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## **Haitong International Successfully Completed an IPO deal for Virscend Education**

**Hong Kong, 18 January 2016** – Haitong International Securities Group Limited (“Haitong International”; Stock Code: 665.HK) is pleased to announce that it has completed an IPO deal for Virscend Education Company Limited (“Virscend Education”, 1565.HK) with gross proceeds of around HKD 1.8 billion. Haitong International acted as the Joint Global Coordinator, Joint Bookrunner and Joint Lead Manager to assist the company in the IPO deal.

Virscend Education is the largest provider of K-12 private education services in Southwest China in terms of student enrollment as of June 30, 2015. The company operates five schools for grades K-12 with an aggregate of approximately 17,896 K-12 students enrolled at its schools.

This is the second IPO deal Haitong International has completed in 2016.

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### **Haitong International Securities Group Limited**

Haitong International Securities Group Limited (“Haitong International”; Stock Code: 665.HK) is an international financial institution with established presence in Hong Kong and a rapidly expanding network across the globe. It strives to serve as a bridge linking up the Chinese and overseas capital markets. Haitong International is a subsidiary of Haitong International Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in Hong Kong and wholly owned by Haitong Securities Co., Ltd. (“Haitong Securities”, Stock Code: 600837.SH; 6837.HK).

To date, Haitong International is well positioned to serve over 190,000 corporate, institutional and retail clients worldwide. Its well-established investment banking business platform provides corporate finance, brokerage and margin financing, asset management, fixed income, currency and commodities (FICC), leveraged and acquisition finance, equity investment and a full spectrum of financial products and services. Haitong International possesses a sound risk management system that is in line with international standards. In 2014, it became the first Chinese financial institution in Hong Kong to have been assigned a “BBB” long-term credit rating by Standard and Poor’s.

Haitong International has more than 10 branches in Hong Kong and Macau and a representative office in each of Beijing and Shanghai. In 2014, Haitong International quickened the pace of overseas expansion by establishing its Singapore subsidiary. It also completed the acquisition of Japaninvest Group plc in March of 2015, setting up a financial servicing network covering the world’s major capital markets including Hong Kong, New York, London, Tokyo.

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