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通告 CIRCULAR

Subject: **PRACTICE SESSION FOR FIRMWARE UPGRADE OF HKEX BACKBONE NETWORK FOR SECURITIES MARKET SYSTEMS**

Enquiry: **Participant General Enquiry Hotline¹ (Tel: 2840 3626 E-mail: trd@hkex.com.hk)**

All Exchange Participants (EPs) and China Connect Exchange Participants (CCEPs) are requested to note that the Exchange will upgrade the firmware of the backbone network for OTP-C, OTP-CSC, OMD-C, and OMD-CC. This upgrade is crucial as the current backbone network firmware will soon reach the end of support by service providers. Therefore, a mandatory upgrade will be required. The firmware upgrade will take place within HKEX backbone network and there will be no functional or interface impact to EPs/ CCEPs' Broker Supplied Systems (BSS).

To ensure a smooth firmware upgrade, an **optional Practice Session (PS)** will be held on **18 November 2023 (Saturday)**. All EPs and CCEPs are encouraged to participate in the PS. Interested EPs and CCEPs are required to complete the registration form ([Attachment 1](#)) and return it to the Exchange **on or before 14 November 2023 (Tuesday)**. Rundown of the PS will be provided to the registered EPs and CCEPs separately. 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 the PS.

Testing focuses during the PS for EPs and CCEPs are as below:

| Date | Time | Testing Focus |
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| 18 November 2023 | 9:00 to 14:10 | EPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Login to OTP-C and simulate daily operations CCEPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Login to OTP-CSC only |

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

Additional practice sessions and Post Release Tests will be further arranged in due course before the rollout of the new firmware version.

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

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