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By Email

To: Direct Connection Securities Market Data Vendors, End Users, Application Service Providers and HKEX Orion Market Data Platform - China Connect (Securities) (OMD-CC) China Connect Exchange Participants (collectively "Clients");

Copy: Indirect Connection Securities Market Data Vendors and End Users;

Market Rehearsals for Upgrade of HKEX Backbone Network for Securities Market Systems

With reference to our Client Notice issued on 26 February 2026 (Our Ref: [MDD/26/101](#)) regarding the upgrade of HKEX backbone network for securities market systems, mandatory and optional **Market Rehearsals (MRs)** will be arranged from Q2 to early Q3 2026 for Clients to verify the system stability after the backbone network upgrade.

Participation in the first two MRs is mandatory while the arrangements for subsequent MRs will be announced in due course. The first two MRs will be arranged as below:

Activity	Schedule	Participation (Direct Connection OMD-C and OMD-CC Clients)
Market Rehearsal 1 ("MR1")	09:00 – 13:15 11 April 2026 (Saturday)	Mandatory
Market Rehearsal 2 ("MR2")	09:00 – 13:15 30 May 2026 (Saturday)	Mandatory

To confirm the participation in the mandatory MR1 and MR2, please complete the [Online Test Participation Form](#) **on or before 27 March 2026 (Friday)**. The test rundown of MR1 is enclosed herewith for your reference while the test rundown of MR2 will be provided to the registered test contacts by 15 May 2026.

Subject to the successful completion of the MRs, mandatory and optional Post Release Tests will be further arranged in Q3 2026 to support the network cutovers. Detailed arrangements will be announced in due course.

Please refer to the enclosed Exchange Circular (Ref: [CT/035/26](#)) for the updated information on the upgrade of backbone network for OTP-C, OTP-CSC and the Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) channel of Electronic Communication Platform (ECP).

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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Enclosures: 1) Exchange Circular (English)
2) Test Rundown of MR1