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通告 CIRCULAR

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Subject: **Launch of After-Hours Futures Trading (AHFT) Web Corner and Preparation for AHFT**

查詢

Enquiry: **DCASS Hotline 2979 7222**

Reference is made to the circular issued by Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited on 15 December 2011 (ref: [DMD/165/11](#)). In order to facilitate Clearing Participants to prepare for After-Hours Futures Trading (AHFT), Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx) has launched a designated [AHFT web corner](#). All relevant reference materials, including Information Paper that illustrates the detailed business and operating model of AHFT, Consultation Paper and Conclusions, all relevant circulars, briefing materials and technical documents are centralized and posted in this web corner.

To prepare for the launch of AHFT, Clearing Participants are recommended to note the followings:

Installation of New DCASS Application

HKEx will install remotely the new version of DCASS application to all Clearing Participants' DCASS Servers while Clearing Participants are required to install the new version of DCASS application into their DCASS Client Only Terminals (where applicable). The new version of DCASS application will be provided in Q3 2012. Details will be provided in due course.

Upgrade of DCASS OAPI Programs

All Clearing Participants with DCASS OAPI programs are required to:

1. Request for the new OAPI header file by sending an email to Derivatives Clearing Operations at dcassoapi@hkex.com.hk;
2. Modify the DCASS OAPI programs according to the "[OAPI Specification & Highlighted Changes \(DCASS\)](#)" and re-compile them with the new header file;
3. Submit a "[Request for access to DCASS OAPI Testing Environment](#)" Form to test the upgraded DCASS OAPI program in the DCASS OAPI testing environment which will be available from 1 March 2012;

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4. Arrange with HKE_x to conduct a DCASS OAPI certification test by submitting a “[DCASS OAPI Certification Test Application](#)” Form; and
5. Use the certified DCASS OAPI program to participate in the Market Rehearsals of AHFT in Q3 2012.

The key dates are set out in the below table:

Dates	Activities
To be announced	Installation of new DCASS application to DCASS Servers and DCASS Client Only Terminals (where applicable) <i>(Note 1)</i>
From 20 February 2012	Request for the new OAPI header file <i>(Note 2)</i>
From 1 March 2012	Availability of DCASS OAPI testing environment for AHFT <i>(Note 2)</i>
Q2/Q3 2012	Re-certification of DCASS OAPI programs <i>(Note 2)</i>
Q3 2012	Use of upgraded DCASS OAPI program in Market Rehearsals of AHFT <i>(Note 2)</i>

Note 1: For All Clearing Participants

Note 2: For All Clearing Participants using DCASS OAPI programs

You are highly recommended to co-ordinate with your IT team / vendor for necessary planning and preparation.

For any enquiries, please contact the DCASS hotline at 2979-7222.

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