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Enhancing the Hong Kong Risk-Based Capital Regime

Since the Hong Kong Risk-Based Capital (RBC) regime came into force on 1 July 2024, we have been focusing on supporting the Insurance Authority (IA) in enhancing the RBC regime and facilitating Members in transitioning into the new regulatory landscape.

Our latest initiative involved providing industry feedback on the IA's new guidelines regarding valuation and capital requirements, public disclosure, and capital incentives for recognised green bonds. To enhance our Members' understanding of green bonds, we have organised a training session focused on knowledge building.

On the general insurance front, we focused on specific areas necessitating fine tuning and adjustments. Our key objective is to fortify General Insurance Members' risk management capabilities without compromising Hong Kong's competitive edge as an international insurance hub.

Guideline on Cybersecurity (GL 20)

The revised *Guideline on Cybersecurity (GL20)* came into effect in January 2025. One of the key components is the Cyber Resilience Assessment Framework (CRAF), which requires all insurers to conduct assessments by January and July 2026 based on their risk levels.

Given the technical nature of the exercise, we will identify suitable service providers to support and facilitate Members' compliance with the new guideline.

Phishing SMS Messages Related to Insurance

The Hong Kong Police Force has received an increasing number of enquiries regarding the phishing SMS messages from fraudsters impersonating insurance companies in an attempt to obtain personal or payment information, etc.

In view of this, we urged our Member Insurers to remain vigilant against these phishing SMS messages and provide timely communications to their policyholders and related parties. We also recommended some possible actions and strongly encouraged them to participate in the SMS Sender Registration Scheme launched by the Office of the Communications Authority. This Scheme enables the public to identify SMS messages sent by authentic Registered SMS Senders (Circular Ref: Mv001/25).

To enhance public education on fraud awareness, the HKFI has created a series of engaging anti-scam feeds at social media platforms to help the public recognise and avoid fraudulent messages sent through telecommunications channels.



Policy Update: Re-domiciliation Legislation

We are excited about the positive progress in the legislation for the introduction of a company re-domiciliation regime!

The Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau lodged the Legislative Council Brief to introduce a new regime allowing non-HK corporations to re-domicile to Hong Kong by way of the *Companies (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2024*. The *Bill* was tabled for the first reading and consideration by the House Committee earlier this month. As the next step, a Bills Committee will study the *Bill* in detail.

The insurance industry has been advocating for this fast-track legal mechanism to facilitate international insurers to re-domicile to Hong Kong, thereby boosting Hong Kong's headquarters economy. The Special Project Team formed under the HKFI has been providing legal and technical advice to support the work of the Administration. We look forward to seeing the passage of the *Bill* in the near future!

Motor Insurance DLT-based Authentication System (MIDAS)

With the enforcement of the *Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Regulation 2024* on 30 December 2024, MIDAS has officially been integrated into the e-Licensing Portal by the Transport Department!

After months of preparation and extensive user acceptance testing, MIDAS has become an integral component of the streamlined e-licensing process. When car owners submit a vehicle license application online, they will no longer need to manually upload their insurance policy or cover note. Instead, verification of third-party insurance records will be seamlessly handled through MIDAS, supported by HKFI's back end system.

The Transport Department will roll out publicity campaigns for the e-licensing initiative, including MIDAS, in the second quarter of 2025. Motor insurers that have not yet joined MIDAS are warmly reminded to sign up for this efficient and automated system, benefiting all stakeholders involved.



Growing Team at International Union of Marine Insurance

The HKFI has been unwavering in its support for the work of the International Union of Marine Insurance (IUMI). We are exceedingly delighted to report that in the recent election of the IUMI Technical Committees, Ms Claire Wang and Ms Clara Yip, as nominated by the HKFI's Marine Insurance Association, have been elected to the Facts & Figures Committee and Inland Hull, Fishing Vessels & Yachts Committee respectively.

Alongside the five existing delegates from the HKFI, we have strengthened our representation at IUMI with enhanced diversity in both gender and geography.



Knowledge Building

C-suite Training on GL34 Participating Fund Management

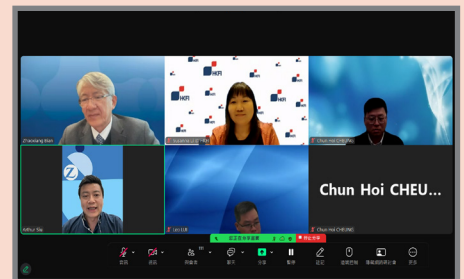
The IA has issued the *Guideline on Establishment and Maintenance of Fund(s) in respect of Participating Business (GL34)*. To support the directors and senior management of relevant long-term insurers in navigating this new regulation, we collaborated with PwC to conduct the above webinar on 15



January 2025. Thanks to the speakers' in-depth insights and clear explanations, the audience is now better equipped to understand the impact of GL34 on board members and expectations for future developments.

Webinar on Introduction to Clinical Services at the Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong (CMHHK)

The captioned webinar attracted over 160 participants on 17 January 2025. The presentation delved into the CMHHK's strategic positioning in the healthcare sector and forthcoming initiatives. An extensive overview of the services available was presented, emphasising the significance of inpatient care and featuring successful patient outcomes through illustrative case studies. Special thanks to Professor Bian Zhaoxiang, the Hospital Chief Executive at CMHHK.



As we step into the new year, we will continue to organise training sessions in collaboration with various partners to better address the needs of our industry. Stay tuned as more training sessions are in the pipeline!

Driving Sustainability: HKFI's Commitment to Green Insurance and ESG



HKFI is at the forefront of promoting ESG for a greener future, as demonstrated by our two decades of support for the Green Power Hike. During this time, we have helped raise HK\$360,000 from the insurance industry to foster sustainable development for our communities and the planet.

At the Green Power Hike kick-off ceremony held on 11 January 2025, our Chairman Mr Ivan Tam underscored HKFI's steadfast commitment in promoting green insurance and environmental conservation through different drives.

This year, 13 teams from the insurance industry participated in the "HKFI Cup". Congratulations to AXA Hong Kong and Macau for winning both the 50km and 25km races, Bank of China Group Insurance Co., Ltd. for being the winner of the 10km race.

Radio Segment On Air

Lee Yau Po, featured by celebrated DJ Jan Lamb, is the key character of our flagship radio programme. Starting from this month, we will launch new segments by Lee Yau Po at Commercial Radio 2. Joining Jan Lamb is Jessica Ho, a renowned DJ cum TV infotainment hostess. They will voice act in three lively and informative radio segments on Motor Insurance and Protection Linked Plans (PLP). Look out for these entertaining and educational segments on Commercial Radio 2!

Chinese New Year Greetings



Kung Hei Fat Choy!

As we welcome the Year of the Snake, we wish you and your team nimble agility, abundant opportunities, a harmonious family, and plentiful happiness and health!

Membership News

Change of Authorised Representative

Life Insurance Member: AIA Everest Life Company Limited – Mr Chi Kou NG

HKFI Membership

As at 27 Jan 2025, the HKFI has 79 General Insurance Members and 52 Life Insurance Members.