Annex

## HSBC, Bank of China (Hong Kong), Crédit Agricole CIB, Goldman Sachs, ICBC (Asia), UBS, Allen & Overy, Ashurst and Linklaters were involved in the preparation for the issuance.

Ms Luanne Lim, Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong at **HSBC**, said, "We are proud to work with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority to complete the issuance of the first digitally native bond in Hong Kong, as part of the Hong Kong SAR Government's green bond programme. This transaction on HSBC Orion – our digital assets platform deployed to the HKMA's Central Moneymarkets Unit (CMU) – deepens Hong Kong's reputation as a global centre for green finance, capital markets and fintech innovation. As the bank of Hong Kong, HSBC is fully committed to supporting and accelerating Hong Kong's digital assets agenda."

Mr Sun Yu, Vice Chairman and Chief Executive of **Bank of China (Hong Kong)**, said, "Bank of China (Hong Kong) endeavours to promote fintech innovations as well as green and sustainable finance in Hong Kong. The Bank is honoured to be one of the Joint Global Coordinators, Joint Lead Managers, Bookrunners and Custodians for HKSAR Government's second digital green bond issuance. By providing a diversified and sustainable investment opportunity, the issuance of these multi-currency digital bonds has gained wider awareness from investors, further bolstering Hong Kong's position as a green and sustainable financial hub in the region."

Mr Edouard O'Neill, Chief Executive Officer of **Crédit Agricole CIB** Hong Kong Branch, said, "Crédit Agricole CIB is honoured to have once again supported the HKMA and the HKSAR Government on another ground-breaking digital green bond issuance. This is a remarkable achievement and key milestone for the capital market innovation and asset digitalisation, providing a platform for a more diverse group of global investors to participate in this transaction. Innovatively combining bond, fintech and sustainable finance, this highly successful landmark transaction helps further strengthen Hong Kong's digital asset infrastructure and solidify Hong Kong's leading position in green finance and fintech developments."

Mr Stephen Wong, Chairman of Investment Banking for Hong Kong at **Goldman Sachs**, said, "This transaction marks another key milestone in Hong Kong's asset digitisation journey and paves the way for similar issuances in the region. We are honored to have worked closely with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority on both digital green bond offerings, and look forward to playing a continued role in supporting Hong Kong's initiatives in sustainable finance and capital markets innovation." Mr Wu Long, Vice Chairman, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of **ICBC** (Asia), said, "ICBC (Asia), as a systematically important bank and key participant in Hong Kong's international debt capital markets, consecutively takes the lead in HKSAR Government's green bond programme and advises the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's innovative finance related schemes. This project is the very first multi-currency digital bond issuance globally, marking another milestone for the government exploring and deepening practice of digital assets. ICBC (Asia) would be honored to further collaborate with HKSAR government and professionals from all industries to echo Fintech 2025 strategy, facilitate fintech application in Hong Kong and further strengthen our beloved Hong Kong as the world's green sustainable hub."

Mr John Lee, Vice Chairman and Co-Head of Asia Country Coverage, Global Banking, **UBS AG**, said, "The Hong Kong SAR government's pioneering digital green bond transaction issued in the HKMA's CMU underscores Hong Kong's robust financial infrastructure and innovation, enabling the delivery of this first-of-its-kind bond offering which has the potential to shape the path of capital markets in the region for the future."

Ms Agnes Tsang, Partner, **Allen & Overy**, said, "We are delighted to have represented the HKSAR Government on another innovative transaction. This transaction demonstrates access by a broader range of investors can be achieved by the connectivity between the DLT platform and CMU. This will also be first digitally native issuance to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange."

Mr Ben Hammond, Partner and Hong Kong Office Managing Partner, **Ashurst**, said, "We are proud to have been involved in this ground-breaking digital bond issuance as advisers to HSBC, the Platform Provider to the CMU, to have helped in demonstrating the capacity of Hong Kong law and regulation to accommodate financial market innovation, and so to have helped expand the boundaries of what Hong Kong offers as a global financial centre,"

Ms Gloria Cheung, Partner, **Linklaters**, said, "We are honoured to have participated in the issuance of this path-breaking multi-currency digital green bonds by the HKSAR Government. Our teams are delighted to contribute meaningfully to the growth of Hong Kong as a digital and green bond hub in the region."