

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China

**Retail Bond Issuance Programme** 

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Supplemental Circular dated 11 July 2011 in respect of the Programme Circular dated 5 July 2011 This supplemental circular supplements the programme circular dated 5 July 2011 (the **programme circular**) relating to the retail bond issuance programme (the **retail bond programme**) of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (**HKSAR Government**). You should read this supplemental circular together with the programme circular and all updates and supplements which HKSAR Government has published. Where there is any difference between the description of a matter here and the description in the programme circular, you should treat the description in this supplemental circular as correct.

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## WHERE YOU CAN READ COPIES OF THE RETAIL BOND PROGRAMME DOCUMENTATION

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- > the current programme circular, and any supplements to it (including this supplemental circular);
- > the issue circular(s) for each series of retail bonds which is outstanding; and
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