China/Hong Kong
Laws in place, but more enforcement needed


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The smoker from traffic marshals monitor the cigarette cart in the city of Hong Kong. The city has some of the world’s toughest anti-smoking laws, but enforcement lags behind.

The city’s new anti-smoking laws came into force in January 2018. The law bans smoking in most public places, including restaurants, bars, and shopping malls. Smoking in public places can attract a fine of up to $5,000. However, enforcement has been patchy, with some areas enforcing the ban more rigorously than others.

Malaysia
No more lighting up in eateries allowed


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Malaysia in general has taken some of the toughest steps towards reducing smoking. In 2005, the government banned smoking in public places, and in 2010, it banned the sale of tobacco to children.

In Malaysia, smoking is still common, especially among young people. The country has one of the highest smoking rates in the world. However, the government has taken steps to reduce smoking rates.

Australia
Plain packaging, bans, high prices pay off


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Australia has adopted some of the most stringent anti-smoking measures in the world. The government introduced plain packaging for cigarettes in 2012, which has led to a decline in smoking rates.

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Japan/South Korea
Tougher measures in ‘smokers’ paradise’


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In Japan and South Korea, smoking is still common, especially among young people. The countries have introduced some of the toughest anti-smoking measures in the world, but enforcement remains an issue.

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India
Taking the shock and gory approach


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STUBBING OUT A GLOBAL MENACE

Across Asia, various governments have stepped in to curb smoking to manage the side-effects of second-hand smoke, and in a bid to reduce the burden tobacco use has imposed on healthcare systems. Our correspondents look at what’s been done—and how effective it has been—to get smokers to stop lighting up.

Indonesia
Cash-rich tobacco lobby, cheap puffs fuel smoking habit


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The tobacco industry in Indonesia is dominated by the Sampoerna group, which is controlled by the Djarum family. The company is one of the largest tobacco companies in the world, and it dominates the market in Indonesia.

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No advertising, banned anti-smoking law to take effect today


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500,000 smokers in South Korea


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