22-DEC-2006 17:44

香港特別行政區政府 財經事務及庫務局 財經事務科

香港复盟道十八號 海宫中心第一座十八樓

話 TEL.: т**Б**.

2528 9071

圆文傅真 FAX.:

2861 1494

本函檔號 OUR REF.: LM (3) in G9/8/6 (06) Pt. 4

來函檔號 YOUR REF.:

+ 852 2561 1454 FINANCIAL SERVICES BRAINCH FINANCIAL SERVICES AND THE TREASURY BUREAU GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION

18TH FLOOR ADMIRALTY CENTRE TOWER 1 18 HARCOURT ROAD HONG KONG

CB(1)589/06-07(02)

22 December 2006

Miss Polly Yeung Clerk to Panel on Financial Affairs Legislative Council Legislative Council Building 8 Jackson Road Central Hong Kong

Dear Miss Yeung,

Panel on Financial Affairs

Issues relating to the listing of companies which are incorporated outside Hong Kong

Thank you for your letter of 15 December 2006.

Members may wish to note that proposal for opening the equity listing regime to issuers from a broader range of overseas jurisdictions is one of the key initiatives of the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx)'s Strategic Plan for 2007 - 2009.

Details about the proposal including how and when the proposal is to proceed are being considered by HKEx in consultation with the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC). HKEx believes that it would be premature to discuss the proposal at the Panel meeting on 5 January 2007.

To facilitate Members' understanding of the proposal, HKEx will provide a paper for Members' information in the first quarter of 2007. You are welcome to contact me on 2528 9071 should you have any question.

Yours sincerely,

(Ms Jenny Chan

for Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

c.c. Hon Chan Kam-lam, SBS, JP (Chairman)
Chairman of SFC
CEO, SFC
Chairman of HKEx
CE, HKEx
AA/SFST