

Briefing to

Sub-Committee on

Deposit Protection Scheme (Representation on Scheme Membership and Protection of Financial Products under Scheme) (Amendment) Rules 2010

4 November 2010



Deposit Protection Scheme ("DPS")

- Commenced operation in September 2006
- Administrated by the Hong Kong Deposit Protection Board established under the Deposit Protection Scheme Ordinance ("DPSO")
- Primary objectives:
 - i. to provide a measure of protection to depositors
 - ii. to contribute to the stability of the banking system



DPS Review (1)

- Completed a review of the DPS in 2009
- Conducted extensive consultation on the proposals for enhancing the DPS
- Received broad support from the public and key stakeholder groups
- Briefed LegCo Financial Affairs Panel on the results of consultation and recommendations



DPS Review (2)

- Enhancements:
 - i. Raising protection limit from \$100,000 to \$500,000
 - ii. Protecting secured deposits
 - iii. Introducing cost mitigating measures
 - iv. Streamlining payout processes
 - v. Improving the representations made by Scheme members
- Legislative amendments to the DPSO were enacted in June 2010
- Take effect on 1 January 2011



Strengthening Representation Requirements (1)

- Proposed enhancements:
 - i. Reference to new protection limit at \$500,000
 - ii. Negative disclosure to be made before every transaction, except
 - automatic rollovers
 - institutional customers
 - accounts for settlement purpose



Strengthening Representation Requirements (2)

- iii. Positive disclosure
 - deposit or account statements
 - notices in banking halls
 - disclosure on transaction or account basis
- iv. Prominence of disclosure
- v. Restriction on the use of the term of "structured deposit"
- vi. Response to customers' enquiries in specified manners and within specified timeframe



Consultation and Response

- Received broad support from the public and the Consumer Council
- Consulted banking industry on the detailed requirements
- Expected to take effect on 1 January 2011 except the restriction on the use of the term of "structured deposit" which is scheduled to take effect on 1 July 2011



Thank you