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NATIONAL COUNCIL ON PROBLEM GAMBLING SEEKS KEY STAKEHOLDERS' VIEWS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CASINO CONTROL ACT

In conjunction with the Government's public consultation on the draft Casino Control (Amendment) Bill, the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) will facilitate consultation with key stakeholders in the community through dialogue sessions to seek their views and inputs on the proposed social safeguard amendments.

Prior to the release of the draft Bill, NCPG had provided its feedback and recommendations to the Government, taking into account public feedback and suggestions garnered from its previous public consultations.

From July to August 2012, NCPG will hold closed-door dialogue sessions with key stakeholders from the community, social service, grassroots and religious sectors on the proposed amendments relating to social safeguards in the draft Bill, such as the new visit limit system, and amendments relating to casino exclusion and responsible gambling. NCPG will then consolidate all feedback garnered and present them and its own recommendations to the Government for consideration.

NCPG Chairman Mr Lim Hock San said, "We look forward to a robust discussion on the proposed amendments with our stakeholders. We hope that through this opportunity, we will glean feedback and suggestions that will be useful to the Government in the further improvement of social safeguard measures."

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