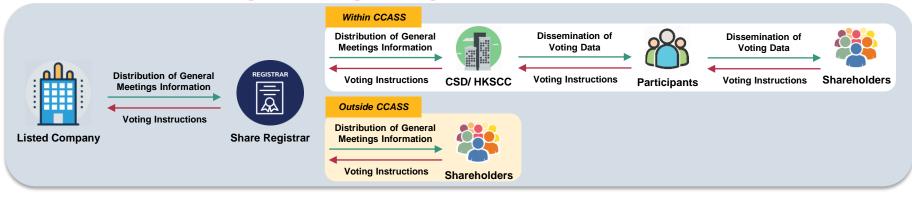
# HYBRID VIRTUAL MEETING IN HK



# **General Meeting in Hong Kong**



# Role and Responsibilities of HKSCC as CSD

- Securities are held under the name of HKSCC Nominee.
- HKSCC provides services to its participants only (runs as a membership/ participantship).
- Depository Services Provide share deposit and withdrawal services (physical certificates).
- Nominee Services Provide relevant corporate actions affecting eligible securities and distribute these information to HKSCC participants.
- Exercise shareholder rights in respect of the securities held in HKSCC



# **Hybrid Virtual Meeting in Hong Kong**



### How does it work?

- Hybrid virtual meeting is a combination of physical meeting and virtual meeting.
- To comply with relevant rules and regulatory requirements, listed companies in Hong Kong are required to convene physical shareholder meetings.
- Shareholders are given two options on the hybrid virtual meeting: either attend and vote the meeting in person, or view a live webcast and vote online in real time (via online platform or APP).

### Our experience:

- HKSCC opted for attend the meeting in person due to logistics and time concern.
- In preparation for the next meeting online, HKSCC will cooperate with share registrar on the enrollment arrangement before the meeting.



### **Benefits of Virtual Meeting**



### **TIME SAVING**

Save travel time for representatives to attend the general meeting



# REAL-TIME INFO SHARING

Allow information sharing instantly through connecting the virtual meeting software



### **CHOICES**

Open different options for the shareholders to vote: attend in person; by way of proxy; online attendance.



Allow foreign investors to participant general meetings in different time zones and locations

## **Challenges of Virtual Meeting**



### **REGULATORY COMPLIANCE**

In general, sole virtual meeting is not supported under company ordinance.

Listed company is required to convene physical shareholder meeting. Traditional meeting or hybrid virtual meeting are the only option.



### **MARKET ACCEPTANCE**

Less than 1% of listed companies are willing to conduct virtual meeting due to high capital cost



#### **MARKET READINESS**

Require huge resources to integrate virtual meeting tools into setting up general meeting and ensure operational readiness



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