



香港存款保障委員會
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“Deposit protection in Hong Kong is
about to enter a new era”

The year 2009 was a busy and fruitful year for the Board. As the turbulence in global financial markets caused by the financial tsunami gradually subsided, the Board focused its effort on strengthening the DPS, which forms part of the financial safety net in Hong Kong. During the year, the Board completed the project of reviewing the DPS that started in late 2008 as well as the public consultation on the enhancement proposals identified in the review. We are glad that our proposals for enhancing the DPS have received broad public support. Taking this opportunity, I would like to express my heartiest gratitude to all those who have submitted contributions in response to the consultation, including members of the public, the Consumer Council, the industry and other professional and interested parties. On the back of the public endorsement, the Board proceeded to put the proposals into effect by actively assisting in the completion of the relevant legislative process, with a view to ensuring the enhanced DPS can commence operation at the start of 2011 as scheduled.

We are confident the implementation of these enhancement proposals will bring Hong Kong to the forefront of deposit insurers in the international community in terms of the level and the scope of deposit protection provided, transparency of the coverage of protection, and efficiency in making compensation to depositors in a payout.

Following the expiry of the full deposit guarantee provided by the Government by the end of 2010 and the commencement of the enhanced DPS at the beginning of 2011, deposit protection in Hong Kong will enter a new era. I am glad to have been able to witness and participate in the process of launching the DPS back in 2006 and bringing it to a new threshold in the coming year. The remarkable progress made by



The Board's Chairman (left) and former CEO (right) launching the public consultation at a press conference

the Board is due to the dedication of the Management Team and my fellow Board members and, more importantly, to the support of the public. The Board will continue to administer the Scheme in the best interests of the people of Hong Kong. I sincerely hope the public can continue to give full support to the Board's work, under the steer of my successor.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'c F Chan'.

Andrew Chan Chi-fai
Chairman