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HONG KONG FUTURES EXCHANGE LIMITED

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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: Active Trader Program for CNH Futures and Options Contracts and Joint Promotional Program for Currency Futures and Options Contracts in 2020

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Reference is made to the circular dated 26 November 2018 (Ref.: [MKD/FIC/005/18](#)) regarding the Extension of the Incentive Programs and Joint Promotional Program for RMB Currency Futures and Options in 2019. Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited (the “Exchange” or “HKFE”) is pleased to announce the extension of the Active Trader Program (“AT Program”) and Joint Promotional Program (“JPP”), effective from 2 January 2020 (T Session).

The period of the AT Program and JPP will be further extended for one year and the product scope of AT Program will be extended to include more CNH derivatives contracts as follows.

	Current Product Scope	Extended Product Scope
1. AT Program	USD/CNH Futures	CNH Futures and Options, namely USD/CNH Futures, USD/CNH Options, EUR/CNH Futures, JPY/CNH Futures, AUD/CNH Futures, CNH/USD Futures and INR/CNH Futures
	Current Program Period¹	Extended Program Period¹
	2 January 2019 (T Session) to 31 December 2019	2 January 2020 (T Session) to 31 December 2020

¹ There shall be no trading after 12:30 p.m. on the eves of Christmas, New Year and Lunar New Year. The trading hours on those three days shall be 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For more information about the trading hours of the aforementioned products, please refer to the contract specifications available on HKEX’s website ([Foreign Exchange Derivatives](#)).

	Current Program Period ¹	Extended Program Period ¹
2. JPP	2 January 2019 to 31 December 2019	2 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

1. AT Program for CNH Futures and Options

Program Period	2 January 2020 (T Session) to 31 December 2020	
Eligible Participants	Existing and new Active Traders (“ATs”)	
Eligible Products	CNH Futures and Options	
Requirements and Incentives	Trading fee rebate ² based on the specified thresholds of Average Daily Volume (“ADV”) met by ATs. Combined trading volumes of all CNH Futures and Options will be included in calculating ADV.	
	Existing ATs	
	• ADV ≥ 20 contracts	25% trading fee rebate (e.g. trading fee of USD/CNH Futures will be RMB 6 per contract after rebate)
	• ADV ≥ 100 contracts	50% trading fee rebate (e.g. trading fee of USD/CNH Futures will be RMB 4 per contract after rebate)
	• ADV ≥ 500 contracts	75% trading fee rebate (e.g. trading fee of USD/CNH Futures will be RMB 2 per contract after rebate)
	• ADV ≥ 1000 contracts	100% trading fee rebate (e.g. trading fee of USD/CNH Futures will be RMB 0 per contract after rebate)

² Reference is made to the circular dated 4 October 2019 (Ref.: [MKD/FIC/004/19](#)) regarding the Launch of Indian Rupee Currency Futures Contracts. As trading fee waiver is offered for trading INR/CNH Futures contracts, trading volume of INR/CNH Futures contracts will be included in ADV calculation with the trading fee of RMB 0 per contract for the period until 29 April 2020 (T Session).

	New ATs	
	Any number of contracts cleared during the first four consecutive calendar months after enrolling in the AT Program	100% trading fee rebate (e.g. trading fee of USD/CNH Futures will be RMB 0 per contract after rebate)

An AT can be an HKFE Participant (“EP”) trading through its House Account, any client represented by an EP trading through Individual Client Accounts and other accounts as assigned by the Exchange. In determining whether an AT meets the specified thresholds of ADV, the Exchange will measure the AT’s volume of the CNH Futures and Options contracts based on the number of contracts cleared in the House Account of the EP, the Individual Client Accounts assigned only to that AT trading through the relevant EP and other accounts as assigned by the Exchange. The trading fee rebate will be credited to the relevant CCMS collateral account of the Clearing Participant for the EP before the end of the following month.

The existing ATs will be automatically enrolled in the AT Program effective from 2 January 2020 (T Session), unless the existing ATs notify the Exchange that they do not wish to be enrolled. The Exchange reserves the right to terminate the appointment of any AT who fails to meet the Minimum Volume Threshold (i.e. ADV < 20 contracts) for two consecutive months. For the avoidance of doubt, the Market Makers and Liquidity Providers for any Currency Futures and Options³ are eligible to enroll in the AT Program; however, the volume incurred from their market making and / or liquidity providing activities will be excluded from the rebate calculation under the AT Program. EPs are requested to notify their staff and clients about the extension of the AT Program.

2. JPP

To continue to enhance investors’ knowledge of the Currency Futures and Options³ (“the Products”), the Exchange will extend the JPP for one year starting from 2 January 2020 to 31 December 2020. Eligible applicants (“EAs”) include EPs, information / system vendors, financial industry associations and media.

³ Currency Futures and Options contracts include USD/CNH Futures, USD/CNH Options, EUR/CNH Futures, JPY/CNH Futures, AUD/CNH Futures, CNH/USD Futures, INR/CNH Futures and INR/USD Futures contracts.

The Exchange will select a number of EAs to receive the following support from the Exchange for:

- a. Marketing Activities Cost Sponsorship - A maximum amount of HK\$60,000 will be sponsored for each selected EA to conduct marketing activities outlined in a marketing proposal submitted by the EA;
- b. Promotional Materials – Free copies of printed promotional materials and electronic banners will be provided to the EAs for promoting the Products and distributing the materials during public seminar(s) and marketing event(s); and
- c. Speaker – The Exchange will provide a representative to speak at a public seminar(s) and in-house training organized by the EAs.

The criteria for granting the Marketing Activities Cost Sponsorship to EAs are as follows:

- a. An EA should submit a detailed marketing proposal to HKFE for reviewing; the proposal should specify the target number of attendees / participants, venue and date;
- b. The Products must be the primary theme of marketing activities;
- c. The marketing activities should be organized in 2020; and
- d. The actual expenses of each marketing item should be outlined in the marketing proposal and declared by a Responsible Officer of the EP / senior management⁴ of the EA.

Application Procedure

The aforementioned programs are now open for application. Interested applicants should contact Ms. Iris Hui (IrisHui@hkex.com.hk) or Mr. Ray Yen (RayYen@hkex.com.hk) for the programs details.

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⁴ A senior manager, who has authorization to approve expenses of a similar amount (HK\$ 60,000) or above.

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