

Market Performance of the Hong Kong Insurance Industry for the first quarter of 2007

The Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) today (May 30) released provisional statistics of the Hong Kong insurance industry for the first quarter of 2007.

In the first quarter of 2007, gross premiums for general insurance business remained comparable to that for the corresponding period of 2006, amounting to HK\$6,792 million whilst net premiums slightly increased by 0.5% to HK\$4,904 million.

The overall underwriting profit of general insurance business decreased from HK\$637 million to HK\$441 million. This was mainly attributable to the significant deterioration in the underwriting performance of Ships business, turning from a profit of HK\$50 million to a loss of HK\$177 million. Property Damage business remained the largest contributor to the overall underwriting profit, albeit reducing from HK\$214 million to HK\$183 million.

On direct business, gross premiums increased by 3.4% to HK\$5,548 million and net premiums increased by 4.3% to HK\$4,023 million in the first quarter of 2007. With significant deterioration in the underwriting performance of Ships business due to worsened claims experience, the underwriting profit of direct business dropped from HK\$424 million to HK\$274 million. As regards the two major classes of compulsory insurance business, i.e. Motor Vehicle business and Employees' Compensation (EC) business,

decline in premium rates led to a reduction in the underwriting profit of Motor Vehicle business from HK\$82 million to HK\$24 million whereas improvement in claims experience turned the underwriting result of EC business from a loss of \$63 million to a profit of HK\$3 million.

On reinsurance inward business, gross and net premiums decreased by 13% to HK\$1,243 million and 14% to HK\$881 million respectively. The underwriting profit reduced from HK\$213 million to HK\$167 million due to decline in premiums written.

Total revenue premiums of long term in-force business amounted to HK\$38,150 million in the first quarter of this year, representing an increase of 23.9% over the same period of 2006.

Revenue premiums of Individual Life and Annuity (Non-Linked) business and Individual Life and Annuity (Linked) business grew by 16.2% to HK\$18,450 million and 33.7% to HK\$13,256 million respectively. Contributions of Retirement Scheme business also recorded a growth by 32.5% to HK\$5,673 million. On the benefit side, total insurance benefits paid to individuals during the said period increased by 28.9% to HK\$12,209 million.

New business statistics for the first quarter of 2007 showed that new office premiums (excluding Retirement Scheme business) of long term business increased by 32.4 % to HK\$16,211 million, compared with the same period of 2006. Individual Life and Annuity (Non-Linked) business increased by 22.9% to HK\$5,982 million in terms of new office premiums. New office premiums of Individual Life and Annuity (Linked) business grew by 39.0% to HK\$10,122 million.

In respect of new policies issued to Mainland visitors, office premiums amounted to HK\$835 million, representing 5.2% of the total new office premiums (HK\$16,166 million) for individual business in the first quarter of 2007.

Summary of provisional statistics of the Hong Kong insurance business from January to March 2007 is attached as an annex. Provisional statistics in detail can be downloaded from the OCI's website: <http://www.oci.gov.hk>.

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概要 Highlights				
	2007		2006	
	一至三月 Jan-Mar (百萬元)(\$ m)	一至三月 Jan-Mar (百萬元)(\$ m)	一至三月 Jan-Mar (百萬元)(\$ m)	增長 Growth
一般業務 General Business				
毛保費 Gross Premiums	6,792	6,795		0.0%
淨保費 Net Premiums	4,904	4,881		0.5%
承保利潤/(虧損) Underwriting Profit/(Loss)	441	637		-30.8%
長期業務(新造業務 #) Long Term Business (New Business #)				
保單保費(不包括退休計劃) Office Premiums (exclude Retirement Scheme)	16,211	12,241		32.4%

一般業務 General Business								
業務類別 Class of Business	毛保費 Gross Premiums			淨保費 Net Premiums				
	2007		2006		2007		2006	
	一至三月 Jan-Mar (百萬元)(\$ m)	一至三月 Jan-Mar (百萬元)(\$ m)	增長 Growth	一至三月 Jan-Mar (百萬元)(\$ m)	一至三月 Jan-Mar (百萬元)(\$ m)	增長 Growth		
意外及健康 Accident & Health	1,851	1,602	15.5%	1,592	1,386	14.9%		
汽車 Motor Vehicle	663	704	-5.8%	549	595	-7.7%		
貨運 Goods in Transit	324	302	7.3%	221	211	4.7%		
財產損壞 Property Damage	1,288	1,409	-8.6%	686	806	-14.9%		
一般法律責任 General Liability	1,528	1,616	-5.4%	1,078	1,111	-3.0%		
其他 Others	1,138	1,162	-2.1%	778	772	0.8%		
總額 Total	6,792	6,795	0.0%	4,904	4,881	0.5%		

長期業務(新造業務 #) Long Term Business (New Business #)				
業務類別 Class of Business	保單保費 Office Premiums			
	2007		2006	
	一至三月 Jan-Mar (百萬元)(\$ m)	一至三月 Jan-Mar (百萬元)(\$ m)	增長 Growth	
個人人壽及年金(非投資相連) Individual Life and Annuity (Non-Linked)	5,982	4,868	22.9%	
個人人壽及年金(投資相連) Individual Life and Annuity (Linked)	10,122	7,284	39.0%	
其他個人業務 Other Individual Business	62	37	67.6%	
非退休計劃團體業務 Non-Retirement Scheme Group Business	45	52	-13.5%	
總額(不包括退休計劃) Total (exclude Retirement Scheme)	16,211	12,241	32.4%	

#新造人壽業務的數字並不包括退休計劃業務。
 Figures for long term new business exclude retirement scheme business.

