# Milestones in promoting the development of Green Finance 积极参与推动绿色金融发展

# Highlights of the Green Finance Certification Scheme Launching Ceremony cum Seminar 「绿色金融认证计划」开展仪式暨研讨会花絮





■ Mr James Henry Lau Jr, JP, Secretary for Financial Services and the

Treasury (Left) and Mr Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP, Secretary for the

财经事务及库务局局长刘怡翔先生,太平绅士(左图)及环境局局

Environment (Right) delivered remarks in the ceremony.

长黄锦星先生, GBS, 太平绅士(右图)于会上致辞。

港中华煤气有限公司合照。









The ceremony gathered numerous experts and practitioners from the government departments, financial, business, academic and environment sectors. 是次活动吸引众多政府、金融界、商界、学术界名人及环保专家聚首一堂,场面热闹。

Event Supporting Organisations 活动支持机构:(Organisations are listed in no particular order 排名不分先后)

















**YEAR OF 2018** 

2018年

March 三月

February 二月



Dr Ma Jun, Director General of the Green Finance Committee of the China Society for Finance and Banking (Right), visited HKQAA and met Dr Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA (Left), to discuss the development of green finance in the Greater China Region.

中国金融学会绿色金融专业委员 会主任马骏博士(右)到访本局 与本局总裁林宝兴博士(左)交 流大中华地区绿色金融的发展

Held the HKQAA Symposium 2018 and ▶

Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited,

International Capital Market Association,

Financial Services Development Council, Credit

Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank and

development of a sustainable capital market.

举行「香港品质保证局专题研讨会2018」,

并邀得来自恒生指数有限公司、国际资本市

场协会、香港金融发展局、东方汇理银行,

以及香港城市大学等管理代表,讨论如何缔

造可持续发展的资本市场。

City University of Hong Kong to discuss the

invited management representatives from



April 四月

Signed MOU with the Authority of Qianhai to jointly promote green finance and green projects.

与前海管理局签署 作备忘录》,共同 推动深港绿色金融 和产业的发展。

> Participated in the High-end Forum on **Quality** in Xian and introduced how to

May 沍月



2nd "Belt and Road" support the development of green finance industry standards in Hong Kong. 参与在西安举行的**第二** 届「一带一路」质量高端 论坛,并分享如何支援 香港发展绿色金融产业



Chairman of HKQAA (Right 1), participated in the panel discussion of "2018 Green and Social Bond **Principles Annual** General Meeting and Conference".

Ir C S Ho, Deputy

本局副主席何志诚工程师(右一)参与「2018 绿色及 社会责任债券原则年度会员大会及会议」讨论环节。

Financing in China's Greater Bay Area - Opportunities for Growth", with the support of the HSBC. 在汇丰的支持下,发表了《中国大湾区可持续发展 融资 — 发展机遇》研究报告。

Published a research report on "Sustainable

Signed MOU with CECEP (Hong Kong) Investment Co., Ltd. to initiate strategic cooperation in green finance certification, green rating development, training, and Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG). 与中国节能环保(香港)投资有限公司签署合作备忘录,启动双方在 绿色金融认证、绿色评级发展、培训,以及环境、社会及企业管治框 架四大领域的策略性合作。

### July 七月

Signed MOU with **Bureau of Financial** Affairs, Huadu, Guangzhou to expand and strengthen the cooperation in green finance development. 与广州花都区金融工 作局签署合作备忘录 拓展及加强在绿色金 融发展方面的合作。

Signed MOU with Shanghai Zhixin Low-Carbon **Technology Research** Center to support corporates capitalising on opportunities in the national and market development of green finance.

与上海置信低碳技术 研究中心签署合作备 忘录,支持企业把握 绿色金融发展机遇

**Green Finance Certification Scheme** 香港品质保证局 绿色金融认证计划 **Enhancing Credibility and** 



# **Ample Experience in Fostering Sustainable Economy**

In recent years, sustainability has become one of the key forces driving organisations towards a prolonged success. To support and encourage them to walk the talk, HKQAA has developed diverse services and obtained ample experience in the field of social responsibility, environmental protection, sustainability and responsible investment:

- With the initial support of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC). HKQAA introduced the CSR Index to provide quantitative metrics to measure organisations' maturity level in practicing their social responsibilities in 2008;
- ## HKQAA has been the only Hong Kong organisation accredited as the Designated Operational Entity (DOE) by the Executive Board of the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to deliver CDM validation and verification services since 2011:
- on companies' sustainability performance for the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series since 2014;
- and Technology Commission of the HKSAR Government and the China National Institute of Standardization respectively to directly take part in the technical committee of ISO/TC 207/SC 4 and the working group of ISO/TC 207/SC 4/ WG 7 to develop ISO 14030 Green bonds - Environmental performance of nominated projects and assets;
- the Green Bond Principles (GBP) under the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), taking part in the development of international standards on Green Finance:
- the Climate Bonds Standard.

# **In Line with Government Policies** to Promote Green Finance

Green Finance is a strategic tool for promoting the economic development and regional cooperation in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Big Bay Area and along the Belt and Road. In keeping with the development of the national Green Finance policy and being supported by the Hong Kong SAR Government, HKQAA has taken the lead to develop the Green Finance Certification **Scheme** to provide third-party conformity assessments for Green Finance issuers since 2016.

