

Corporate Social Responsibility Committee Report

The CSR Committee

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 CSR initiatives of the Group in relation to corporate sustainability, environmental protection, philanthropy and community engagement. Its terms of reference are available on the HKEX Group website [OS](#).

The CSR Committee comprises four 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 CSR Committee held four meetings in 2022. Members' attendance records are disclosed in the Corporate Governance Report contained in this Annual Report.

Summary of Work in 2022/2023

- Reviewed and endorsed the following items:
 - the annual CSR Report; and
 - the philanthropy work plan and budget for 2023
- Reviewed and received the quarterly reports on the Group's CSR activities and charitable donations, covering:
 - donations via HKEX Foundation in relation to the HKEX Charity Partnership Programme, HKEX Impact Funding Scheme, HKEX University Scholarship Programme and the new Research Funding Scheme;
 - 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 CSR initiatives, alongside global trends in CSR development
- Reviewed the progress of HKEX's green initiatives against relevant targets, including HKEX's climate strategy and action plan, paper reduction, 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 performance and reporting
- Reviewed the CSR Committee's terms of reference

CSR Policies, Performance and Reporting

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

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 energy 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. During the year, HKEX conducted again its "HKEX Goes Green" campaign to raise environmental awareness across its workplace and the broader community, and further reduced paper consumption through the introduction of new printing solutions, an electronic signature platform and digital transformation. In 2022, the Group recorded a 60 per cent decrease in the volume of paper consumed compared with 2021.

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. During the year, HKEX hosted its inaugural HKEX Impact Summit, facilitating a valuable dialogue on corporate philanthropy and fostering stronger bonds between businesses and society. In 2022, HKEX, through HKEX Foundation, reinforced our commitment to the community through supporting local charities and social enterprises, through the HKEX Charity Partnership Programme and the HKEX Impact Funding Scheme. Complementing the existing HKEX University Scholarship Programme, the Foundation also introduced a new Research Funding Scheme, supporting innovative university-backed research projects that help to provide valuable insight into financial markets, ESG and sustainability. In the UK, the LME announced a new partnership with Inspire, a charity and an education business partnership which seeks to empower young people to reach their full potential and realise their ambitions. During 2022, the Group donated a total of \$142 million to various projects and initiatives in its communities.

During 2022, the CSR Committee received and reviewed the CSR quarterly reports, which summarised the CSR initiatives undertaken by the Group throughout the year. Details of the Group's CSR performance in 2022 are disclosed in the 2022 CSR 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 investor relations section of 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: this 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 CSR Committee reviewed the Group's shareholder and investor engagement and communication activities conducted in 2022 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 different 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. Through the AI-empowered learning platform iLearn, and ongoing talent development programmes designed for employees at different levels, in 2022 the Group delivered over 40,000 hours of training to its employees across different divisions and departments. In addition to ongoing programmes supporting employee safety, health and well-being, the Group also launched a new 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. In 2022, the Group introduced a new Third Party Risk Management Policy and Framework to help identify and manage the risks in relation to ESG, cyber security and data, among other risks, involved in engaging a third party. 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 CSR Committee

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