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Dear Sirs,

Consultation Paper on Review of Corporate Governance Code and Related Listing Rules

Ernst & Young is pleased to respond in this letter to the request of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for feedback on the captioned consultation paper. Terms used in this letter shall have the same meanings as in the consultation paper.

We welcome the Exchange's ongoing commitment to enhancing the quality of the Hong Kong market and improving corporate governance standards.

At EY, diversity and inclusiveness are core to who we are and how we work. We are pleased to note that diversity is on the Exchange's agenda again and we agree with the principles underlying the related proposals set out in the consultation paper. We trust that the Exchange will take into consideration comments from listed issuers regarding the detailed implementation of the proposals.

ESG matters form an integral part of good corporate governance. With the Exchange's gradual approach in introducing ESG requirements, we believe that listed issuers should be prepared to move on to aligning the ESG reporting timeframe with that for annual financial reporting.

We are also pleased to note that the Exchange will continue to support the entire issuer community by providing training and publishing guidance materials, with the aim of instilling enhanced attitudes towards corporate governance and ESG for listed companies, and their boards. The proposed new consolidated guidance letter, providing comprehensive guidance in assisting issuers' compliance with the corporate governance requirements, is particularly useful.

Lastly, we find the footnotes in the main text of the paper cross-referencing proposals to the detailed proposed rule wording in the appendix very helpful and hope this approach will be adopted in all future consultation papers.

Should you have any questions on the above comments, please do not hesitate to contact our Professional Practice Partner in Hong Kong, Mr. Paul Hebditch, on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

