



## Zhirong Mao

Mr Zhirong Mao previously at Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd. (HKEX) served as a member of Management Committee, Managing Director, Head of Mainland Development, Strategic Advisor of Greater Bay Area and China Commodities, overseeing HKEX group-wide strategic planning and implementation business in the Mainland.

Mr Mao was deeply engaged in developing cooperation between Mainland-Hong Kong capital markets. Having led the team in rolling out connectivity programs such as SH-HK Stock Connect (2014), SZ-HK Stock Connect (2016), Bond Connect (2017) and Swap Connect (2023), Mr. Mao is also devoted to enhance Mutual Market Connectivity programs as well as HKEX's various Mainland initiatives such as H share full circulation and ETF markets connection.

Mr Mao also worked for Shenzhen Stock Exchange and a top 500 U.S. insurance company for years.

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