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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 – THIRD POST RELEASE TEST ARRANGEMENTS**
Enquiry: **Participant General Enquiry Hotline¹ (Tel: 2840 3626 E-mail: trd@hkex.com.hk)**

With reference to the Exchange Circular (Ref. No.: [CT/116/26](#)), the Exchange is pleased to announce that, following the successful completion of the first two mandatory Post Release Tests (PRTs), the final phase of the HKEX Backbone Network Upgrade will proceed as scheduled on **7 September 2026 (Monday)**. As a final verification of connectivity over the upgraded network, **an optional third Post Release Test (PRT3)** will be held on **5 September 2026 (Saturday)**. All Exchange Participants (EPs) and China Connect Exchange Participants (CCEPs) are strongly encouraged to participate in the PRT3.

Interested EPs and CCEPs are required to submit the registration form ([Attachment 1](#)) via [ECP](#) by **2 September 2026 (Wednesday)**. The PRT3 activity rundown will be provided separately to the registered EPs and CCEPs. EPs relying on information vendors to provide market data updates for trading purposes should liaise with their respective information vendors to provide market data support during the PRT3.

Details of the PRT3 are set out in the following table.

Events	Date	Time	Details
Optional Post Release Test 3 (PRT3)	5 September 2026 (Saturday)	09:00-13:15	The final phase will involve upgrading components at the HKEX backup site. EPs and CCEPs who participate in the PRT3 should: • Submit orders to simulate normal daily operations

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

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			Login to ECP via SFTP only to verify connectivity, if applicable.

The Exchange would like to thank all EPs and CCEPs for their continued support and cooperation throughout the HKEX Backbone Network Upgrade for Securities Market Systems. Their participation in the Market Rehearsals and PRTs has contributed to the successful implementation of the network upgrade. The Exchange looks forward to completing the final phase smoothly.

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