

## Haitong International Signed MoU with HKQAA to promote Hong Kong as a Green and Sustainable Finance Hub

**Hong Kong, 8 December 2021** – Haitong International Securities Group Limited ("Haitong International"; Stock Code: 665.HK) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency (HKQAA) to kickoff a long-term partnership with a view to promoting Hong Kong as a green and sustainable finance hub. Earlier this month, Haitong International also received “ Outstanding Award for Green and Sustainable Bond Lead Manager (China Real Estate Industry) – Largest Amount of Green Bonds” by HKQAA Hong Kong Green and Sustainable Finance Award 2021.

With the green development related targets from the national 14th Five-year Plan as the foundation, Haitong International and HKQAA will make full play of their respective advantages to engage in full-fledged cooperation in the field of green and sustainable finance. According to the MoU framework, the two parties will collaborate on multiple aspects including green and sustainable finance business, capacity building and information disclosure framework establishment, green transition for corporates and green finance index research etc. The partnership is based upon the principles of mutual benefit, complementarity and joint development, and aims to ultimately contribute towards the realization of China's goal of achieving "carbon peak" by 2030 and "carbon neutral" by 2060.

**Dr. Michael Lam, Chief Executive Officer of HKQAA**, expected that its cooperation with Haitong International would help promote the development of green and sustainable finance in the region and create a better future.

**Mr. Patrick Poon, Haitong International Executive Committee Member, Chief Financial Officer and Chairman of the ESG Committee**, said : "Haitong International has remained steadfastly committed to leveraging its unique role in the capital intermediary and brokerage businesses such as investment, financing, consulting and research, to push forward the practice of impact investing, and we are determined to become a leading international IB focusing on sustainable finance. On the back of our long-term partnership with HKQAA, we view this strategic collaboration agreement as an opportunity for Haitong International and HKQAA to combine the strengths and experience of both parties, and jointly bring substantial contribution to Hong Kong's green and sustainable finance development. "

Haitong International has been instilling its ESG philosophy in all areas of the Group's business operations. As the first Chinese financial institution in Hong Kong to announce a net-zero carbon emissions target, Haitong International published in 2020 the first “Haitong International ESG



Statement”, pledging to achieve Carbon Neutrality by the end of 2025 and to deploy or provide USD 20 billion in ESG and sustainable financing and investment.

Haitong International has also achieved outstanding results in green and sustainable finance in recent years. In terms of green bonds, Haitong International has participated in the underwriting and issuance of 40 green and sustainable bonds with a total value of USD 11.2 billion as of 30 November 2021, more than double the number of issuance and total value as compared to the full year 2020, further enhancing its leading position in the offshore green bond issuance market for Chinese corporates. In terms of equity financing, this year, Haitong International solely sponsored Landsea Green Life Services (1965.HK) IPO in Hong Kong, which is the second green-themed property management IPO in the Hong Kong market ever. In September, Haitong International launched the "Tabula Haitong Asia ex-Japan HY Corp USD Bond ESG UCITS ETF" jointly with Tabula Investment Management Limited, a UK-based asset manager and ETF provider. The ETF is the world's first Asia ex-Japan high yield corporate USD bond ETF. As of 30 November 2021, the AUM of the ETF has surpassed the USD 100 million mark.

With a stellar performance in driving sustainable finance and implementing ESG strategies, MSCI has upgraded Haitong International's ESG rating to 'A' in 2021, placing Haitong International in a leading position among global investment banks. Moreover, Haitong International also won the "ESG Investing" award in the "2021 ESG Leading Enterprise Awards" organized by Bloomberg Businessweek.

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#### **Haitong International Securities Group Limited**

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)

Haitong International Securities Group Limited ("Haitong International"; Stock Code: 665.HK), together with its subsidiaries, is an international financial institution with established presence in Hong Kong and a rapidly expanding network across the globe. It strives to serve as a bridge linking the Chinese and overseas capital markets. The parent company of Haitong International is Haitong Securities Co. Ltd ("Haitong Securities", Stock Code: 600837.SH; 6837.HK).

Haitong International is well positioned to serve its approximately 200,000 corporate, institutional, as well as retail and high-net worth clients worldwide. Its well-established financial services platform provides corporate finance, wealth management, asset management, institutional clients (key businesses include fixed income, currency and commodities (FICC), derivatives, institutional equities) and investments business, and a full spectrum of financial products and services. Haitong International possesses a sound risk management system that is in line with international standards. The Company has been assigned a "Baa2" long-term issuer rating by Moody's and a "BBB" long-term credit rating by Standard and Poor's. Haitong International has a global financial servicing network covering the world's major capital markets including Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, London, Tokyo, Mumbai and Sydney, thereby making it a leading global financial institution with international competitiveness, systematic importance and brand influence.

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