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HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE LIMITED

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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Product Enhancements to USD/CNH Options and Cash-Settled CNH/USD Futures Contracts

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Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited (“the Exchange”) is pleased to announce the following product enhancements to the USD/CNH Options and cash-settled CNH/USD Futures contracts:

1. Extension of trading hours of USD/CNH Options contracts; and
2. Introduction of two additional calendar quarter months for USD/CNH Options and cash-settled CNH/USD Futures contracts

Relevant rule amendments will be issued under a separate circular in due course.

1. Extension of Trading Hours of USD/CNH Options Contracts

The opening hour of the USD/CNH Options contracts will be changed from 09:00 to 08:30, effective from **18 November 2019 (Monday)**. After the change of its opening hour, USD/CNH Options will start trading at the same time as other HKEX’s RMB currency derivatives products, allowing Exchange Participants (“EPs”) and their clients to benefit from efficient cross-product trading.

2. Introduction of Two Additional Calendar Quarter Months for USD/CNH Options and Cash-settled CNH/USD Futures Contracts

The Exchange will introduce two additional calendar quarter months (i.e. the 5th and 6th calendar quarter months) for the USD/CNH Options and cash-settled CNH/USD Futures contracts, effective from **19 November 2019 (Tuesday) day session**. This enhancement will align the available contract months of the USD/CNH Options, cash-settled CNH/USD Futures contracts and the flagship USD/CNH Futures contracts. The alignment of contract months may facilitate EPs and their clients in managing their long-term RMB exposure.

USD/CNH Options and cash-settled CNH/USD Futures contract months available for trading from 19 November 2019 (day session)

Effective Date	Spot Month	Next 3 Calendar Months	Next 6 Calendar Quarter Months
19 Nov 2019	Dec-19	Jan-20; Feb-20; Mar-20	Jun-20; Sep-20; Dec-20; Mar-21; <u>Jun-21 (New)</u> ; <u>Sep-21 (New)</u>

An illustration on available contract months for trading is shown in Attachment.

For the newly introduced 5th and 6th calendar quarter months, liquidity providers will provide quotes on a voluntary basis. The list of liquidity providers can be found in the [HKEX website](#).

EPs should notify their staff and all interested clients of the aforementioned enhancements and ensure that their trading and back office systems are ready for a smooth operation upon commencement of the aforementioned enhancements.

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This circular has been prepared in English with a Chinese translation. If there is any inconsistency between the two versions, the English version shall prevail.

Attachment

Illustration on Available Contract Months for Trading

USD/CNH Options and cash-settled CNH/USD Futures contracts:

Spot Month	Available Contract Month																								
	2019		2020										2021						2022						
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	
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 The 5th and 6th Calendar Quarter Month Contracts