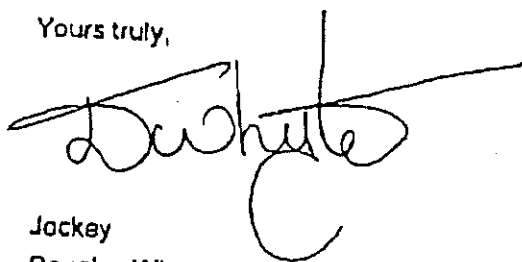
The proposal to increase the number of race days per season from 78 to 83 represents a very modest change but this will have a significant impact to many whose jobs are related to horse racing. Extra race days will also mean more opportunities for experienced riders like us to compete, and for younger riders to improve their riding skills. Not only that, the increase in the number of race days can create more racing opportunities for horses which quite often are not able to obtain a run due to the limited number of suitable races available.

In my view, racing is a global sport. If the Club fails to follow the pace of global racing development by getting more flexibility in its operation, even as basic as in the number of race days and simulcast races, Hong Kong may lose its leading status in the international racing front in the future.

Given the enormous economic and social contributions the Club brings to the community of Hong Kong, it would be a situation an advanced racing jurisdiction cannot afford to take, and a great loss to the people of Hong Kong should the Club's proposal is not being treated on a fair and reasonable ground. I sincerely hope the Commission can come up a favourable consideration to the Club's application.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Jockey
Douglas Whyte

21 April 2009

致：博彩及獎券事務委員會秘書處

Dear Sir / Madam,

Hong Kong's Largest "People Developer" - The Hong Kong Jockey Club

I am writing to give my full support to the Hong Kong Jockey Club's request for curbing illegal bookings and lowering betting turnover tax.

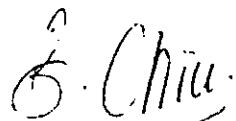
The Club is not just the largest single taxpayer to the Government, but also a key client to numerous small service providers like MAX Consulting, not to mention the fact that it is one of the largest employers in Hong Kong.

Like most if not all organisations in Hong Kong, the Club's income is hard-hit by the current and foreseeable economic climate. As a responsible employer, the Club has not taken any measures to downsize its workforce. However, its cost-saving initiative has already impacted its suppliers and its declining betting turnover has affected the Government's income.

In our people learning and development field, the Club has earned the reputation of "people developer". A Club HR executive once shared with me that the Club was committed in training and developing its 4,800 full time and 20,200 part-time employees not just for building the Club's capability, but also for uplifting the quality of the community as a whole!

The Club's aspiration and passion in people development needs the Government's support by providing the Club a fairer environment to operate in. As one of the important ways to build a more harmonious Hong Kong, the Government's determination to curb illegal bookings and lower betting turnover tax is key. Please let us join hands to make this happen!

Yours sincerely,



Bruce Chiu
Founder and Senior Consultant
MAX Consulting

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回條
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致 : 博彩及獎券事務委員會秘書處
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- 本人將會出席2009年4月24日舉行的會議 :

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21-4-2009

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J. Lee

21/04/2009 19:38

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Subject Hong Kong Jockey Club's Proposal

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Dear Sirs,

I am Joseph Lee, a senior consultant of JL Consulting Co. I **support** The Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club is a non-for-profit making organization in Hong Kong and donates over \$1 billion to the community each year. To maintain and continue its donation, it is important for the Hong Kong Jockey Club to have a strong financial position through regular and stable income from betting commission, in particular, during the recent financial tsunami.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club plays an important role in helping the government in combating illegal betting and channeling betting money for the charitable causes of Hong Kong. The proposal made by the Hong Kong Jockey Club can help prevent the loss of betting money during the non racing period because there is still a lot of different ways for people to bet on e.g. casinos and overseas on-line betting/gaming.

All in all, the proposal enhances the Hong Kong Jockey Club's competitiveness to face the challenges from different betting/gaming providers and also helps operate the racing and betting business in a healthy and regulated manner.

Regards,
Joseph

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敬啟者：


對於香港賽馬會擬申請增加五天的賽事，本人表示贊成的。因為我相信此舉會為馬會帶來更多的收入，從而使馬會投放更多資源在義工發展及社會事務上。

眾所周知，香港賽馬會的收入大多作為慈善用途，無論大大小小的籌款活動，都見香港賽馬會是不為餘力的。特別是今年度於天水圍開設的義工培訓中心，作為一個於天水圍工作的社工，馬會義工培訓中心的進駐確是帶來很大的益處。

對於天水圍區的青少年而言，能夠得到香港賽馬會的支持，可讓他們能夠離開天水圍，到其他港、九及新界地區體驗，確實令他們增加很多課外知識、增廣見聞及擴闊視野。

從這些活動中，這群年青人和馬會義工隊成員更能建立出良好的關係，彼此之間亦成為合作夥伴，會持續合作一齊做不同的義工服務，貢獻社會。

故此，希望政府能批發香港賽馬會在未來增加多五天的賽事，以便馬會可以繼續在義工活動上持續發展。



註冊社工

劉苑珊

21/4/2009

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博彩及獎券事務委員會委員們：

你好！本人是在灣仔區經營茶餐廳。我十分贊成香港馬會增加賽馬日的建議，原因是賽馬帶動了整個經濟的活動。

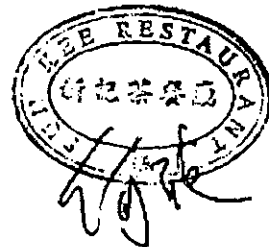
以本人為例，我的餐廳生意一向不是很好，因為附近有多間同類的餐廳，這裡人流又不是很多，競爭非常大。幸好，由於我們附近有投注站，每逢跑馬日，人流就增加，為了方便投注，很多馬迷都會來幫襯。在一星期中，只有跑馬的日子，我們的生意才可算是好一點。為了吸引更多客人，我特別安裝電視，播放賽馬節目。

