

A New Chapter in Insurance Regulation in Hong Kong

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The Hong Kong Insurance Authority

- established in December 2015 to comply with the requirement of the International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS)
- insurance regulators should be financially and operationally independent



Purpose



to facilitate growth of the insurance industry and protection for policy holders with a modernized regulatory infrastructure





Key statutory functions

Regulate and supervise insurers and insurance intermediaries

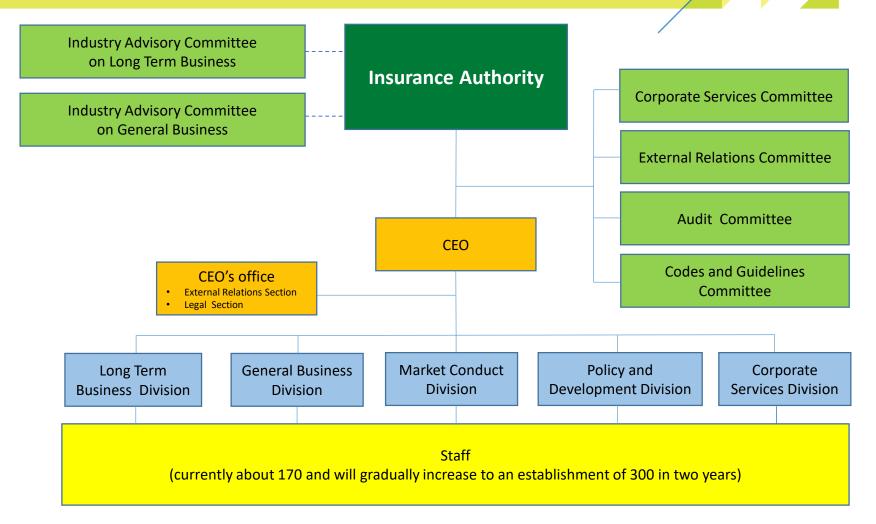
Promote proper conduct and practices

Conduct studies, consider and propose related law reforms

Revise and propose reforms of the regulatory system Facilitate sustainable market development and promote competitiveness of the industry Engage with the public for better understanding of insurance products and the industry



Our Organization



Phased approach

• 7 Dec 2015 to 26 June 2017

• IA was vested with certain administrative functions only and co-existed with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI)

- From 26 June 2017
- Takeover of OCI's statutory functions
- Phase 2 Self-regulatory regime for intermediaries remains unchanged
 - Within 2 years after 26 June 2017
 - Takeover of the direct regulation of intermediaries through a statutory licensing regime

Phase 1

Phase 3

Key tasks



- Prudential regulation
 - Risk-based Capital Regime (RBC)
- Policy Holders' Protection Scheme
- Conduct regulation
 - Statutory conduct requirements for intermediaries
 - Codes and guidelines



Risk-based Capital Regime (RBC)

• A major reform to enhance protection of policy holders and prudential supervision

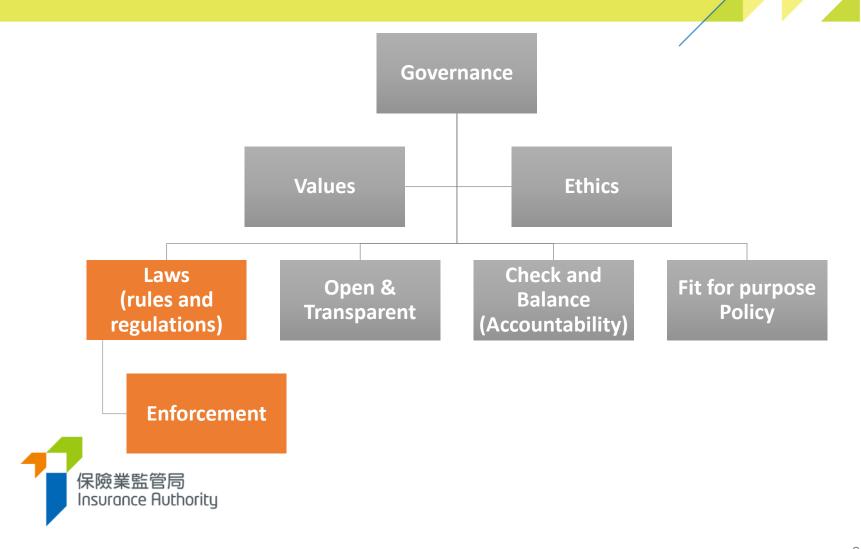
At least 2 rounds of Quantitative Impact Study (QIS) for data analysis (1st round started in late July) Consultation on guidelines on Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) and Own Risk Solvency Assessment (ORSA) by end of this year / early next year

Amendments to legislation, regulations and guidelines

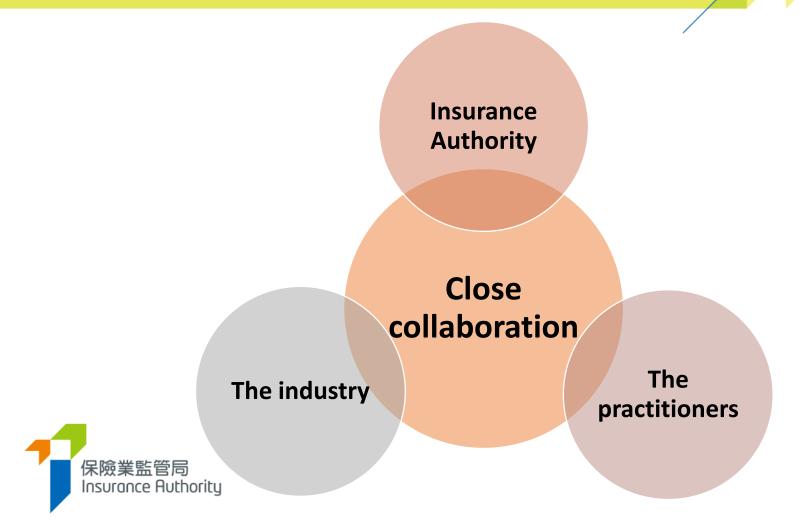
RBC expected to be in place by 2020



My model of effective governance



Future of insurance industry depends on..





thank you!