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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: 2023 Annual Attestation and Inspection Programme

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As part of our continuing efforts to promote the compliance culture of our marketplace, we will commence the 2023 Annual Attestation and Inspection Programme (the “**Programme**”) shortly. The Programme, which focuses on participants’ compliance with the relevant rules and regulations, comprises two core components: (1) self-attestation of compliance by participants and (2) on-site inspection of selected participants. Details of the Programme can be found on the [HKEX Rule Enforcement webpage](#).

PROGRAMME’S PRIORITY AREAS

The 2023 Programme will put priority on the following areas:

- China Connect Rules:** Compliance with China Connect Rules in relation to Northbound trading (*applicable to China Connect Exchange Participants and Trade-through Exchange Participants of SEHK*); and
- Risk Management:** Practices in place to identify, assess, monitor and mitigate various areas of risk such as credit, liquidity, operational, market and financial (*applicable to Clearing Participants*¹).

In addition, the self-attestation compliance questionnaire will cover Prescribed Risk Controls for Trading System (*applicable to HKFE Participants and SEHK Stock Options Exchange Participants only*).

¹ (i) Clearing Participants and General Clearing Participants of HKFE Clearing Corporation Limited, (ii) Direct Clearing Participants and General Clearing Participants of Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited and The SEHK Options Clearing House Limited

INFORMATION SESSIONS ON THE 2023 PROGRAMME

Participants are cordially invited to attend one of our two information sessions on the 2023 Programme. For this year, the information sessions will be hosted in a live webinar format, while the webinar recording and presentation materials will be made available on [HKEX Rule Enforcement webpage](#) subsequent to the information sessions. The registration deadline for the information sessions is Friday, 10th March 2023.

Each information session will qualify for 1.5 CPT hours. Enrolment details can be found in the attached Appendix or [HKEX Rule Enforcement webpage](#).

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