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The Chief Executive
All locally incorporated authorized institutions

Dear Sir / Madam,

<u>Basel III Implementation – Leverage Ratio ("LR") Standard Disclosure</u> <u>Templates</u>

I am writing to inform you that, following consultation with the two industry associations, the HKMA is issuing the final version of the LR standard disclosure templates (including associated explanatory text). These templates are to be used by locally incorporated authorized institutions for the purpose of making disclosure in relation to their leverage ratio under the Banking (Disclosure) Rules ("BDR") as amended by the Banking (Disclosure) (Amendment) Rules 2014. A copy is enclosed for your reference.

Please ensure that your institution uses these standard disclosure templates to disclose the information required under subsections (1)(a), (b), (c) and (2)(a) of section 24A and section 45A respectively of BDR for making interim and annual financial disclosures relating to a balance sheet date on or after 31 March 2015.

The standard templates, in both English and Chinese, can be accessed through the "Basel III" icon on the HKMA's public website (http://www.hkma.gov.hk) or through the private website (http://www.stet.iclnet.hk).

Should you have any questions regarding the templates, please feel free to contact Miss Theresa Kwan at 2878-1093 or Mr Lai-chun So at 2878-1919.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl.

c.c. The Chairman, The Hong Kong Association of Banks The Chairman, The DTC Association FSTB (Attn. Mr Jackie Liu)