在一星期中，生意最差的日子就是沒馬跑的星期日，因為附近的學校放假，沒有了來食午餐的學生，不跑馬，我們也失去了來投注站的人。生意最壞的時候就是每年的七、八月，這段時間學校放暑假，跑馬亦抖擻。

馬會現在提議增加跑馬口數，馬季延長至七月中旬，對我們這些小本經營的餐廳來說是一大喜訊，我們至少能多賺半個月的收入。

再者，幫襯我們的馬迷們都很自律，他們最多互相交流心得，視跑馬為娛樂，消磨時間。在我的餐廳，亦沒有發生過什麼放數問題。跑多五日馬，其實只是為這班馬迷帶來多五日的娛樂，不會對社會有什麼壞影響，實在無妨。

我十分支持馬會的建議，除了對我本身的生意有利之外，我深信很多在投注站附近的餐廳都一樣受惠。現在經濟這麼差，多一點生意就是多一份保障。





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21/04/2009 20:09

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Subject 馬會建議之我見

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本人家中的長輩是馬迷，小時候，總記得每個跑馬日，家中下午必定只收聽電台的賽馬節目，故此，本人自幼就已常聽到獨贏、連贏等詞語。但本人長大後，從沒有買過一場馬，亦對賭馬無興趣。

以上我只想證明要賭的人就會賭；不賭的人，任你怎樣增加賽事亦不會變成賭徒。

但如果馬會因為收入不夠而影響政府稅收，同時亦減少對非牟利團體的捐款，我相信不但是對基層人士的生活有所影響，就連我們這群交稅重但又得不到政府福利的中產人士亦會有加稅的危機。

我膽敢說賭博是中國人與生俱來的性格，不讓他有合法的賭博機會，等於叫他轉去地下賭博，只會令非法組織多一個賺錢的機會，而亦可能因此令他們的勢力更大。

我甚至贊成馬會全年跑馬，令愛賭人士不要「過大海」，將錢奉獻給與香港無關的人。



21/04/2009 22:55

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Subject 支持馬會增加賽日

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敬啟者:

本人想表達支持馬會增加賽日的意見。

其實馬會養活不少中下階層家庭。我有一個多年朋友，她丈夫在金融海嘯後被公司裁員。幸好我的朋友多年來都在投注站做 Part Time 幫補家庭開支，現在這份 Part Time 都叫為這個家庭一點點幫助。

相信社會上不少中下階層家庭都有同樣的情況。而增加賽日可以給他們多一點幫補家計機會，在這個經濟不景氣的環境是十分重要。

希望政府能夠從多方面考慮，使這班中下階層市民有一個機會及希望。

此致

陳少麗

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Subject 馬會加賽日意見..

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我個人認為係好事... 咁多人都有賭性... 唔係馬會賭... 都會過大海...
多左賽日.. 馬會可以交多的稅.. 好過輸比何生... 香港冇so... 雖然我唔買馬... 但的馬迷錢..
用馬會交稅方法比返社會... 就係一貢獻...



Diana Chan

21/04/2009 23:06

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Subject: Additional race day opinion

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I know little about horse racing but if have more race day, I think it will increase the job opportunities...especially for parttime..as I heard hong kong jockey club employ lot of part-time, this type of job is very suitable for the housewife like me.

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Subject 博彩及獎券事務委員會秘書處收

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關於馬會增加賽馬日的意見:

本人近日閱報,得知上述馬會新建議,現希表明本人支持此建議的理由:

一, 合法創造職位: 在失業率創新高的情況下,任何合法機構在營辦合法業務的原則下創造大量新職位,都應該支持.

二, 打擊外圍投注: 合法博彩在有則律下增加,總好過非法博彩伺機吸客,令投注金額不能產生對社會的貢獻

三, 刺激旅遊業: 建議要求馬會為新增的賽馬日舉行特別為旅客而設的大型節目,將暑期賽馬日發展成如Ruby Seven式的狂歡日,進一步振興香港旅遊業及其周邊生意.

張文君



21/04/2009 23:37

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Subject 支持香港賽馬會增加賽日

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本人 張國偉, 認為香港賽馬會增加賽馬日的提議是可取的, 因為它會為香港庫房帶來可觀收益, 投入社會作慈善福利之用. 同時, 對香港馬迷來說, 目前每當沒馬跑時, 其實只會增強我們尋找其他投注途徑的慾望, 包括主要為往澳門賭場, 或投注外國馬等. 需知今時今日, 往來交通及網上交易愈來愈方便, 本身是賭迷的, 在歇暑時只會-注到別家; 相反, 多開幾個賽日, 我想不到本來不賭馬的會因此賭馬.
謝謝!



Sam 姓氏choi
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Subject HKJC 加場

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寄件人: Chan Tom
日期: 21/04/2009 21:17
收件人:
副本抄送:
標題: 馬會加場次意見書



博彩及獎券事務委員會:

你好博彩及獎券事務委員會, 本人覺得香港賽馬會要求加場次是十分好的, 因為這樣可有以下的好處

1. 加多香港人的開工比例多D人有工開那少D人失業
2. 多D賽馬多D時間給Travel的人可以去看賽事
3. 馬會給多D 稅我們便可交少D稅

總之馬會加場次是十分好 我十分支持

謝謝
Tom

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副本抄送:
標題: Comment on The Hong Kong Jockey Club add race meeting in the coming year

Dear Officer,

I am writing about Hong Kong Jockey Club add race meeting in the coming year. For my personal experience the Hong Kong Jockey is a very good company in Hong Kong. If they can add extra race meeting in the coming year. I think it will let the Hong Kong Charities fund have more money. Then it will help more people in Hong Kong it let HK more more good. I think that if the people not place to betting they will go to Macau. So that why not give The Hong Kong Jockey Club always have racing to let the people betting in HK.

