With the high season for shareholders meetings about to arrive, Financial Supervisory Commission Encourages Greater Use of e-Voting to Exercise Shareholders' rights

To facilitate the exercise of shareholders' voting rights, since January 1, 2018, all listed companies have incorporated electronic voting as one of the channels for shareholders to exercise their rights to vote. It is efficient to exercise shareholders' voting rights through e-Voting without any restrictions on place and time of shareholder meetings. Besides, Financial Supervisory Commission (FSC) has appealed to issuers and transfer agencies to reinforce the promotion of e-Voting at annual general meeting (AGM) to shareholders during the COVID-19 period, which is expected to prevent the disease from spreading and protect shareholders' rights to participate in AGMs.

FSC also mandated TDCC to consult with stock affairs institutes, TWSE as well as TPEx, and released the Disease Prevention Operating Guideline for Shareholder Meetings on March 16, 2020. The guideline includes a public version notice and disease prevention measures for shareholder meetings, serving as a reference for public companies to hold AGMs in 2020. The notice has to be printed in the prominent area of the meeting notice cover.

Issuers shall clearly announce their disease prevention measures in the meeting notice so that shareholders can be fully notified. In addition, issuers shall follow the aforementioned operating guideline to organize relevant details in advance to hold successful AGMs in 2020.