

HKMA Discussion Paper on e-HKD: A Policy and Design Perspective.

The Emerging Payments Association Asia ('EPAA') welcomes The Hong Kong Monetary Authority's ('HKMA's') consultation on the e-HKD Policy and Design Perspectives^[1]. The HKMA's initiative is aligned to growing interest in Central Bank Digital Currencies ('CBDC'S') in multiple jurisdictions, with the eCNY notably being the most advanced and highly relevant for the Hong Kong S.A.R.

The *e-HKD Policy and Design Perspectives Paper* is an excellent document, and the EPAA commends the diligence, expertise and professionalism that has clearly been involved in preparing a balanced and valuable paper.

The EPAA recognises that industry participants operating in Hong Kong will be better placed to comment on the specifics of what is, as noted in the paper, a highly advanced retail payment market, thanks to the initiatives of the HKMA (specifically SVF's, Faster Payments System and Virtual Banks) and the long history of world leading innovation nurtured by the HKMA from Octopus, contactless scheme cards and most recently QR based payments

However in response to Question 12 - '*Are there any other policy considerations which are relevant to the e-HKD but not covered in this Discussion Paper*' the EPAA felt it would be valuable to share a very recently Policy Paper that summarises the general policy areas common across jurisdictions and both the opportunities and challenges that these present.

A copy of the Policy Paper is attached.

The EPAA would welcome and opportunity to discuss with the HKMA any of the areas that might be of specific interest.

[EPAA Position Paper no.1 CBDC](#)

^[1] <https://www.hkma.gov.hk/eng/news-and-media/press-releases/2022/04/20220427-3/>

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