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CESC Rolls Out New Index Compilation System and New Indices

China Exchanges Services Company Limited (CESC) rolled out a new index compilation system today that effectively shortens the time required to respond to clients and enhances its service standard when calculating customized indices.

“The demand for new indices has increased in recent years, as many industry sectors on the financial markets are undergoing rapid and tremendous changes due to the advancement of technology or the emergence of new business models,” said CESC Chief Executive Mao Zhirong. “Being an industry pioneer, CESC proactively invested resources to develop an index compilation system to meet the market’s needs. We believe the new system can significantly enhance our calculation efficiency with new indices and help our customers evaluate an index by tracking its actual performance rapidly and effectively through simple procedures.”

The following is the first batch of CESC indices calculated by the new index compilation system. They were introduced today.

- CES Belt and Road Index – the first tradable cross-border Belt & Road index in the offshore market. Its aim is to reflect the stock performance of listed companies actively participating in the Belt and Road Initiative. All constituents are eligible stocks under Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect or Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect.
- CES Forecast High Dividend Yield Index – the index includes Hong Kong-listed enterprises forecasted to have a high dividend yield. All constituents are stocks eligible for Southbound Trading under Stock Connect.
- CES Innovative Biotech Index – the index represents the performance of leading biotech and biopharmaceutical enterprises and those companies which are dedicated to enhancing medical standards by using innovative methods.

For more information about CESC’s index compilation system and the first batch of concept indices, please visit CESC website (<https://www.cesc.com/en/Index/Cesc-Index.html>).

About CESC

CESC is a joint venture formed and equally owned by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Shenzhen Stock Exchange. Its aim is to contribute to the development of China's capital markets. Registered and incorporated in Hong Kong, CESC was officially launched in September 2012 and commenced operations on 30 October. CESC's principal businesses include compiling cross-border indices based on products traded on the Hong Kong and Mainland securities markets, developing industry classifications for listed companies, and developing information standards and information products. CESC also develops financial products to link the Mainland and Hong Kong markets with global investors. China Securities Index Company Limited is commissioned to calculate, provide index maintenance and dissemination service for the CES indices.

For further information on CESC, please visit the website at www.cesc.com.

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