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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of October HSBC Holdings plc

42nd Floor, 8 Canada Square, London E14 5HQ, England

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F).

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Yes...... No X

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The Board of Directors of Hang Seng Bank Limited (the 'Bank') today declared a third interim dividend in respect of the year ending 31 December 2013 of HK\$1.10 per share, which will be payable on Thursday, 7 November 2013 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Shareholders of the Bank on Thursday, 24 October 2013.

The dividend as declared should not be taken as an indication of the level of profit or dividend for the full year of the Bank.

The results for the year ending 31 December 2013 are expected to be announced on Monday, 24 February 2014. It is intended that any fourth interim dividend for 2013 that is expected to be announced on that date would be payable on Thursday, 27 March 2014 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Shareholders of the Bank on Wednesday, 12 March 2014.

Register of Shareholders

The Register of Shareholders of the Bank will be closed for one day on Thursday, 24 October 2013, during which no transfer of shares can be registered. To qualify for the third interim dividend for 2013, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Bank's Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30pm on Wednesday, 23 October 2013. Shares of the Bank will be traded ex-dividend as from Tuesday, 22 October 2013.

Directors

As at the date hereof, the Board of Directors of the Bank comprises Dr Raymond K F Ch'ien* (Chairman), Ms Rose W M Lee (Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive), Dr John C C Chan*, Dr Marvin K T Cheung*, Ms L Y Chiang*, Mr Andrew H C Fung, Ms Anita Y M Fung#, Dr Fred Zuliu Hu*, Ms Sarah C Legg#, Dr Eric K C Li*, Dr Vincent H S Lo#, Mrs Dorothy K Y P Sit, Mr Richard Y S Tang*, Mr Peter T S Wong# and Mr Michael W K Wu*.

* Independent Non-executive Directors

Non-executive Directors

By Order of the Board C C Li Secretary

Hong Kong, 7 October 2013

Note to editors:

The HSBC Group

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

HSBC Holdings plc

By:

Name: Ben J S Mathews

Title: Group Company Secretary

Date: 07 October 2013