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Members of the Clearing House

eCMT Users and iCMT Users

TR Members

and

FPS Participants

Dear Sirs,

**Contingency Support Measures on HKICL's Online Systems and Clearing Services**

We understand that the mutant strains of COVID-19 are posing immense threat to Members, Users and Participants, particularly on the manning level required to ensure the continuous operation of their businesses. The situation might be further aggravated if the COVID-19 pandemic continues to last for a longer period.

HKICL is committed to providing better support to Members, Users and Participants. Apart from ensuring the normal operation of its online systems and clearing services, HKICL has also, in consultation with the HKMA, the USD Settlement Institution ("SI"), the Euro SI and the RMB Clearing Bank, reviewed and streamlined the corresponding operational guidelines and contingency support measures to allow greater flexibility for the online systems and paper cheque clearing amid the prevailing market situation. Members, Users and Participants are advised to refer to the enclosed Annexes as follows:

(1) Online systems	<b><i>Annex 1</i></b>
(2) Paper cheque clearing and electronic clearing items	<b><i>Annex 2</i></b>

Given that some of the supporting staff of banks or institutions are working from home, they might not be reachable through their normal office telephone numbers. To ensure effective communication between HKICL and Members, please update the contact information by completing and returning the following forms to HKICL on or before 25 March 2022:

(3) Contact information update forms for CHATS coordinators	<i>Annex 3</i>
(4) Contact information update forms for clearing service coordinators	<i>Annex 4</i>

For enquiry and contingency support, please contact the following:

Online systems – Tel: 2533 1100 (Services Management)  
CHATS, CMU and HKTR

Paper cheque and electronic clearing – Tel: 2533 1668 (Clearing Operations)  
CLG, ECG and e-Cheque

FPS Tel: 2897 2612 (Clearing Operations)

Yours faithfully,



Master Tang  
Chief Executive Officer