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THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED
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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: **LAUNCH OF HKEX BACKBONE NETWORK UPGRADE FOR SECURITIES MARKET SYSTEMS – NETWORK CUTOVER AND POST RELEASE TEST ARRANGEMENTS**

Enquiry: **Participant General Enquiry Hotline¹ (Tel: 2840 3626 E-mail: trd@hkex.com.hk)**

Following the successful completion of a series of mandatory and optional Market Rehearsals (MRs) (Ref. No.: [CT/072/26](#) & [CT/090/26](#)), the Exchange is pleased to announce the launch of the upgraded backbone network for the Securities Market Systems, including OTP-C, OTP-CSC, OMD-C, OMD-CC and the Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) channel of Electronic Communication Platform (ECP).

Given the scale of the upgrade and the systems involved, the network cutover will be implemented in phases to facilitate a smooth transition. Each phase will be launched into production and operated for a period of time before the remaining components are upgraded. A tentative implementation schedule is set out below to provide all Exchange Participants (EPs) and China Connect Exchange Participants (CCEPs) with advance notice for resource planning and participation in the relevant Post Release Tests (PRTs). The detailed arrangements for PRTs will be announced in due course.

Events	Market Participation	PRT Date	Planned Launch Date
PRT 1	Mandatory	8 August 2026 (Saturday)	10 August 2026 (Monday)
PRT 2	Mandatory	22 August 2026 (Saturday)	24 August 2026 (Monday)
PRT 3	Optional	5 September 2026 (Saturday)	7 September 2026 (Monday)

¹ All calls to and from the Participant General Enquiry Hotline may be recorded. HKEX Privacy Policy Statement is available [here](#).

To ensure smooth operations during the PRTs, EPs and CCEPs that need to update the designated contact person(s) previously provided to the Exchange for the MRs are requested to submit the notification form ([Attachment 1](#)) via [ECP](#) by **5 August 2026 (Wednesday)**. Otherwise, existing contact details will remain valid for the PRTs.

The Exchange would like to thank all EPs and CCEPs for their continued support and cooperation in the HKEX Backbone Network Upgrade and look forwards to its smooth implementation.

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