

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2013–2014

BETTER DEPOSIT PROTECTION

- The DPS was assessed by the Financial Sector Assessment Program (FSAP) of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as a transparent and trusted deposit protection scheme.
- The Board completed a comprehensive review of the DPS and identified key areas that can enhance the robustness of the Scheme through speedy payouts.
- Participated in the design of the resolution regime in Hong Kong, in order to enable the DPS to function effectively within the overall financial safety net.

IN FULL READINESS TO PAYOUTS

- Enhanced deposit information submission requirements with a view to improving the quality of deposit records maintained by Scheme members to enable speedy submission of such information when there is a bank failure.
- Concluded a cooperation agreement with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) concerning implementation of an early warning system to help prepare for payouts.
- Established a more-comprehensive contingency plan and increased the capacity of payout infrastructure and external resource to be ready to respond faster and more effectively to banking crisis involving different scenarios.

INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS AND CONFIDENCE

- Launched innovative publicity and public education campaigns leveraging on the popular “bun” theme, in order to enhance the public’s awareness and understanding of the DPS.
- Maintained the public’s confidence in the banking system by sustaining awareness of the DPS at a high level.

SUFFICIENT FUNDING

- Collected contributions totalling HK\$388 million from Scheme members, raising the DPS Fund’s total assets to HK\$2.4 billion at the end of March 2014.
- Adhered to the DPS Fund’s main investment objectives of capital preservation and abundant liquidity, and managed to achieve a positive investment return despite low interest rates and an uncertain investment environment.