Finally I very very support The Hong Kong Jockey Club all the year have racing, then the Charities fund more more money and many many people can help.

Thank

May

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致博彩及獎券事務委員會委員

敬啟者：

本人向貴會提交此意見書，支持香港賽馬會向政府提出有關賽馬活動安排的建議，若有關建議得以落實，將會為半退休及全退休人士的生活增添樂趣。

以本人為例，是位半退休人士，也是標準馬迷，每逢賽事舉行前夕，會收看电视台賽事預告節目及閱讀馬經。然後把重點逐一記下，有助分析及判斷。來到賽馬日，會重溫筆記及閱讀當天報紙馬經版或馬簿的資訊，再揉合個人的分析後才會「落注」。

不過本人並非每一場都「落注」，只會在有「心水」馬匹出賽時才會捧場，大致是每個賽馬日投注三至四場，以測試個人的眼光及分析力。每次的注碼亦屬很少數目，由 30 元至 100 多元左右，即平均每個賽馬日大概花 200 元。

對我來說，200 元足夠消磨兩天的公餘時間，包括在賽馬日收看电视台或收聽電台轉播賽事實況。雖然注碼數目少，贏馬時派彩亦不會多，但箇中的樂趣很微妙，覺得自己眼光夠準繩，分析力又不錯，更可保持腦筋的靈活性。跟我有這種想法的半退休或全退休人士，還有我的親戚及朋友。

總的來說，就馬會提出的三點建議，我認為值得支持，原因如下：

一. 增加五個賽馬日

十分贊成，並認為可放寬至全年都有賽事，讓我們這類長者有多些消遣活動，尤其是那些不喜歡到公園下棋或打麻將的長者。由於實屬「小賭怡情」一族，若賽事全年無休的話，我們便不愁寂寞。有說增加賽馬日會助長賭風，甚至傾家蕩產，但我們不會這樣，因為每個賽馬日花的錢大概等於上酒樓飲一餐茶的開支而已。以我的太太為例，她是全退休人士，投注賽馬的錢僅佔子女給她的零用錢的一小部分而已。

二. 容許馬會在 20 天非本地賽事日同步聯播海外賽事

除基於第一點提到的原因表示贊成外，更重要是此舉讓香港馬迷有機會認識外國賽馬活動，擴闊眼界之餘，又可增添賽馬博彩的樂趣。

三. 改革海外投注的博彩稅制度，以及調低博彩稅稅率

贊成，並認為應盡早實施，到時彩金相對增加，有助提高賽馬博彩活動的吸引力。

香港市民 

2009 年 4 月 21 日

增加賽期不會導致賭風氾濫

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馬會向政府申請每季增加五天賽期，卻遇到社會上一些反對聲音，其理據主要是助長賭風、恐防青少年過度沉迷……

其實，社會上大多數人都能有節制地賭博，作為消遣娛樂。只有少數人過度沉迷賭博（通過合法和非法渠道下注），可以被視為問題賭徒。致力促使投注人士養成有節制的博彩習慣，同時盡量減少問題賭博所帶來的負面影響，才是對症下藥的良方。馬會一向奉行這項政策，在履行社會責任的情況下提供博彩服務，一方面滿足市民對博彩的需求，提高博彩業為香港帶來的社會及經濟利益；另一方面盡量減低賭博可能對個人和社會造成的不良影響，務求在兩者之間取得平衡。

香港政府的一貫政策，是限制社交場合以外的一切賭博活動，只提供有限而受規範的博彩機會。這樣在滿足公眾對賭博的需求之餘，有關的規範亦可確保賭博活動不致氾濫，把賭博對社會造成的不良影響減至最低。

本人熱愛賽馬，數十年來一直視賽馬為一項娛樂消遣節目，每季賽馬多編五天，本人十分贊成，絕對不會導致賭風氾濫，希望政府能盡快通過此方案。

馬迷 黃先生
21-4-2009

19 April 2009

Betting & Lotteries Commission
Civic Affairs Division (3), Home Affairs Bureau,
31/F, Southorn Centre,
130 Hennessy Road,
Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Dear Sirs

Supporting the Addition of 5 Racedays

I write to express my support for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal to increase 5 additional racedays and 20 simulcast race meetings every year. I truly and utterly believe that this moderate adjustment of the racing fixtures will bring much benefits to the Hong Kong economy at large.

Racing fans will be able to follow the sport and going to the racecourses has been a good form of entertainment to many. Those who are lucky enough to win will be incentivised to spend more money, boosting the Hong Kong economy and those who are not as lucky with their bets will be contributing to charity causes. Even the horses will be able to reap benefits from the extended number of racedays given they have more opportunities to compete and flex their muscles.

I understand the Hong Kong Jockey Club is the single largest tax payer, and for them not being able to pay sufficient betting duty, I fear the Government will have to increase other tax avenues which is to the detriment of Hong Kong's economy.

In this current economic climate, the most important concern of the public is job security. The Hong Kong Jockey Club, as one of the largest employers in Hong Kong, should be able to preserve jobs and even create new job opportunities both full time and part time.

Some of the opposition groups worry about the spread of problem gambling with this addition of 5 racedays. I think this allegation is totally unfounded and exaggerated as I believe casinos in Macau and illegal online betting channels create a much deeper social problem; they are commercially run and allow credit betting which very likely would be associated with loan sharking and related issues.

I understand members of the Betting and Lotteries Commission will be listening to different views presented by members of the public but I strongly believe that supporting the proposal of an additional 5 race meetings will be in the best interest of Hong Kong.



