

MARKET OPEN CEREMONY FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR 2019



On February 12th, 2019 (January 8th of the lunar calendar), Hochiminh Stock Exchange (HOSE) held the Gong Striking Ceremony to mark the first trading day of the current the Lunar New Year 2019. This event is held annually at HOSE, which is also an occasion for the regulators, market operators, and market participants to greet each other and demonstrate the determination to develop the Vietnam securities market contributing to the national economic growth.

Attending the ceremony, there were Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phong - Member of the Central Party Committee and deputy secretary of the Ho Chi Minh City Party Committee, Chairman of the Ho Chi Minh City People's Committee; Mr. Huynh Quang Hai, Deputy Minister of Finance and the representatives from the State Securities Commission; Vietnam's Securities Depository, member securities firms, listed companies, respected guests and media agencies.

At the ceremony, Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phong applauded the contribution and efforts of HOSE as well as listed companies, member securities firms and market participants in the sustainable development of the Vietnam securities market and especially the financial market of the city. He highlighted the success of the equitization and divestment of state-owned

enterprises progress, also, expressed his expectation that HOSE will continue its important role in building the securities market, enriching the socio-economic development of HCMC and the country as whole.

On behalf of the securities sector, Mr. Huynh Quang Hai - Deputy Minister of Finance appreciated the attention of the Ho Chi Minh City leaders towards HOSE and Vietnam's securities market. The Deputy Minister also outlined crucial directions for HOSE and the securities market. Working personnel from the financial sector, the securities sector as well as market participants also expressed the determination to implement the assigned directions to ensure Vietnam's securities market will continue to develop sustainably and successfully in 2019.