

Government welcomes HKEX and MSCI's partnership to launch key index futures and options contracts in Hong Kong

The Government welcomes the partnership of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEX) and MSCI Limited to launch a suite of 37 MSCI Asia and Emerging Market equity index futures and options contracts on the Hong Kong Futures Exchange (HKFE).

The partnership reinforces Hong Kong's position as a premier risk management centre of choice. It also signifies the market's confidence in the Government's commitment to strengthening Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, said, "As a globally recognised index provider, MSCI is a compelling partner for HKEX to expand the product offerings in our market and further strengthen our status as an international financial centre. The partnership is a big step forward in developing Hong Kong into a pre-eminent risk management centre and derivative hub in the Asia time zone, and represents a notable vote of confidence in the Hong Kong market. I would like to thank HKEX for its efforts in making this happen."

HKEX announced today (May 27) that the HKFE, a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEX, signed an agreement with MSCI, under which MSCI has agreed to license to the HKFE a suite of MSCI Asia and Emerging Markets equity indexes for the introduction of 37 futures and options contracts. The exact launch dates will be announced by HKEX/HKFE in due course.