Chan Shuk Han

April 19, 2009

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TO: Betting and Lotteries Committee

Sir/Madam:

I write to support the addition of racing days which has been proposed by the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club has a good reputation of using its revenue from racing to benefit charities in Hong Kong, and increasing race days will mean more taxes to the Government as well as more funds being available to charities.

Another point is that adding race days will create employment opportunities for people in Hong Kong. I believe the Government should support the Hong Kong Jockey Club to create jobs, thus increasing the incomes of many households, as the economy is very poor and unemployment is increasing.

It is highly unlikely that adding a few race days will cause people to become addicted to gambling. The benefits are much higher than the possible risk.

I hope that the Committee will favourably consider the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal to allow more race days.

Yours sincerely,

Ha Yuet Ming
Ha Yuet Ming

Ha Yuet Ming

April 18, 2009

Betting and Lotteries Committee

The Government should approve the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal to add local racing days and additional simulcast races.

I am a racing fan and I enjoy every week the races held by The Hong Kong Jockey Club. The races are well-organized and professionally run, allowing me to enjoy horseracing with my friends. I would welcome adding some race days as it would encourage more people to stay in Hong Kong for their betting entertainment instead of going to Macau, and it also creates more jobs during this difficult economic period.

The Government should not just listen to the arguments that additional race days promote addiction to gambling as most of the people in Hong Kong go to the races to enjoy the excitement of the sport. They are not addicted to gambling and the Government should allow us to be entertained, just like other forms of entertainment.

I fully support the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal to provide more race days.

Yours sincerely,



Kwan Chi Sun

21 April 2009

Secretary
Betting & Lotteries Commission
c/o Home Affairs Bureau
The SAR Government of Hong Kong
31/F., Southern Centre
130 Hennessy Road
Wanchai, Hong Kong
(By Fax: 2591 6002)



Dear Sir,

Adding Five Extra Race Meetings Per Year

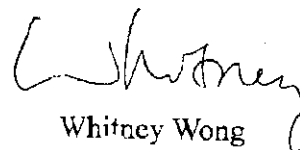
I am Wong Kam Wan, Whitney. I am writing to express my full support to The Hong Kong Jockey Club ("HKJC") proposal of adding five extra racedays per year. I believe if this proposal is approved by the Legislative Council, it can bring the social contributions to Hong Kong community.

Under the attack of financial tsunami, many people are facing the problem of unemployment. If HKJC is allowed to increase five extra race meetings per year, it is anticipated that 4,100 part time jobs and one hundred of full time opportunities will be created. It would be a good news to the unemployed.

As we know, the HKJC is a not-for-profit organization and it has been a reliable charitable donor to various organizations. Recently the HKJC's revenue from the horseracing turnover has been affected by the financial tsunami and Macau competition. Government should take the responsibility to help HKJC maintaining a stable level so the charitable subsidies and supports given to various bodies can be ensured.

I hope the Government can seriously consider the advantages of adding five extra race meetings per year, which bring social benefits to the community.

Yours sincerely


Whitney Wong

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博彩及機券事務委員會委員們：

你好! 本人是在灣仔區經營茶餐廳，我十分贊成香港馬會增加賽馬日的建議，原因是賽馬帶動了整個經濟的活動。

以本人為例，我的餐廳生意一向不是很好，因為附近有多間同類的餐廳，這裡人流又不是很多，競爭非常大。幸好，由於我們附近有投注站，每逢跑馬日，人流就增加，為了方便投注，很多馬迷都會來幫襯。在一星期中，只有跑馬的日子，我們的生意才可算是好一點。為了吸引更多客人，我特別安裝電視，播放賽馬節目。

在一星期中，生意最差的日子就是沒馬跑的星期日，因為附近的學校放假，沒有了來食午餐的學生，不跑馬，我們也失去了來投注站的人。生意最壞的時候就是每年的七、八月，這段時間學校放暑假，跑馬亦抖暑。

馬會現在提議增加跑馬日數，馬季延長至七月中旬，對我們這些小本經營的餐廳來說是一大喜訊，我們至少能多賺半個月的收入。

再者，幫襯我們的馬迷們都很自律，他們最多互相交流心得，視跑馬為娛樂，消磨時間。在我的餐廳，亦沒有發生過什麼放數問題。跑多五日馬，其實只是為這班馬迷帶來多五日的娛樂，不會對社會有什麼壞影響，實在無妨。

我十分支持馬會的建議，除了對我本身的生意有利之外，我深信很多在投注站附近的餐廳都一樣受惠。現在經濟這麼差，多一點生意就是多一份保障。

周志明





21/04/2009 17:18

To

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Subject Support Additioanl Race Days

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Dear Sir,

I support the Hong Kong Jockey Club's proposal because it can protect the tax contributions to HK internal revenue while anyway addition of 5 racemeetings will not cause any major impact to the society. We cannot be that conservative in handling this as the world is really changing and if we don't protect our money going to other cities, like Macau or Shenzhen, we should allow thios extra race days.

Yuen

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Subject Adding 5 race days

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To whom it may concern

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I would like to support the proposal about addition of 5 race days and 20 simulcast race days since horseracing is a popular event for overseas tourists. -We can see many visitors enjoying the HK-style horseracing on Wed and Sun. -

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Regards
Chung Man



21/04/2009 17:23



To [redacted]

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Subject 馬會加賽馬日

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敬啓者,

沒有馬會的慈善捐獻, 很多服務都不能提供. 但沒有收入, 又如何捐錢, 因此我贊成增加賽馬日, 甚至乎所有能夠增加馬會收入而又受政府規範的方法.

