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**Press Release**

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### **CESC Announces to Launch CES Greater Bay Area Index**

China Exchanges Services Company Limited (CESC) today announced it plans to soon launch the CES Greater Bay Area Index, an index designed to capture the performance of companies that benefit from the Greater Bay Area's development and are listed in Hong Kong or Mainland China.

The CES Greater Bay Area Index will include Stock Connect-eligible companies that are registered, headquartered, or have their main operations in the Greater Bay Area. In addition, the constituent company must belong in an industry that is a focus for development under the Greater Bay Area Development Plan.

“The development of the Greater Bay Area has great significance in the country's implementation of innovation-driven development and the Belt and Road initiative,” said CESC Chief Executive Mao Zhirong.

“The Greater Bay Area is a theme that is of increasing interest to investors in Hong Kong and the Mainland. The launch of the CES Greater Bay Area Index will help the market capture the development opportunities of the Greater Bay Area and facilitate the development of index-linked products. The index will play an important role in the development of the Greater Bay Area by further integrating the real economy and financial instruments,” he added.

More information about CESC's new index will be announced later.

## **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.

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