## Government appreciates Mr Nicolas Aguzin's contributions to development of Hong Kong's financial market

The Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) announced today (December 15) that the incumbent Chief Executive Mr Nicolas Aguzin will not seek reappointment upon completion of his current contract. HKEX also announced that its Board of Directors has decided to appoint Ms Bonnie Chan, currently the Co-Chief Operating Officer, as the new Chief Executive following Mr Aguzin's departure.

The Government expresses gratitude to Mr Aguzin for his contributions to Hong Kong's financial market during his tenure as the Chief Executive of HKEX over the past three years. Since taking office in May 2021, he has made notable contributions and led HKEX in achieving a series of breakthroughs in securities market development and mutual access with the Mainland financial market, as well as promoting at the international level the unique position of Hong Kong as an international financial centre connecting the world and the Mainland.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, "During his term, Mr Aguzin has driven the development of Hong Kong's stock market and enabled Hong Kong to continue serving as an internationally important platform for initial public offerings, and has also played a crucial role in strengthening HKEX's international connections."

"Ms Bonnie Chan has extensive working experience in HKEX. Over the past few years under her leadership, the Listing Division and other operating departments have introduced the new listing regime for Specialist Technology Companies, enhanced the listing mechanism for overseas issuers, etc. I am confident that under the guidance of its Board of Directors and with Ms Chan's devoted efforts, HKEX will continue to achieve greater success in the future," Mr Paul Chan added.