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THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED
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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: **UPGRADE OF HKEX BACKBONE NETWORK FOR SECURITIES MARKET SYSTEMS**

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All Exchange Participants (EPs) and China Connect Exchange Participants (CCEPs) are hereby advised that the Exchange will be upgrading its backbone network as part of HKEX's technology life-cycle management plan. To ensure we operate on modern and high-quality infrastructure, this upgrade is mandatory to maintain the ongoing stability and resilience of HKEX systems. The upgrade will be confined to HKEX's data centers and will not result in any functional or interface changes to EPs' and CCEPs' Broker Supplied Systems (BSS). The securities market systems included in this upgrade comprise OTP-C, OTP-CSC, OMD-C, OMD-CC and the Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) channel of Electronic Communication Platform (ECP).

To ensure a smooth transition to the upgraded network, a series of **mandatory and optional Market Rehearsals (MRs)** are tentatively scheduled for Q2 to early Q3 2026. All EPs and CCEPs will be required to participate in these MRs to verify connectivity by simulating daily operations over the upgraded backbone network.

Upon completion of the MRs, the network cutover will take place in phases in Q3 2026. **Mandatory Post Release Tests (PRTs)** will be arranged to facilitate final connectivity verification. Further implementation details will be announced in due course. EPs and CCEPs are strongly advised to allocate sufficient resources for supporting the upcoming MRs and PRTs.

The Exchange appreciates the continued partnership and support of all EPs and CCEPs as we enhance our trading platform.

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