Presentation to LegCo Financial Affairs Panel – Consultation conclusions regarding a proposed operational model for implementing a scripless securities market in Hong Kong

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Working Group for Scripless Securities Market

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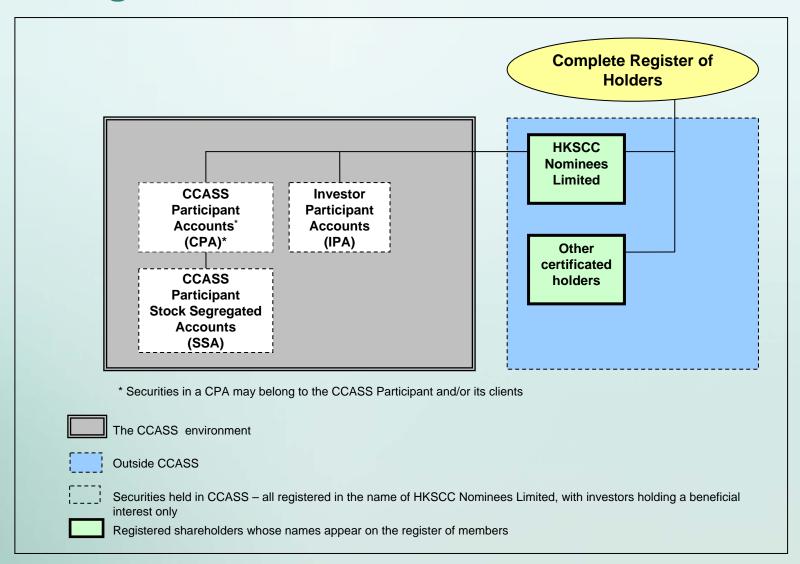
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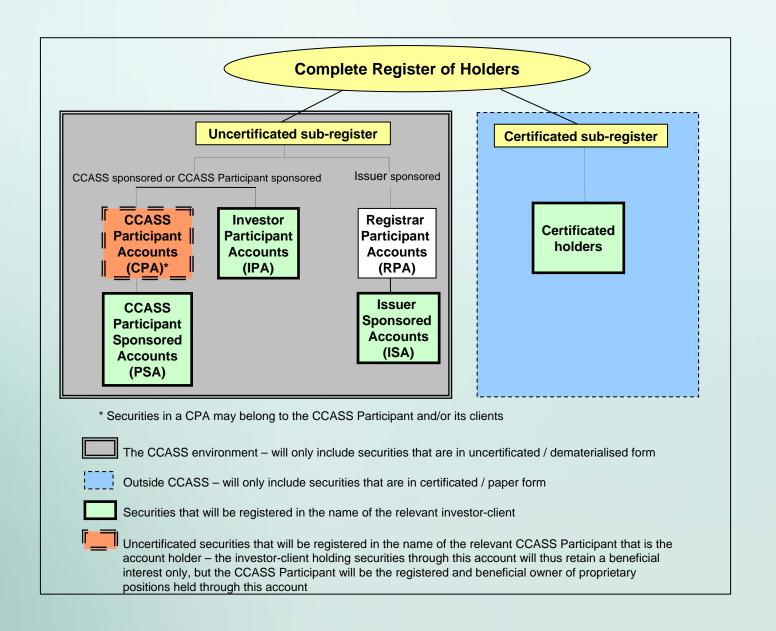
- 44 responses were received.
- Respondents include:
 - Banks
 - Brokers
 - Individual investors
 - Law firms
 - Listed issuers
 - Share registrars
 - Other professional bodies
- Most respondents indicated support to the scripless initiative but some of them had concerns in several areas.
- Taking into account comments received, we propose to proceed with the scripless operational model which is largely similar to the one proposed in the Consultation Paper.

Proposed operational model

Existing Market Structure



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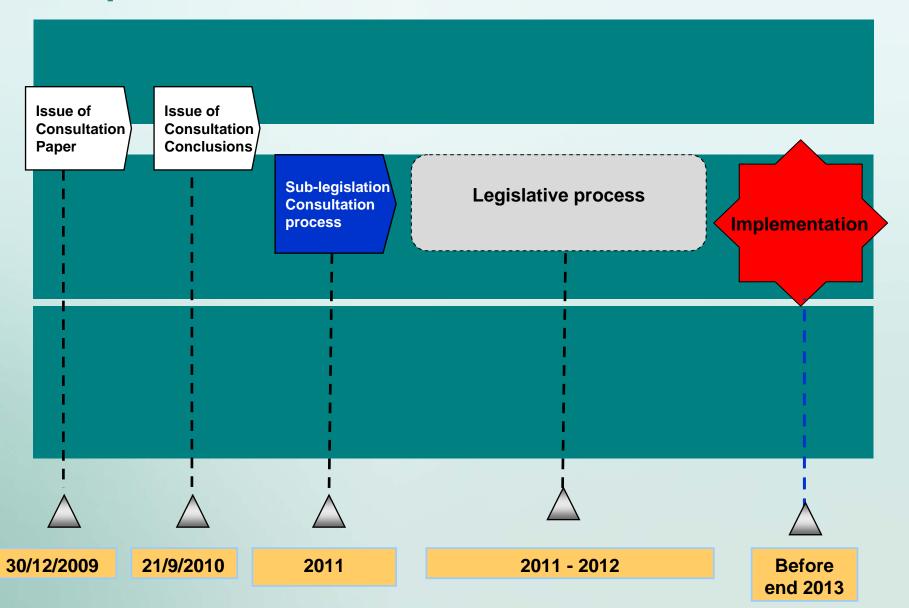
Key proposals	Details
Dual system	The existing paper-based system will run in parallel with the scripless system.
Full dematerialisation	Dematerialisation will be made compulsory eventually. Timeline will hinge on market readiness.
Name on register	 Investors will be able to hold securities in CCASS in their own name and to enjoy the full benefits of legal ownership. Has the option of holding uncertificated securities through nominees.
Unique identification numbers	Investors identification numbers will be required and provided to share registrars and HKSCC.

Key proposals (Cont'd)

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Attending and voting at meetings	Beneficial owners can be appointed as proxies to attend, speak and vote at shareholders' meetings.
Regulation of share registrars	 Share registrars will become CCASS Participants. Share registrars will be more directly and robustly regulated.
Fee structure	 A fee review is being conducted by HKEx. Fees should be reasonable and justifiable and subject to the SFC's approval.
Scope	 The scripless initiative will be extended to all securities listed or traded on the SEHK. We will start with shares of Hong Kong incorporated companies and proceed in batches.

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Thank you