Tobacco control and HTA in Taiwan

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Q1. Tobacco control policy in Taiwan
## Feature Events of Tobacco Control in Taiwan

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<td>1987</td>
<td>Three-Year No-smoking Campaign</td>
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<td>DOH implemented the &quot;Five-Year Tobacco Control Plan for the Taiwan Region&quot;</td>
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<td>Issuance of a Presidential Decree ratifying the <em>Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act</em> and its implementation on September 19 of the same year</td>
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<td>Collection of tobacco health and welfare surcharge (NT$ 5 should be levied on every pack of cigarettes)</td>
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<td>2005. 03. 30</td>
<td>Issuance of a Presidential Decree approving country’s participation in the WHO FCTC and signing of the membership commitment document</td>
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<td><em>Tobacco and Alcohol Tax Act</em> was amended to raise the tobacco health and welfare surcharge to NT$ 10 per pack</td>
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Policy for Tobacco Control

• **Reduction of Demand**
  – Welfare tax on tobacco products
  – Prohibition of smoking
  – Warning Labels
  – Smoking Cessation Assistance
  – Education & Publicizing Campaign

• **Reduction of Supply**
  – Prohibition of underage tobacco sales and selling
  – Curbing illicit trade in tobacco products
Welfare Tax on Tobacco Products

• The Health and Welfare Surcharge shall be imposed on tobacco products, the amount of which shall be as follows:

(1) Cigarettes: NTD 1,000 every one thousand sticks.
(2) Cut tobacco: NTD 1,000 every kilogram.
(3) Cigars: NTD 1,000 every kilogram.
(4) Other tobacco products: NTD 1,000 every kilogram.

1 USD ≈ 30 NTD
Q2. The evidence of policymakers rely on instead of HTA
Research & Monitoring

- Research & Monitoring
  - Adult Smoking Behavior Survey
  - Global Youth Tobacco Survey
  - Tobacco Information Monitoring
  - Tobacco Consumption Monitoring

- Tobacco Ingredients Control and Regulations
  - Developments in Testing and Research of Tobacco Product

- Evaluation on Welfare Tax
How Tax on Tobacco affect smoking rate?

A tobacco surcharge (NT$5 per pack) was levied from Jan. 2002.
Tobacco surcharge was adjusted to NT$10 in Feb. 2006.
Tobacco surcharge was raised to NT$20 Jan. 2009 pursuant to the new Tobacco Hazards Prevention Act amended in Jun. 2009.

Thank you for your attention!

Any question are welcome!