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To: Derivatives Market Data Vendors, End Users and Application Service Providers (Collectively "Clients"); and Independent Software Vendors ("ISVs")

Dear Sirs.

<u>Updates on Inclusion of Equity Index Options in the T+1 Session</u>

Our notices of 14 August 2017 (Our Ref: MDD/17/1117) and 7 February 2018 (Our Ref: MDD/18/843) regarding the consultation conclusions on the proposed after-hours trading ("T+1 Session") enhancements and the second phase of after-hours trading enhancements refer please.

Please be informed that Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) plans to include Hang Seng Index (HSI) Options, Hang Seng China Enterprises Index Options (HSCEI) Options, Mini-HSI Options and Mini-HSCEI Options (collectively "Equity Index Options") in the T+1 Session on **Monday, 14 May 2018**, subject to market readiness and regulatory approval.

We enclose the related Participant Circular where you can find the details of the trading and clearing arrangements, such as the trading halt mechanism, for Equity Index Options in the T+1 Session.

The Readiness Test (RT) is scheduled for <u>Saturday, 7 April 2018</u>. Direct Connection Clients are highly recommended to take this opportunity to verify the readiness of their systems and operations for the inclusion of the Equity Index Options in T+1 Session. To confirm your participation in the RT, please submit the Test Participation Form online via <u>this link</u> before Friday, 23 March 2018. Test details and the rundown of the RT will be provided to participating Clients in due course.

In addition, the set of canned data simulating a trading halt will be distributed shortly to Clients and ISVs who have already submitted the Request Form. Interested Clients and ISVs should submit the Request Form online via this link by Friday, 16 March 2018 if they have not done so.

Should you have any queries, please contact us at (852) 2211 6558 or send your questions to IVSupport@hkex.com.hk.

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Enclosure: Participant Circular (English and Chinese)