# 丰富经验与知识 促进可持续经济

近年,商界已视可持续发展为取得长期成功的主要 动力。为协助及鼓励企业付诸实践,本局在推动社 会责任、环境保护、可持续发展及责任投资等领域 开发多元化服务,并累积了丰富的经验和知识:

- **●** 于2008 年在**香港上海汇丰银行有限公司**的初始 支持下,研发**社会责任指数**,提供一个定量的表 现指标来衡量企业在实践社会责任的成熟程度;
- **▼** 于2011年获《联合国气候变化框架公约》(United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNFCCC) 下的清洁发展机制(Clean Development Mechanism, CDM) 执行理事会认 可,成为香港唯一提供 CDM 审定及核查服务的 指定经营实体(Designated Operational Entity, DOE);
- **●** 自2014 年起,为「恒生可持续发展企业指数系列」 就公司的可持续发展表现提供评级服务;
- 创新科技署及中国标准研究院提名加入 ISO/ TC 207/SC 4 技术委员会及其工作小组(ISO/ TC 207/SC4/WG 7),直接参与制定《ISO 14030 绿色债券 — 指定项目及资产的环境表现》
- (International Capital Market Association, ICMA) 《绿色债券原则》(Green Bond Principles, GBP) 的观察员
- Bonds Standard) 委员会授权的核查机构。

# 配合政府政策 推动绿色金融

绿色金融是国家推动粤港澳大湾区和「一带一路」 经济发展和区域合作的重要策略工具。为了配合国 家绿色金融政策的发展,在得到香港特区政府的推 动和支持下,本局干2016年开展「绿色金融认证计 划」的研发工作,为绿色金融发行者提供第三方认 证服务。

This scheme aims at helping the financial sector to explore new commercial and business opportunities in the Green Finance market, promoting a common understanding of Green Finance, and fostering environmentally-friendly investments in Hong Kong, the Mainland and worldwide. Our ultimate goal is to facilitate the development of green finance and green industry, thereby paving the way to a greener and more sustainable future.

## **Reference to International Standards**

HKQAA has developed the Scheme with reference to a number of widely recognised international and national standards on Green Finance, including:

- Clean Development Mechanism under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change;
- Green Bond Principles of the International Capital Market Association;
- The People's Bank of China Announcement No. 39 and its Annex - Green Bond Endorsed Project Catalogue; and
- ISO 26000:2010 Guidance on Social Responsibility, among others.

## **Benefits**

- Enhances the credibility of, and stakeholder confidence in, green financial instruments via independent, impartial third-party conformity assessments;
- Reaches out to potential Green Finance investors with the aid of the Green Finance Certificate and Certification Mark:
- Demonstrates issuers' efforts to promote environmentally friendly investment; and
- Promotes a common understanding of Green Finance.

# **Types of Certification**

Two types of certificate: the Green Finance of Pre-issuance Stage Certificate and the Green Finance of Post-issuance Stage Certificate.

### **Pre-issuance Stage Certificate**

- For issuers seeking certification before issuing Green Finance products
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- Requires validation of the adequacy of the Environmental **Method Statement** in producing positive environmental effects

### **Post-issuance Stage Certificate**

- For issuers seeking certification after issuing Green Finance products
- Remains valid until the debt instrument's maturity date
- Requires verification of the continuous implementation and effectiveness of the Environmental Method Statement regarding the proposed positive environmental effects

此认证计划旨在协助金融界发掘绿色金融市场新机 遇,推广绿色金融的理念,以及在香港、内地及全 球推动环境友善投资,促进绿色金融及产业的发展 创造可持续的未来。

# 参考国际标准 制定认证计划

本局在制定绿色金融认证计划的过程中,参考了多 个国际及国家标准,包括:

- ◆《联合国气候变化框架公约》的清洁发展机制;
- ◆ 国际资本市场协会的《绿色债券原则》;
- ◆中国人民银行公告〔2015〕第39号及其附件 《绿色债券支持项目目录》;
- ◆ ISO 26000: 2010 社会责任指南等。

## 好处

- ◆ 透过独立公正的第三方认证服务,提升绿色金融 的公信力及持分者信心;
- ◆ 透过绿色金融证书及认证标志,协助发行者吸引 更多潜在的绿色金融投资者;
- ◆ 展示发行者推动绿色投资的决心;
- ◆ 推广绿色金融的理念。

# 认证种类

此计划提供两种认证 — 绿色金融发行前证书及绿 色金融发行后证书,详情如下:

### 绿色金融发行前证书

- ◆ 适用于**发行绿色金融前**申请
- ◆ 有效期为认证当日
- ◆ 审定申请者提出的环境方法声明的充分性,判 断绿色项目能否带来正面的环境影响

### 绿色金融发行后证书

- ◆ 适用干**发行绿色金融后**申请
- ◆ 有效期至**债务工具的到期日**
- ◆根据申请者提出的环境方法声明,每年核查 实施绿色项目的进度和有效性





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