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HSBC RAISES ITS BEST LENDING RATE FROM 5.00 PER CENT TO 5.125 PER CENT

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited has announced that it will, with effect from 28 September 2018 (Friday), raise its best lending rate by 12.5 basis points to 5.125 per cent from the 5.00 per cent set on 10 November 2008, when it was lowered by 25 basis points.

The Bank also announced that it will, with effect from 28 September (Friday), raise the HSBC Savings Rate for its Hong Kong dollar savings deposits by 12.4 basis point to 0.125 per cent from the 0.001 per cent set on 21 May 2009, when it was lowered by 0.9 basis point.

The Bank's tiered interest rate structure¹ with effect from 28 September 2018 is as follows:

<u>Account balance (HKD)</u>	<u>Interest rate per annum</u>
150,000 and above	0.125%
10,000 - <150,000	0.125%
5,000 - <10,000	0.125%
Below 5,000	0%

Diana Cesar, Chief Executive, Hong Kong, HSBC, said, "Today's change in rates marks the start of the normalisation cycle for local interest rates and we believe Hong Kong is well prepared for the change. When determining the level of increase, we need to consider multiple factors including the macro economic situation, local market conditions as well as the impact on our economy and community. HSBC will continue to monitor the economic environment and competitive landscape and will make appropriate adjustments when necessary."

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Note to editors:

1. HSBC's tiered interest rate structure

HSBC's tiered interest rate structure for Hong Kong dollar savings deposits is applied to HSBC Premier, HSBC Advance, Personal Integrated Accounts, Hong Kong Dollar Passbook/Statement Savings, University Student and Cash Card accounts, Super Ease, and Business Integrated Accounts.

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