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## 香港中華煤氣有限公司 THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 3)

## Announcement pursuant to Rule 13.51B(2) of the Listing Rules

This announcement is made by The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (the "Company") in accordance with rule 13.51B(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") to update the biographical information of Dr. the Hon. Sir David Li Kwok Po ("Dr. Li"), an independent non-executive director of the Company.

It has come to the attention of the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") that on 3 October 2018, the National Court in Madrid opened a criminal investigation in relation to certain transactions undertaken by CaixaBank, S.A. (formerly known as Criteria CaixaCorp, S.A.), a Spanish banking entity ("CaixaBank"), including: (i) the transfer by CaixaBank to Criteria Caixa, S.A. Sociedad Unipersonal, a Spanish holding company ("Criteria") of its stake of approximately 17.24% in The Bank of East Asia, Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability, the shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (the "Bank") and its stake of approximately 9.01% in Grupo Financiero Inbursa, S.A.B. de C.V.; (ii) the sale of 9.9% of the treasury stock of CaixaBank; (iii) the sale of 2% of the shares of Banco de Fomento Angola, S.A. ("BFA") by Banco BPI, S.A. ("BPI") to Unitel S.A., of which Ms. Isabel dos Santos is a shareholder; (iv) the grant of a credit line of €400 million to BFA; and (v) CaixaBank's takeover bid for BPI to increase its existing stake by 39.04% to 84.5% (the "Investigation").

The Investigation has been brought against CaixaBank, Criteria, Dr. Isidro Fainé Casas, five other executives/directors of CaixaBank, and Dr. Li, and arose out of a petition by two individual shareholders of CaixaBank who have unsuccessfully attempted to bring criminal actions against CaixaBank in the past.

The allegations include alleged market abuse, insider trading, misrepresentation of financial statements, mismanagement of the firms and unfair treatment of shareholders.

According to the announcement made by the Bank on 16 October 2018, Dr. Li resigned as a director of CaixaBank on 23 October 2014 and he had informed the Bank that he considered the allegations to be unfounded and without merit.

## By order of the Board **JOHN H.M. HO**

Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 24 October 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:

Non-executive Directors: Dr. the Hon. Lee Shau Kee (Chairman), Dr. Colin Lam

Ko Yin, Dr. Lee Ka Kit and Mr. Lee Ka Shing

Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. Leung Hay Man, Dr. the Hon. Sir David Li Kwok Po

and Professor Poon Chung Kwong

Executive Directors: Mr. Alfred Chan Wing Kin and Mr. Peter Wong Wai Yee

