## MEMORANDUM FOR ATTENTION



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Executive Director/ Head of Dealing

**Executive Director/ Head of Operations** 

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RE

INITIATIVES ANNOUNCED BY PRIME MINISTER AT WORLD CAPITAL MARKET

**SYMPOSIUM 2018** 

## Dear Members,

Reference is made on the initiatives to further enhance the equity market vibrancy announced by the Prime Minister on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at the World Capital Market Symposium 2018, summarized as follows:

- 1. Waive stamp duty fee for mid and small companies
- 2. Implement fee waiver for first time individual investors for 6 months
- 3. Liberalize rules to scale up margin financing
- 4. Allow intra-day short selling (IDSS) for all investors
- 5. Introduce Trading Specialist, a new category of investors for qualified individuals
- 6. Introduce a volume-based incentive program/rebate
- 7. Establish Bursa-SGX trading link

Following this, ASCM Management Committee had met up with SC and Bursa on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to seek clarifications on the above initiatives.

A follow up meeting with Bursa was held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 to seek further clarifications and sharing the industry's views on these initiatives. Subsequent to this meeting, Bursa informed ASCM that they will officially write to the POs in a day or two to provide clarity and directions on these initiatives. Bursa added that they will also conduct an industry briefing to the POs by early next week.

Thank you

Yours sincere

**Executive Director, ASCM Secretariat**