

# Corporate Responsibility Committee Report

## The Corporate Responsibility Committee

The Corporate Responsibility (CR) Committee, formerly known as the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Committee, is delegated with the authority by the Board to provide direction and oversee the development and implementation of the CR strategy and initiatives of the Group. Its terms of reference are available on the HKEX Group website [OS](#).

The CR Committee comprises five INEDs and the HKEX Chief Executive Officer, whose names and biographies are set out in the Board and Committees section of this Annual Report. The CR Committee held four meetings in 2024. Members' attendance records are disclosed in the Corporate Governance Report contained in this Annual Report.

### Summary of Work in 2024/2025

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- Reviewed and approved the following items:
  - the Group's Environmental Stewardship Statement;
  - the philanthropy work plan and budget for 2025; and
  - the new CR management framework
- Reviewed and endorsed the Sustainability Report, formerly known as the CSR Report
- Reviewed and received the HKEX Philanthropy Strategy and quarterly reports on the Group's CR activities and charitable donations, covering:
  - donations via HKEX Foundation in relation to the HKEX Charity Partnership Programme, HKEX Impact Funding Scheme and HKEX University Scholarship Programme;
  - donations to The Community Chest of Hong Kong; and
  - other donations to the Group's charity partners
- Reviewed the HKEX Shareholders Communication Policy
- Reviewed and discussed HKEX's CR initiatives, alongside global and local trends in sustainability
- Reviewed the progress of HKEX's green initiatives against relevant targets, including HKEX's climate strategy and action plan, supply chain sustainability and other green initiatives
- Reviewed and was satisfied with the adequacy of the Group's resources, staff qualifications and experience, training programmes and budget relating to its ESG (including climate strategy) performance and reporting
- Reviewed the CR Committee's terms of reference

## CR Policies, Performance and Reporting

HKEX is committed to connecting, promoting and progressing its markets and the communities they support; and, to continuously seeking to reinforce its position as an active and responsible corporate leader. HKEX's CR-related policies and details of HKEX's CR management approach are available on the HKEX Group website [S](#).

Reflecting the nature of its business, the Group is not aware of any existing environmental laws or regulations that would have a material impact on the Group. The Group, however, continues to adopt enhanced measures to reduce electricity consumption, improve energy efficiency and other resource utilisation, minimise waste and increase

recycling, encouraging its employees to adopt environmentally responsible behaviours whilst also promoting environmental protection in its supply chain and marketplace. To reinforce our commitment to tackling climate change, the Group continued to work closely with government, policy makers, regulators, international peers, businesses and other stakeholders to facilitate the transition to a low-carbon and climate resilient economy. In 2024, the Group achieved carbon neutrality in operations and submitted science-based greenhouse gas emission reduction targets to the Science Based Targets initiative for validation. During 2024, HKEX conducted various initiatives including the "HKEX Goes Green" campaign to raise environmental awareness across its workplace and the broader community.

As a responsible corporate citizen, the Group actively contributes to the community by making charitable donations to, and collaborating with, a wide range of charity partners. In 2024, HKEX, through HKEX Foundation, reinforced our commitment to the community by supporting local charities and social enterprises, through the HKEX Charity Partnership Programme and the HKEX Impact Funding Scheme. The HKEX University Scholarship Programme continued to nurture homegrown talents studying business and finance and those who demonstrate achievements or potential in the areas of biotechnology and innovation. In the UK, the LME continued its funding partnership with the charity The Impact Facility, supporting its multi-year project to address child labour in African mining communities and further embed responsible mining practices into the global ecosystem. In addition, the LME awarded two scholarships in 2024 for students at the Camborne School of Mines, to help them on their journey to forging a successful mining career. During 2024, the Group committed donations of a total of \$87 million to various projects and initiatives in its communities.

During 2024, the CR Committee received and reviewed the CR quarterly reports, which summarised the CR initiatives undertaken by the Group throughout the year. Details of the Group's CR performance in 2024 are disclosed in the 2024 Sustainability Report.

## Communication with Shareholders

Effective engagement with Shareholders is a vital component of HKEX as a listed company. Throughout the year, HKEX has continued to deliver timely, balanced, clear, and transparent communications with its Shareholders and other investors. Details of the Group's shareholder and investor engagement and communication activities are set out in the Corporate Governance Report of this Annual Report and further details can be found on the HKEX Group website [IR](#).

An HKEX Shareholders Communication Policy, which is available on the HKEX Group website [CG](#), sets out the Group's objective for ensuring Shareholders, and in appropriate circumstances, the wider investment community, are provided with regular, equal and timely access to balanced and understandable information about the Group, which ensures that Shareholders can exercise their rights in an informed manner and allows them, and the investment community, to engage actively with the Group.

The CR Committee reviewed the Group's shareholder and investor engagement and communication activities conducted in 2024 and was satisfied with the implementation and effectiveness of the Shareholders Communication Policy.

## Relationships with other Major Stakeholders

The Group also actively engages with all its other major stakeholders, including its employees, suppliers and partners through a variety of channels with the aim of developing mutually beneficial relationships and promoting knowledge sharing, transparency and sustainability.

Employees are remunerated equitably and competitively. Learning and development opportunities are provided to equip staff members so that they can perform the best and achieve personal and corporate goals. In 2024 the Group delivered over 48,200 hours of training to its employees across different divisions and departments through the Group's learning platform iLearn and talent development programmes designed for employees at different levels. The Group also undertook its Pulse Survey, in between the longer bi-annual People Survey, to gather employees' feedback on their views of the Company, their working environment and their levels of engagement. In addition to ongoing programmes supporting employee safety, health and well-being, the Group conducted again its group-wide Global Wellness Challenge to promote the awareness of physical and mental wellbeing among our employees in Hong Kong, the Mainland and London.

HKEX is committed to ensuring strong ethical supply chain management and seeks to use suppliers that reflect its values and commitment to being a good corporate citizen. Throughout the year, the Group was not aware that any of its key suppliers had reported any significant actual, or potential, negative impact on their own business ethics, environmental protection, human rights or labour practices, nor any of them had any non-compliance incident in respect of these areas.

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Chairman of the CR Committee

Hong Kong, 24 February 2025