李小姐

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Subject Additional Racedays

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Dear Sir / Madam,

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I would like to express that I support The Hong Kong Jockey Club to have 5 additional racedays as this can secure the community contribution towards the society under the current economic situation. In addition, I do think the additional racedays would have positive impact on the employment rate as well as the tourism.

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Best Regards,
Ms Lui

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Subject 支持馬會建議

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我支持馬會提交給政府的建議，可以提供就業機會，又可以繼續做多些慈善，更加可以令香港有國際地位。現在金融海嘯，最重要就是盡力令有多些工作給人做。有人說這樣做是會助長賭風，為甚麼他們不問一問身為家長的責任是甚麼？為甚麼他們不說香港股票市場最助長賭風，澳門這麼多賭場才是吸引香港人去賭的最大引誘！香港政府有責任減少香港人去澳門賭，反賭團體應該看清楚澳門賭博令香港人要承擔多少手尾！

小市民
陳蕙芳



21/04/2009 17:29

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To whom it may concern,

For increasing 5 race meetings, I agreed ths point as it would increase charity fund/ tas revenue and also provide more career oppportunities.

For your sharing, please.

Thanks & Regards,
Jenny

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21/04/2009 18:03

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Subject Support more race days in Hong Kong

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express my support to the proposal of adding five race days in Hong Kong. This act will definitely help increase the tax revenue for Hong Kong Government and contributions of the Club for charities projects in local community. Moreover, more job opportunities will be created which will help ease the unemployment rate.

I don't think this act will boost the gambling problem as those who gamble will continue to gamble in other places e.g. Macau if the Club failed to add five race days. For those who do not gamble, they will never place bets even there are five more race days.

Regards,
Chelsia Chung

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致博彩及獎券事務委員會：

本人來函就馬會的建議發表意見。

本人中學時就讀的是賽馬會資助興建的學校，雖然我不是馬迷，但有感於最近針對馬會的指責，有點不公平，因此冒昧致函。

我們居住的社區，冠以賽馬會銜頭，意即馬會有份付鈔興建或成立的社會建設多不勝數，這些建設包括學校、泳池、體育館、青少年中心、老人中心，還有家住附近的有宗教背景的團體，都曾經獲馬會的資助。即然馬會能夠為社會提供那麼多資源，政府和團體都能夠得到支援，為什麼反過來又被人指控為鼓吹賭風？我不禁問句：「錢從何來？」

本人不是哲人，不知道人是否性本善，但現實反映，賭博是禁之不絕的，賭徒不賭馬，錢不是回到口袋裡，只是投入了其他戶口，例如麻雀館、賭場、金股，但是麻雀館不會出錢興建學校、賭場也不會為香港人建馬術場地、建體育館。

因此，本人支持增加賽馬，並期望馬會利用增加賽馬的收入，支持更多社會建設。

此致

博彩及獎券事務委員會

市民
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提交意見書的截止日期為2009年4月21日。除非事先表明不可公開意見書，否則秘書處所可將接獲的意見書公開讓傳媒和公眾閱覽。

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本人十分贊同香港賽馬會提出增加賽馬日，同時增加慈善撥款。

張碧賢

By Fax

致：民政事務局局长 曾德成先生

博彩及獎券事務委員會

增加賽馬日及轉播海外賽事意見

我是一個超級馬迷，現年四十多歲投注賽馬約二十年。我覺得本港賽事，最理想可以跑到七月尾。致於海外轉播賽事，要爭取多些才可以提高賽馬的質素及投注者的興趣。

老實說，就個人而言，跑足全年無休止最好，可是騎師同馬仔連續在七、八、九月跑會好辛苦，而馬迷都要停一停。如果中間歇一個月，放下假休息一下，對從事賽馬事業的人都是一件好事。總括來說，加五天賽馬問題不大，千萬不要搞到全年跑馬，那就失去平衡，失咗平衡就墮馬啦！

人是可以控制自己的！不想賭而又賭的話....是病態賭徒。不是因為賽馬的問題，他們手執一副啤牌都可以賭一餐，根本就不是加賽日的問題！有些人說，加場就會賭多些和影響跟家人旅行，其實暑假無馬賭我都會去澳門賭少少。加幾多場這樣更好，可以揀得閒及適當的時間才跑馬呢！馬會也表示增加賽馬日，可為庫房帶來五億多稅收，創造四千個新職位。

希望你們慎重考慮小弟的愚見，和香港市民整體利益，作出英明及雙贏的決定。謝謝！

祝 身體健康

馬迷 Francis Chan 上

20-4-2009

To : Betting & Lotteries Commission
From : Sara Pang and Roy Pang
Date : 21 April 2009
Fax : 2591 6002
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This is the first time I've ever written to the government to express my opinion. The so-called silent majority in Hong Kong, I as one of them, have seldom speak up on the things I believe and support. Perhaps it's about time to make a change.

Both my husband and I came from a family which has never presented gaming is a secret to the younger generation. We've played mahjong when we're kids and we witnessed our parents attending horse race meetings when we're students. One thing for sure – we know all of these is about entertainment and not something that we should put all our attention and money on it. We brought up our children the same way and we never punished them for playing mahjong with their grand parents on festive days or cheering with their father in front of the TV when watching Silent Witness racing somewhere outside Hong Kong few years ago. We all know this is the lifestyle of Hong Kong and we all know this is the value of Hong Kong people.

When our family visits Macau, we have to spend sometime with our children to explain the lifestyle there and the difference between the two cities, i.e. what casinos and gaming industry are all about. We did watched Discovery Channel and we all know that people get addicted by playing slot machines or table cards because of its non-stop nature of the game. It's why we will try to keep our children away from all these.

