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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: **LAUNCH OF HKEX BACKBONE NETWORK UPGRADE FOR SECURITIES MARKET SYSTEMS – FIRST 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/107/26](#)), the Exchange will launch the first phase of HKEX Backbone Network Upgrade on **10 August 2026 (Monday)**. To ensure a smooth launch, the **First Mandatory Post Release Test (PRT1)** will be held on **8 August 2026 (Saturday)**.

All Exchange Participants (EPs) and China Connect Exchange Participants (CCEPs) are required to participate in PRT1. Details are set out on the following table.

Events	Date	Time	Details
First Mandatory Post Release Test (PRT1)	8 August 2026 (Saturday)	09:00-15:00	The internal components of backbone network at the HKEX primary site will be upgraded, while the external-facing components will remain unchanged. EPs and CCEPs should follow the activity rundown (Attachment 1) during PRT to: • Submit orders to simulate normal daily operations • Login to ECP via SFTP only to verify connectivity, if applicable.

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

EPs relying on information vendors to provide market data updates for trading purpose should liaise with their respective information vendors for providing market data support during PRT1.

Subject to the completion of PRT1, the second phase of network cutover is scheduled for **24 August 2026 (Monday)**, with the **Second Mandatory Post Release Test (PRT2)** planned for **22 August 2026 (Saturday)**. Further details will be announced in due course.

Thank you in advance for your participation and co-operation.

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