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**BEA China Donates RMB 1 Million  
to Help Compatriots Affected by Mainland Snowstorms**

**Hong Kong, 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2008** – The Bank of East Asia (China) Limited (“BEA China”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Bank of East Asia (“BEA”), has donated RMB 1 million to the Red Cross Society of China Headquarters in support of relief efforts for people affected by the severe snowstorms that have devastated the central and southern parts of China.

The RMB 1 million donation will be used to provide warm clothing, emergency supplies, and rehabilitation support. Dr. David K.P. Li, BEA’s Chairman & Chief Executive, said, “The havoc and chaos caused by the recent snowstorms on the mainland is truly unfortunate, particularly in view of the sheer number of people caught in the storms while on their way home to celebrate the Lunar New Year. We at BEA hope that our donation will bring some comfort and relief to those who have been affected, and assist in the rebuilding of disaster-hit areas.”

Ms. Wang Shunong, Deputy Head of the Programme Development Department of the Red Cross Society of China Headquarters said, “Our Society truly appreciates BEA China’s immediate assistance, which reflects the charitable spirit of the Chinese in helping those who are in need. We hope others will support our programme and assist us in helping the disaster-hit areas during these difficult times.”

In addition to the donation, Mr. Raymond Yu, Executive Director & Chief Executive of BEA China, has appealed to the Bank’s 3,000 employees to make personal donations as a show of support.

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