We found it quite surprising in the newspaper that some politicians criticizing Jockey Club of asking more races while sealing their lips on the situation in Macau and its negative impact towards Hong Kong people. We born here and we all know how Jockey Club contributes to Hong Kong. They're a non-profit making Club and they pay a lot of tax to the government and they donate a lot of money to many organizations. Come to think of it – what did the casinos contribute to the Macau people or Hong Kong people who have gambled there?

Our politicians have double standards and they are making everything so political. Parenting is extremely difficult to all parents these days because we have to explain a simple matter to our children every time when it's being overshadowed by politics.

We hope the government can consider the Jockey Club's call favourably because they have done a lot for Hong Kong. It is only unfortunate that it always becomes the natural scapegoat whenever the politicians find the occasion fits. We sincerely hope that the government will look at the matter in an objective manner and really take into account of the views of the silent majority like us. We don't know how to say it in the form of slogans or any other political etiquette. But these are genuine views from an ordinary couple who born and lived in Hong Kong for more than forty years.

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Subject 反對馬會增加賽馬日

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敬啟者，

附上本服務處之意見書，請查收。本服務處亦將派代表於4月二十四日在博獎會會議上發言。謝謝。

郭毅權博士
香港基督教服務處



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反對馬會增加賽馬日及轉播海外賽事日數

本服務處反對香港賽馬會增加賽馬日，反對香港賽馬會延長馬季，及反對香港賽馬會增加轉播海外賽事日數並接受投注，因為這不但未能阻止香港居民往澳門賭博，反而會增加賭風，違反政府一貫的不鼓勵賭博政策。

監察賭風聯盟對於 有關本港「加增賽馬日」之聲明

1. 我們認為馬會提不出任何合理數據，證明增加總共 25 個賽馬日（包括 5 個本地賽馬日及 20 個海外賽馬日，後者已可能高達 130 場之賽事。）可以在不影響其他經濟活動，以及政府其他稅收的情況下增加博彩稅收益，並為整個本地勞動市場帶來積極正面的刺激作用。
2. 我們認為除非特區政府立法，限制港人在暑假期間進出澳門，否則增加賽馬日實不能把港人在澳門賭場的投注，吸納於香港賽馬活動之中。事實上，位處毗鄰的澳門是港人暑假外遊的熱點，而大部份選擇到澳門旅遊的旅客，在行程中順道參與賭場活動已是慣常模式。
3. 我們認為賭博只是其中一項非必要的消費活動，同樣受宏觀經濟環境影響，當經濟出現周期性變化時，人們只會保留日常生活的必要開支。由於賭馬並不如股市和樓市般被視為閒資的出路，是以投注額下跌實屬合理現象，沒理由成為馬會大肆擴張賭業之理據。
4. 我們堅決反對增加賽馬日，特別是馬會擬在七月暑假期間多增之場數。此舉實屬剝削賭徒年中之冷靜期，以及僅有易於與家人相聚的時間，非但會擴大賭風及進一步破壞家庭生活，更會令暑期中青少年易於沾染賭博惡習。
5. 經過幾番賭博政策的更替，我們深信，「博彩及獎券事務委員會」（簡稱「博獎會」），已不能發揮其應有監察馬會之作用，我們強烈要求政府儘快接納理大「香港人參與賭博活動」研究報告之建議，成立有實權的「中央賭博問題事務委員會」監管本港所有賭博活動。
6. 我們要求政府公正公平聽取民間意見，擱置有關加增賽馬日之建議。

香港教育專業人員協會堅決反對增加賽馬日。我們持的理由是：

1. 賭博有年輕化的趨勢

根據理工大學應用社會科學系進行的「香港人參與賭博活動情況」研究顯示，香港超過三分之一（34.2%）受訪者是在未滿 18 歲時首次參與賭博活動。明顯地，這些年輕人是從參與香港的賭波、六合彩、賽馬或社交賭博而開始的賭博行為。

2. 增加青少年接觸賭博的機會

若將賽馬日伸延至七月，令暑假中的青少年在家收看賽馬賽事的機會大增，從而誘發他們參與賭博的機會也相應增加。

3. 增加賽馬日影響家庭生活

近年香港政府努力鼓吹鄰里守望、家庭和諧。若增加賽馬日，尤其在七月暑假，學生放假期間，可能因家長只顧賭博或賭輸錢，從而影響家人的相聚時間，甚或打消了暑假出外旅行的計劃，破壞和諧的家庭生活。更甚者部份家長容易因此聯同子女一同參與賭博，擴大賭風。

4. 剝削賭徒的冷靜期

七月暑期是賭徒一年中的冷靜期，若增加賽馬日會連唯一協助賭徒康復的時段也剝削掉，對跟進的機構及團體做成壓力，對賭徒的康復構成影響。

5. 增加賽馬日與政府政策相背離

政府一直宣稱對賭博奉行不鼓勵政策，教協會看不到有合理理據增加賽馬日，所以我們促請貴委員會及政府否決增加賽馬日的建議。

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香港賽馬會增加五日賽馬日 是否對香港有利？

一. 誤算

就以馬會的研究所得，香港人去年在澳門賭場全年輸掉了 200 億港元，而當馬會歇暑的七、八月期間共輸掉了 33 億。因此，馬會要增加 5 日賽事，以能搶回一些賭客。這是誤算的方式，若港人一年內在澳門輸掉 200 億，減去七、八月的 33 億（每月平均 16.5 億），即 170 億平分 10 個月，每月平均輸掉 17 億，比對下港人在馬季歇暑時，會較少到澳門賭博，由此可見，賽馬日反而成為嗜賭者往澳門豪賭的導火線。增加賽馬日，反而會刺激嗜賭者往澳門賭錢。