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長期業務 (有效業務) Long Term Business (Inforce Business)												
業務類別 Class of Business	保單/計劃數目 Number of Policies/ Schemes			保費收入 Revenue Premiums								
	二零零七年 年三月底 End of Mar 2007	二零零六年 年三月底 End of Mar 2006	增長 Growth	二零零七年一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2007			二零零六年一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2006			增長 Growth		
				整付 Single (百萬元) (\$m)	非整付 Non-Single (百萬元) (\$m)	總額 Total (百萬元) (\$m)	整付 Single (百萬元) (\$m)	非整付 Non-Single (百萬元) (\$m)	總額 Total (百萬元) (\$m)	整付 Single	非整付 Non-Single	總額 Total
	個人人壽及年金 (非投資相連) Individual Life and Annuity (Non-Linked)	6,135,625	5,839,810	5.1%	3,558	14,892	18,450	2,783	13,093	15,876	27.8%	13.7%
個人人壽及年金 (投資相連) Individual Life and Annuity (Linked)	1,141,358	901,843	26.6%	8,205	5,051	13,256	6,050	3,863	9,913	35.6%	30.8%	33.7%
其他個人業務 Other Individual Business	211,909	220,434	-3.9%	0	300	300	0	265	265	NA	13.2%	13.2%
退休計劃團體業務 Retirement Scheme Group Business	298,196	289,194	3.1%	1,931	3,742	5,673	1,005	3,277	4,282	92.1%	14.2%	32.5%
非退休計劃團體業務 Non-Retirement Scheme Group Business	15,980	15,450	3.4%	1	470	471	2	461	463	-50.0%	2.0%	1.7%
總額 Total	7,803,068	7,266,731	7.4%	13,695	24,455	38,150	9,840	20,959	30,799	39.2%	16.7%	23.9%

長期業務 (終止業務及利益給付金額)

Long Term Business (Terminated Business and Benefit Payments)

業務類別 Class of Business	終止保單數目 Number of Policy Terminations					利益給付金額 Amount of Benefit Payments				
	二零零七年一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2007			二零零六年 一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2006	增長 Growth	二零零七年一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2007			二零零六年 一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2006	增長 Growth
	失效/ 退保 Lapse/ Surrender	其他終止 Other Terminations	所有終止 All Terminations	所有終止 All Terminations		給予個人的 退保利益 Lapse/ Surrender Benefits Paid to Individuals (百萬元) (\$m)	給予個人的 其他申索 及利益 Other Claims and Benefits Paid to Individuals (百萬元) (\$m)	所有利益 給付金額 All Benefit Payments (百萬元) (\$m)	所有利益 給付金額 All Benefit Payments (百萬元) (\$m)	
個人人壽及年金 (非投資相連) Individual Life and Annuity (Non-Linked)	96,310	9,250	105,560	99,629	6.0%	1,384	2,869	4,253	3,637	16.9%
個人人壽及年金 (投資相連) Individual Life and Annuity (Linked)	18,552	403	18,955	16,906	12.1%	3,647	444	4,091	2,864	42.8%
其他個人業務 Other Individual Business	7,833	2,870	10,703	12,243	-12.6%	133	53	186	124	50.0%
退休計劃團體業務 Retirement Scheme Group Business	NA	NA	4,777	3,379	41.4%	2,164	1,325	3,489	2,662	31.1%
非退休計劃團體業務 Non-Retirement Scheme Group Business	NA	NA	682	766	-11.0%	0	190	190	188	1.1%
總額 Total	NA	NA	140,677	132,923	5.8%	7,328	4,881	12,209	9,475	28.9%

長期業務 (再保險業務)

Long Term Business (Reinsurance Business)

再保險業務總額 Total Reinsurance Business	保費收入 Revenue Premiums					
	分入再保險的可收取的保費 Premiums Receivable under Reinsurance Assumed (百萬元) (\$m)			分出再保險的應付的保費 Premiums Payable under Reinsurance Ceded (百萬元) (\$m)		
	二零零七年一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2007	二零零六年一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2006	增長 Growth	二零零七年一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2007	二零零六年一月至三月 Jan - Mar 2006	增長 Growth
	618	539	14.7%	1,326	1,148	15.5%