

Highlights of the Year

Regulatory Framework

20 January

Released a discussion paper to invite market views on the possible further development of GEM.

19 May

Amended the Listing Rules to expand the composition of the Listing Committees to at least 28 members, including at least eight appointed investor representatives and 19 appointed members from the securities industry including market professionals.

25 May

Commenced a series of training programmes in Beijing for the senior management of Hong Kong-listed Mainland enterprises

to enhance their understanding of Hong Kong's regulatory regime and corporate governance issues. The programmes were also later on conducted in Shanghai.



June onwards

Began working to facilitate the Hong Kong listing of more overseas companies by clarifying requirements in the Listing Rules. The objective of the project is to ensure the procedures for listing applicants incorporated outside Hong Kong and other recognised jurisdictions are not overly burdensome.

7 July

Published the Exposure Conclusion – Abolition of Requirement for Main Board Issuers to Publish Paid Announcements in Newspapers and Related Matters.

24 October

Published amendments to the Listing Rules regarding the regulation of sponsors and compliance advisers.

27 October

Hosted the listing of the H shares of ICBC, which simultaneously listed its A shares in Shanghai.



Promotion of Hong Kong Markets

12 May

Participated in a seminar in Seoul about Hong Kong listings for potential South Korean issuers.

5-8 June

Sponsored the 31st annual conference of the International Organisation of Securities Commissions in Hong Kong hosted by the SFC.

13 June

Hosted a seminar about Hong Kong listings for potential Japanese issuers at the Exchange Exhibition Hall.

21-22 June

Exhibited with the theme “Leading International Marketplace for China-related Futures & Options” at the 16th FOW Derivatives & Securities World Exhibition in London.

July

Participated in promotional events in Taipei and Dongguan to introduce Hong Kong listings to Taiwanese companies which have business operations in the Mainland.

10 July

Participated in a roadshow in Japan to promote Hong Kong listings to Japanese institutional and retail investors.



11 August

Co-hosted a seminar with the Federation of Hong Kong Industries to promote Hong Kong listings to local industrialists and entrepreneurs.

7 September

Participated in a seminar in Kuala Lumpur to promote Hong Kong listings.

15 September

Co-organised a conference with Hunan Province’s Local Finance and Securities Office to promote Hong Kong listings to Hunan enterprises.

22 December

Received a delegation led by the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Agency of the Republic of Kazakhstan on Regulation of Activities of the Regional Financial Centre of Almaty City to establish official cooperation.



Market Infrastructure

16 January

Opened the renovated Trading Hall.



10 February

Adjusted position limits and reporting level for stock options contracts.

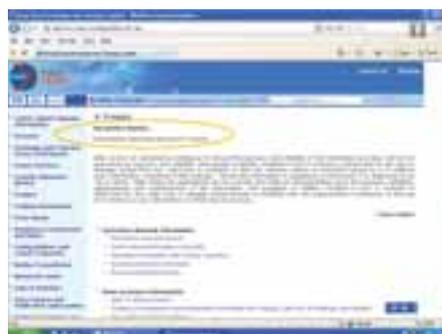
26 April

Held grand opening of the Exchange Trading and Exhibition Hall Complex.



15 May

Introduced the DWRC on the HKEx website for investors' easy access to derivative warrant information.



2 June

Approved progressive implementation of Phase 2A reduction of minimum securities trading spreads.

10 June

Migrated the CCASS/3 circuits to SDNet.

August

Completed the HKATS/DCASS Network Gateway upgrade.

4 September

Revamped the HKEx website to provide easy access to the latest listed company documents.

Implemented five-day clearing week in line with measures in the Hong Kong banking industry.

25 September

Announced introduction of the new MM model for the Futures Exchange products to improve the quality of market making services.

October onwards

Began to upgrade by batches the hardware and software of AMS/3 OG and MWS.

4 December

Introduced pre-market opening session for H-shares Index Futures to further increase market efficiency.

New Products and Market Development

31 March

Rolled out long-dated H-shares Index Options and additional long-dated HSI Options.

5 June

Expanded the CCASS Investor Account Service to Macau investors and companies.

12 June

Began trading CBBCs in the securities market.

26 September

Received no-action relief from the US Commodity Futures Trading Commission enabling the offer and sale in the US of the futures contracts based on the FTSE/Xinhua China 25 Index and the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index.

17 November

Expanded number of stocks eligible for CBBC issuance to provide more choice to investors.

Corporate

March

Affirmed by the FTSE4Good Policy Committee that HKEx continued to be a constituent of the FTSE4Good Index.

26 June

Reduced HKEx's board lot size from 2,000 shares per board lot to 500 shares per board lot

6 November

Received The Hong Kong Management Association's 2006 Best Annual Reports Awards – Gold Award (General Category) and Winner in the Citation for Achievement in Corporate Governance Disclosure (General Category).

28 November

Received HKICPA's Best Corporate Governance Disclosure Awards 2006 – Platinum Award (Non-Hang Seng Index Category).



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November

Implemented new staff remuneration structure and policies.

7 December

Released HKEx Strategic Plan for 2007-09.

