

# News Release

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## **HSBC ANNOUNCES HKD477 MILLION OF DONATIONS FROM ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY BANKNOTE ISSUANCE AT THE 2015 COMMUNITY FESTIVAL**

HSBC announced today that it will donate HKD477 million to local charities through the launch of the **HSBC 150th Anniversary Charity Programme**. This donation represents the net proceeds of the sale in March this year of two million HKD150 Anniversary Banknotes, which commemorated the Bank's founding in Hong Kong 150 years ago.

Mrs Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor, Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, co-officiated at the launch ceremony with Ms Helen Wong, Chief Executive, Greater China, HSBC; Ms Diana Cesar, Chief Executive, Hong Kong, HSBC; Dr Rosanna Wong, Non-executive Chairperson of the Hongkong Bank Foundation and Mr Vernon Moore, Executive Committee Deputy Chairman, The Community Chest of Hong Kong.

Speaking at the launch ceremony, Helen Wong said, "From the day of its establishment in 1865 as a local bank in Hong Kong, HSBC has had an unwavering commitment to support the growth and development of Hong Kong and the entrepreneurial spirit of its people. We are proud of Hong Kong and of our role in its remarkable story. Over this period, HSBC has supported the community and, in its turn, been supported by the community."

She added, "The issuance of the HSBC 150th Anniversary Banknote in March was enthusiastically received by the public. We would like to thank all subscribers, customers and staff for their support. To maximise the impact on the community, we are adopting a thematic approach to our donation which focuses on 'youth and education', 'medical health and wellness' and 'environment'. We look forward to receiving proposals from local charities."

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From 30 November 2015 until 15 April 2016, HSBC invites charities registered under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance in Hong Kong to submit proposals for signature projects addressing the needs of the Hong Kong community. The total budget available for this type of project will be HKD377 million. Please visit <http://www.hsbc.com.hk/150charityprogramme> for further details.

The selection process will begin from April to June 2016. HSBC expects to announce the list of selected proposals by the third quarter of 2016.

In addition, HSBC will donate HKD100 million out of HKD477 million to The Community Chest of Hong Kong for onward allocation to charities in Hong Kong. For further details, please visit The Community Chest website <http://www.commchest.org/HSBC-150th-Anniversary-Charity-Programme-CommChest/Eng/index.html>.

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**Notes to editors:**

HSBC issued two million pieces of Anniversary Banknote with a face value of HKD150 to commemorate its founding in Hong Kong 150 years ago. The banknotes are available in three presentations: in sets of a single note, 3-in-1 uncut notes and 35-in-1 uncut notes. In addition to the public subscription, an auction was also held for Selected Number Anniversary Banknote.

The banknote design seeks to underscore HSBC's long and close relationship with Hong Kong in the past century and a half, and the strengths the Bank both contributed to and received from it.

Sharing the same size as the 2010 series HKD500 notes, the Anniversary Banknote incorporates major security features such as an iridescent pattern, enhanced watermark, fluorescent see-through pattern and colour-changing windowed metallic thread. It is legal tender in Hong Kong, though not intended for general circulation.

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