二 誤導

應加柏先生提到利用增加賽事可讓去澳門賭錢的賭客回流香港參與賽馬，相信應加柏先生對賭徒並沒有太大認識，特別是中國人嗜賭者。中國人賭博是講求技巧和興趣的，那些喜歡馬的人便多賭馬，因為他們覺得他們的投注是講眼光，而不是講彩數的。而那些喜歡賭百家樂的賭客就只是喜歡百家樂，甚至認為這種賭法才是公開、公平的，他們也會覺得贏錢是因為技巧而非靠幸運，這些賭徒甚少能調換位置去賭的。反之，有一批賭徒卻是任何賭博都會喜歡，而且愈賭愈密的，他們每每在馬場未能得到滿足，而在賽事結束後，前往澳門賭博，不少也會走上病態賭徒的不歸路。

三. 誤人

在一年 78 天賽事中，增加 5 天賽馬日，看似不是太大問題，但在比率來計算則增加 6.41%，就以 2008 年民政事務局委託香港理工大學所做的評估研究中顯示，有 32.8% 人士在參與賽馬博彩時出現與病態賭博相關的行為，為各類博彩活動之首，比對在參與澳門賭場的人士高出 3 倍以上（參香港理工大學《香港人參與賭博活動情況研究 2008》）。由此可見增加賽馬日只會令香港病態賭徒增加，加添面對金融海嘯下的香港家庭更大和更重的擔子。

四. 誤事

今次增加賽馬日事件出現，民政事務局要負莫大責任。香港政府特別委託民政事務局去管理有關香港賭博議題，他們曾委托不同大學作了許多的研究報告，但對賭博問題從未有一個完整交代，到底今日香港賭風正處於什麼狀態，並沒有明確指向。博獎會的決定更是模稜兩可。而政府為要增多稅收，不理會年青一代的前途，試想暑假期間，學生都在放假，當時間多，生活感到沉悶時，參與賽馬博彩就容易成為他們的消閒活動。就以香港理工大學去年所作的研究報告指出，受訪者中有六成多在未滿十八歲前首次參與賭博，而他們的開始都是受到身邊的人所影響的。這樣看來，研究報告所得結論都

未被落實，馬會已經妄下定論去推動賭博，而政府方面又未能按各大學的研究作出回應。

五. 誤會

各界人士常以為監察賭風聯盟，明光社是有宗教背景，以一己道德標準去防礙他人賭博自由，事事與馬會為敵。其實，今天監察賭風聯盟不屬任何宗教，我們來自有社福界，學術界、教育界及宗教界等，為的是觀察香港賭風的轉變，提醒政府和廣大市民留意，以作防禦，抵擋其侵擾。政府應吸取理大「香港人參與賭博活動」的建議，建立出一個「中央賭博問題事務委員會」，以能為這新興行業作一個監控作用。

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(一) 本中心反對委員會加開五天差日。
 因存加開5週是暑假，家庭的天倫時間
 時間便剝削，破壞家庭關係。

(二) 本中心服務賭徒及家庭，眼見不少父親
 經年賭色家散人亡，不少家庭輸錢，
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馬會近期因為賽馬投注額下降向政府申請增加15日本地賽事，以及增加20個海外賽事轉播日。

馬會此舉是直接增加公眾人士參與賭博的機會，特別是賭馬，因為根據理工大學在2008年的統計，各項賭博的投注額，最高賭款為賭馬，其次是賭波及澳門賭場。由此，馬會只為機構的投注額而將喜歡賭馬的人士增加成為病態賭徒的機會，此舉實令人十分反感。投注額的下降，其影響是使馬會收入減少，從而減少對社會公益事業的投放？還是馬會的高官收入減少，因而影響生活素質？但在此背後，社會的損失實在未能計算。

若果要探討馬會要增加投注額，則便先要問投注額的下降帶來甚麼影響？若這影響，比較起因病態賭博而帶來的影響更甚時，馬會才要檢討或考慮增加投注額，若果馬會未能就這些影響及後果，作一平衡的分析及交代，但卻粗疏地說要增加投注額，則此舉實令公眾人士不能順服。其次則是，馬會的投注額下降，減少馬會的收入，則增加賽事及轉播更多的賽馬日，是否就是唯一的出路及解決辦法？

賭博帶來的禍害，在此不一而足，因為我們在報章上，差不多隔天便看到有關賭博而引起的慘劇新聞，因賭博而帶給社會、家庭等的重大損失，實在絕不能用金錢可以計算，對於青少年來說，所帶來的禍害是更加深遠。雖然馬會一直都對協助病態賭徒戒賭，同時亦投放了資源，但相對地，在馬會的投注額，若與戒賭服務所放的資源相比，簡直是「蚊比與牛比」。況且，馬會絕不應一方面增加公眾人士賭博機會，但另一方面又說要「戒賭治療」，這簡直是自打咀巴，完全不合情理。特別在經濟不景的環境下，人們藉賭博來「增加收入」或「減壓」，有時實在有其困難及理由，但一旦將這不良的嗜好成為一種沉溺行為時（歷史及經驗告訴我們病態賭博是從「少」開始，包括年齡及金額），便要付出沉重的代價，對個人、家庭及社會都會是一樣。

若馬會視跑馬為一種有益身心的活動，一種「高尚」的嗜好，或一種賞心悅目的遊戲，則更不需增加賽事，因為現時的賽馬日數及運動節目已十分足夠，不用再增加賽事、增加投注額（因馬會已十分富有），否則因賭博對社會所帶來的禍害，馬會實在是責無旁貸。

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意見書

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增加賽馬日，不會助長賭風？

——從理大 2008 賭博研究報告來的啓示

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隨著經濟蕭條下，賽馬投注亦同步下跌，為了維持投注和為賭博職「包底」，馬會已向政府申請增加五場賽馬日。據了解，除政府大開綠燈之餘，博覽會大部分成員亦已接納馬會建議。

