

Announced Inaugural Cooperation for “Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series”

The Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) has reached a new milestone with its collaboration with the Hang Seng Indexes Company Limited (Hang Seng Indexes). During the HKQAA Symposium 2013, an inaugural cooperation ceremony was held to announce that HKQAA has become the project partner of Hang Seng Indexes to provide assessment and rating services for the “Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series” starting in 2014.



Provide assessment and rating services for the Index Series

Ir Dr Hon. W. K. Lo, Chairman of HKQAA, said, “Hang Seng Indexes has consistently played a leading role in encouraging responsible long-term approaches to investment, and we are pleased to cooperate with them to enhance corporate performance on sustainability issues in the region.”

Launched in 2010, the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Index Series aims to further raise awareness about sustainability (which encompasses environmental, social and corporate governance performance) in Hong Kong and mainland China A-share markets, and serve increasing international interest in sustainability investment. In order to ensure all the constituent companies in the Index Series are strong sustainability performers, the selection process includes consideration of the sustainability assessment results.

Measuring sustainability performance with reference to international standards

The rating criteria and assessment framework will be set out by HKQAA with reference to several international standards, including the GRI G4 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines and ISO 26000 Social Responsibility Guidelines. This enables a professional, objective and multi-angle approach to measure the sustainability performance of listed companies.

Mr Vincent Kwan, Director and General Manager of Hang Seng Indexes, said, “HKQAA has strong knowledge of the Hong Kong and Mainland markets and in the area of corporate sustainability. We are delighted to be partnering with them to promote corporate sustainability and to provide investors with authoritative indicators for developing effective sustainability investment strategies.”

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