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FTSE Xinhua Index promptly adds Ping An of China to A Share Index Series

BEIJING, 1 March 2007: FTSE Xinhua Index (FXI), the independent China index company, announced today that it would add Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd. (Ping An of China) (A Share, 601318) to its index series, following the company's listing at the Shanghai Stock Exchange. The company will join a number of indexes, including FTSE/Xinhua China A50, FTSE Xinhua 200 and FTSE Xinhua Insurance Investment Index when China markets open on Thursday 8 March 2007. Headquartered in Shenzhen, Ping An of China is China's second largest insurer and 19.9 percent owned by HSBC Holdings Plc.

The stock is added as a fast entry to the index (i.e., it does not need to wait until the regular quarterly review) as FXI Ground Rules allow for sufficiently large stocks to be added 5 trading days after listing. This rule is in place to ensure that the index remains an up to date and accurate reflection of the market it measures, and allows investors to use the index as a tracking and analysis tool with confidence and precision.

Ping An of China (A) will join the following indices with total shares in issue of 4,786,409,636 and an investability weighting of 20%:

FTSE/Xinhua China A50, FTSE Xinhua 200, FTSE Xinhua 200 Style, FTSE Xinhua 400, FTSE Xinhua 600, FTSE Xinhua 600 Style Index, FTSE Xinhua All-Share and FTSE Xinhua Insurance Investment Index.

For balance detail, please refer to the tech notice [here](#).



Commenting on the addition of Ping An of China to the FTSE Xinhua Index Series, Norman Yen, Managing Director of FTSE Xinhua said, "This fast entry represents our capability, efficiency and continued commitment to keep international and domestic investors abreast with the increasingly dynamic market. It is a testament to our consistent and transparent efforts to serve these investors with the most valuable investment tools in the China market."

More information about the FTSE Xinhua Index Series is available at www.ftsexinhua.com

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