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The Chief Executive All Authorized Institutions

Dear Sir / Madam,

<u>Supervisory Policy Manual (SPM): IB-1 "Supervision of Insurance Intermediary Business of Authorized Institutions"</u>

I am writing to inform you that, following consultation with the Insurance Authority ("IA") and the two industry Associations, the Monetary Authority ("MA") issues by notice in the Gazette today a new SPM module IB-1 "Supervision of Insurance Intermediary Business of Authorized Institutions" as a statutory guideline under section 7(3) of the Banking Ordinance.

Under the statutory regime for insurance intermediaries of the Insurance Ordinance ("IO"), the IA has delegated to the MA its inspection and investigation powers in relation to businesses of insurance regulated activities carried on by authorized institutions ("AIs"). In this connection, the MA continues to be the frontline supervisor of insurance regulated activities of AIs. The SPM module outlines the HKMA's supervisory and enforcement approaches and provides an overview of the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements in relation to insurance regulated activities of AIs under the statutory regime.

On-line access to the SPM module is available under the icon for "Supervisory Policy Manual" on the HKMA's website (https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/).

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Yours faithfully,

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