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APPLICATION OF CASINO EXCLUSION IS AVAILABLE FOR FOREIGNERS IN SINGAPORE

Foreigners in Singapore can apply for Casino Self Exclusion and Family Exclusion from the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG).

Foreigners can apply for casino self exclusion at NCPG Office located at Thomson Road, SLF Building and Migrant Workers Centre at 62 Rangoon Road (Near Farrer Park MRT Station Exit). From 24 November 2010 onwards, applicants can also download Self-Exclusion application form from NCPG and MOM web-sites, fill in their particulars and send the completed forms by hand or by registered post.

For Family Exclusion Orders, interested applicant should apply directly with Tanjong Pagar Family Service Centre, located at 298 Tiong Bahru Road, #03-06, Central Plaza (above Tiong Bahru MRT).

Mr Lim Hock San, Chairman of the NCPG said that “The existing Casino Voluntary Self Exclusion and Family Exclusion Order are available to provide foreigners in Singapore a personal choice to protect themselves from the addiction of problem gambling. Casino Exclusion is part of a comprehensive package of social safeguards to protect problem gamblers. The voluntary self exclusion offers individuals the opportunity to self-evaluate their gambling habits and recognise the tipping point so as not to cross over into problem gambling.”

About the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG)

The NCPG was appointed in August 2005 as part of Singapore's national framework to address problem gambling. It is an independent council comprising 20 members with expertise in public communications, psychiatry and psychology, social work, counseling and rehabilitative services. The Council's role is to provide advice and feedback to the Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports (MCYS) on public education programmes on problem gambling and on the effectiveness of treatment, counseling and rehabilitative programmes; to decide on funding for these programmes; preventive and rehabilitative programmes; and on the applications for exclusion of persons from casinos. Stop Problem Gambling. Know The Line. Call 1800-6-668-668. For more information, please see www.ncpg.org.sg.

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