
Shenzhen-based Consortium Is Granted Pre-approval for Bank License to Set Up a Privately-owned Bank

Tencent Holdings Limited ("Tencent", SEHK: 00700), a leading provider of comprehensive Internet services in China, confirmed today that the China Banking Regulatory Commission ("CBRC") has granted pre-approval for setting up a privately-owned bank to the Shenzhen-based consortium which includes Tencent and 9 other investors. The formation process up to obtaining the formal banking license from CBRC is expected to take at least 6 to 12 months.

Tencent is one of the large minority shareholders in the consortium, with an equity stake at 30%. Leveraging the expertise of the partners in the consortium, the new bank will provide banking services to consumers and small- and medium- sized enterprises.

Tencent expects certain business cooperation in areas including internet finance with the newly established bank in the future.

About Tencent

Tencent uses technology to enrich the lives of Internet users. Every day, hundreds of millions of people communicate, share experiences, consume information, seek entertainment, and shop online through our integrated platforms. Our diversified services include QQ, Weixin and WeChat for communications; Qzone for social networking; QQ Game Platform for online games; QQ.com for information; as well as our eCommerce services.

Our company was founded in Shenzhen in 1998 and went public on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange in 2004. The Company has been one of the 50 constituent stocks of the Hang Seng Index since June 10, 2008, under stock code 00700. We seek to evolve with the Internet by investing in innovation, providing a hospitable environment for our partners, and staying close to our users.

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