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THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED

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通告 CIRCULAR

**Subject: PROPOSED CESSATION OF TRADING, TERMINATION, VOLUNTARY DEAUTHORISATION AND DELISTING
- ISHARES MSCI CHINA A INTERNATIONAL INDEX ETF
(HKD COUNTER STOCK CODE: 3162)
(RMB COUNTER STOCK CODE: 83162)
(THE “SUB-FUND”)**

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

Exchange and CCASS Participants are requested to note that BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited (the “Manager”) has issued an Announcement and Notice on HKEXnews.hk (<http://www.hkexnews.hk/listedco/listconews/SEHK/2018/0202/LTN201802021474.pdf>) concerning the proposed cessation of trading, termination, voluntary deauthorisation and delisting and waiver from strict compliance with certain provisions of the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds (the “Announcement and Notice”).

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings set out in the Announcement and Notice unless the context otherwise requires.

According to the Announcement and Notice, the expected Last Trading Day of the Units in the Sub-Fund on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “SEHK”) will be 2 March 2018, after which the Sub-Fund will no longer be traded on the SEHK. The Manager will issue further announcement(s) on the Interim Distribution (if any), Compulsory Redemption, Deauthorisation and Delisting Date of the Sub-Fund.

Upon Deauthorisation and Delisting of the Sub-Fund, the Sub-Fund will no longer be subject to Hong Kong regulation by the Securities and Futures Commission (the “SFC”) nor recognized as the eligible securities in Central Clearing and Settlement System (“CCASS”) by Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited (“HKSCC”).

Exchange and CCASS Participants should inform and liaise with their clients as soon as possible to take any appropriate action(s). Potential course of action(s) to be taken by investors on or before the Last Trading Day are briefly mentioned below.

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Potential actions to be taken by investors on or before the Last Trading Day

1. Trading on the SEHK on any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day (i.e. from now up to and including 2 March 2018)

On any trading day up to (and including) the Last Trading Day, an investor may continue to buy or sell its Units in the Sub-Fund on the SEHK in accordance with the usual trading arrangements, during the trading hours of the SEHK and based on the prevailing market prices. The market makers of the Sub-Fund will continue to perform their market making functions in accordance with the trading rules of the SEHK in respect of the Sub-Fund. These Exchange Trades will be cleared inside CCASS and automatically settled on a Continuous Net Settlement (CNS) basis as usual unless they are isolated from the CNS System by the counterparty Exchange Participants at the time of trade or isolated from the CNS System by HKSCC, in which case such trades will be settled on a trade-for-trade (TFT) basis.

2. Holding Units after the Last Trading Day

Relevant Investors who are recorded by HKSCC as the beneficial owner of Units which are registered in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited and held in CCASS as at the Record Date (i.e. 7 March 2018) will be entitled to a Redemption Payment, being the Net Asset Value in proportion to the Relevant Investor's interests in the Sub-Fund as at the Compulsory Redemption Date. The Sub-Fund's then Net Asset Value will be the total value of the net proceeds from the realisation of the assets of the Sub-Fund, which for the avoidance of doubt includes the Suspended Stocks Purchase Price as described in sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 of the Announcement and Notice.

Each of the First Interim Distribution (if any), the Further Interim Distribution(s) (if any) and the Redemption Payment is expected to be paid to the accounts of each Relevant Investor's financial intermediary or stockbroker maintained with CCASS on or around the date the relevant payment is declared. The Manager will issue further announcement(s) to inform the Relevant Investors of the exact day of payment of the First Interim Distribution (if any), the Further Interim Distribution(s) (if any) and the Redemption Payment in respect of the Sub-Fund, in due course.

IMPORTANT NOTES: If an investor disposes of its Units in the Sub-Fund at any time on or before the Last Trading Day, such investor will not, in any circumstances, be entitled to any portion of the First Interim Distribution (if any), the Further Interim Distribution(s) (if any) and/or the Redemption Payment for the Sub-Fund, in respect of any Units of the Sub-Fund so disposed. Investors should therefore exercise caution and consult with their professional and financial advisers before dealing in their Units in the Sub-Fund or otherwise deciding on any course of action to be taken in relation to their Units in the Sub-Fund.

Exchange/CCASS Participants are urged to:

- forward a copy of the Announcement and Notice to their clients holding Units in the Sub-Fund, and inform them of the contents of the Announcement and Notice as soon as possible;
- facilitate their clients who want to dispose of Units in the Sub-Fund on or before the Last Trading Day; and
- inform their clients as soon as possible if any earlier dealing deadline, additional fees or charges, and/or other terms and conditions will be applicable in respect of the provision of their services in connection with any disposal of Units in the Sub-Fund.

For further information on the Announcement and Notice, please contact the Manager directly by calling (852) 3903 2823 or by email: iSharesAsiaEnquiry@blackrock.com.

Trading in the ETF(s) may not be suitable for all members of the public. Exchange Participants should advise their clients to carefully consider whether trading in the ETF(s) is/are appropriate for them in light of their understanding of the product nature and characteristics, their own investment objectives, skills and experience, financial resources, risk tolerance and other relevant circumstances prior to making any decision.

Further information such as the prospectus and other documents issued by the manager is available on the [HKEXnews website](#) and on the [ETP webpage](#)

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