很多人以為，只增加五日賽馬日對社會不會有大的影響，更有人認為，自澳門開放賭博專營權後，氣勢已蓋過本地賭博，賭馬、賭波等玩意不會助長賭風。但據政府委託，於 2008 年 12 月發表的理大應用社會科學系進行的「香港人參與賭博活動情況」研究中，我們卻可以看到一些叫人意想不到的香港賭博情況。

據研究顯示，受訪者的每月平均賭博投注金額，最高的並不要是「過大海」的澳門賭場（428.2 港元），而是被視為「昨日黃花」的賽馬投注（732.7 元），其次是足球博彩（699.5 元，參報告書列表 1.2.4）。另外，報告亦顯示出超過三分之一（34.2%）的受訪者首次參與賭博活動是在未滿 18 歲時進行。明顯地，這些年輕人是從參與賭波、六合彩、賽馬或社交賭博開始的（18 歲以下人士是不能進入澳門賭場的）。

當然，自澳門增加賭場後，港人前往澳門旅遊和賭博的人次是增加了，但由研究所見，港人雖然對澳門賭場趨之若鶩，本港賭博的「主旋律」，仍走不出「老餅」的賭馬、賭波和六合彩。若說馬會鋪天蓋地的賭馬賭波廣告，和定時定候「提醒」六合彩巨額金多賀宣傳（這裡還未計算那些由馬會贊助製作的軟性節目，如最近開始播出的「馬會保職創職全為您」，甚至提到連接載乘客往返馬場的的士司機、舊賣馬經雜誌的報販、甚至於馬場及場外投注處旁經營的食肆，都因賽馬日而大做生意，「一場賽事養百樣人」云云）是不會助長賭風的話，無

疑是張大眼睛說瞎話！

現時馬會建議增加賽馬日，旨在將馬季由六月延伸至七月。這將使馬迷「抖暑」的冷靜期進一步縮短。隨之而來，更多青少年因放暑假而大有機會在家收看節目接觸賽事，或是進一步剝削很多家庭相處的時間，甚至有可能因家長賭輸錢，打消了暑假出外旅行的計劃，各種各樣，無一不影響香港家庭，和青少年身心發展。

還望政府當局和博獎會，貫徹執行「不鼓勵賭博」政策，不要「見錢開眼」，要顧及家人和青少年，從嚴管制馬會各種宣傳和投注政策。



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致博彩及獎券事務委員會：

就四月二十四日特別會議
發言內容回覆

東華三院平和坊由 2003 年 10 月開始至今輔導超過四仟位問題賭徒及家人，根據香港理工大學最新的調查「可能已成為問題賭徒」和「可能已成為病態賭徒」的流行率為 2.8% 及 1.7% (共 4.5%)，按照多個國際的研究，一個病態賭徒可能影响身邊多達 10 人，因此問題/病態賭博影响的人數可能遠超過病態賭徒的數字。所以，平和坊認為需要就會議議題諮詢受影响的人士 (包括賭徒及家人)。由於通知時間短暫，平和坊將搜集由 2009 年 4 月 16 日至 2009 年 4 月 22 日到本中心接受服務人士的意見，至目前為止共收取了 23 位服務使用者的回應，就增加 5 個賽馬日，有 2 位同意，4 位無意見及 17 位不同意，其他所收集的意見將會在會議上報告。

東華三院平和坊
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本人非常反對增加賽馬日及海外賽事轉播；理由如下：

1. 大大增強香港的賭博風氣
2. 與政府「不鼓勵賭博」的方針矛盾
3. 令本港賭民人數加增，包括青少年
4. 對家庭的經濟及溝通有很大的負面影響

本人要求有關條例審議必須經立法會通過及廣泛民意的諮詢，絕對不能輕率草草地通過！

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我反對加賽事，但並非與助長賭風與否的道德問題有關，而是外國有學者進行的實證研究顯示，賽日超過一定水平，全年總體投注額增長的上升曲線會趨向平坦，情況就如加稅率到一定比率，稅收不再增加的情況。換言之，賭客的全年投注總額沒有按正比上升，他們只是調低個別日子投注額去投注會新增日子。香港沒有類似研究，但相信情況相若。
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《有關馬會增加暑假賽事的意見》

從傳媒得知馬會提出要求，在暑假期間加開賽事以增加博採收入，對這事本人本想在看報的時候就提出意見，但並不知道該向誰提出。現透過網上找尋得知由貴處管理有關事宜，現將本人意見提出如下：

- ⌚ 暑假是年輕人休假的時間，如增加暑假賽事，將令年輕人更容易接觸到賭博。
- ⌚ 賭博增加了馬會和政府的收入，卻增加了市民無謂的開支，實際是在赤貧的人手中剝削謹有的收入來補貼已有相當盈利的馬會。
- ⌚ 到澳門賭博並非是留港賭馬的絕對競爭對手，兩者在賭博市場上佔有不同客源和物件，澳門賭博事業與消閒事業密不可分，但香港人總不能天天到澳門賭博，賭馬卻是香港賭徒的飯後娛樂，兩者性質本不相同，亦不應作為增加賽事的藉口。
- ⌚ “賭博如倒錢下大海”這是政府宣傳廣告，若增加賽事，實質上鼓勵更多人沉迷賭博，最後增加的是破產人士和病態賭徒並且社會沉重的負擔。增加馬會收入卻加重社會負擔，是得不償失的。
- ⌚ 基於以上理由，本人認為馬會不應在暑假增加賽事。
- ⌚ 同時，對於博采公眾諮詢程式，基於公眾利益，有必要對諮詢時間，諮詢方法和諮詢會多加宣傳。

謝謝關注！！

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