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HSBC LAUNCHES NEW VERSION OF PAYME IN BETA TEST
Users Can Instantly Pay Anyone with Bank Account or Digital Wallet Joining Faster Payment System

HSBC today announced a new look and new features for its PayMe app. Along with a fresh quick-tap interface, the new version will beta test a feature that uses the Faster Payment System (FPS) to allow customers to top up from more sources and instantly transfer funds to accounts with other banks and digital wallets.

The new interface features a new quick tap menu that provides quick access to the most-used features, such as pay, request, top up, and transfer to bank. Users can also make instant transfers from PayMe to their friends and family via FPS, no matter which local banks or digital wallets they use. The transfers are free of charge and will only require the FPS registered mobile number or email address of the receiver.

Moreover, users of the new version of PayMe will be able to top up their account with up to HKD50,000 a month by direct debit from personal bank accounts with ten Hong Kong banks, in addition to HSBC. This means that non-HSBC customers can also enjoy same level of limit flexibility when using PayMe.

Greg Hingston, Head of Retail Banking and Wealth Management, Hong Kong, HSBC, said, “PayMe has become the leading digital wallet in Hong Kong. To support the growing needs for everyday digital payment and to provide our users with a more streamlined payment experience, we decided to make PayMe easier to use and more flexible. Not only do they have more options to top up their accounts, they can now pay friends via PayMe even they do not have the app.”

Mr. Hingston continued, “Customer feedback is vital to building a great mobile app. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to comment and make suggestions over the past two years: this version is for you. And we look forward to hearing your feedback on the new version of PayMe to help us serve you better.”

Starting today, the new version of PayMe app is available for pilot testing. Users can provide their feedback directly in the app. This will allow PayMe to further enhance the app before mass launch. To be a part of the programme and be one of the first to try out these new features, users can simply tap the in-app banner and follow the instructions on how to register and download. Spaces are limited and are offered on a first-come first-served basis.

PayMe accepts top up via personal bank accounts with 10 banks, in addition to HSBC, and any personal Hong Kong Dollar Visa or Mastercard credit card.
Separately, the monthly limit for credit card top up will be revised to HKD2,000 soon.

Note to Editors

Andrew Eldon, Head of Digital, Retail Banking and Wealth Management, Hong Kong, HSBC (front row second left), Stephan Levieux, Chief Operating Officer, PayMe, HSBC (front row middle) and PayMe team introduce new version of PayMe in beta test.

Andrew Eldon, Head of Digital, Retail Banking and Wealth Management, Hong Kong, HSBC (left), Stephan Levieux, Chief Operating Officer, PayMe, HSBC (right).
1) Steps to top up from selected non-HSBC local bank account

1. Tap ‘Me’ in the bottom main menu, then the Settings icon in the upper right, followed by ‘Credit cards and bank accounts’.
2. Follow instructions for adding a top up source and select ‘Add a bank account’.
3. Insert bank account details.
4. Verify your account by transferring HKD1 to your PayMe account. When completed, users will receive an SMS and email confirming their bank account has successfully linked.
2) Steps to transfer money to non-PayMe users using mobile number or email

1. Open the quick tap menu in the main home screen and select ‘Pay’.

2. In the search bar, type in the payee’s phone number or email.

3. When contact appears, select FPS as option to pay.

4. Insert amount to pay and follow instructions to complete transfer.
Current limits on account balance and top up value for bank accounts and credit card users:

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Footnote:
1. PayMe users can transfer money to all banks and digital wallets in Hong Kong using FPS. Transfer from PayMe to the following entities were verified before the beta test: HSBC, Hang Seng Bank Limited, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, Nanyang Commercial Bank Limited, Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited, Chong Hing Bank Limited, China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited, Shanghai Commercial Bank Limited, Chiyu Banking Corporation Limited, Bank of Communications (Hong Kong) Limited, Citibank (Hong Kong) Limited, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, Alipay Financial Services (HK) Limited, WeChat Pay Hong Kong Limited, HKT Payment Limited, TNG (Asia) Limited, Octopus Cards Limited. PayMe will continue to expand the tests and look forward to hearing customers’ feedback to improve the services provided.

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