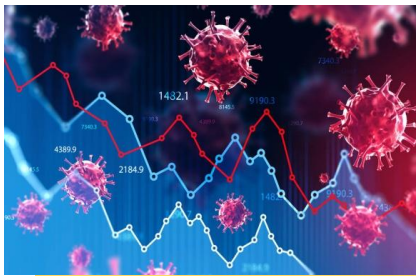


HKQAA issues first COVID-19 Resilience Finance Certification

To cope with market needs, HKQAA launched the **COVID-19 Resilience Finance Certification Scheme** in July 2020 to encourage more issuers to direct capital to projects related to COVID-19 prevention, control and recovery, and building resilience against COVID-19. The certification helps enhance the credibility of and stakeholder confidence in the management framework of the debt instrument, and reach out to potential investors with specific focus on COVID-19 resilience with the aid of the Certificate and Certification Mark.

We are pleased to issue the first certificate to **Industrial Bank Company Limited Hong Kong Branch**, which has issued the Industrial Bank COVID-19 Response Bond 2020 on 30 October 2020. The use of the proceeds will be fully committed to COVID-19 resilience, such as supporting the production, supply and distribution of anti-pandemic medical equipment and materials; and the establishment of anti-pandemic infrastructure. This pre-issuance certificate demonstrates its commitments and efforts to help with the COVID-19 resilience.



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