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## **Phishing Email & Fraudulent Website Notification**

**Hong Kong, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2010** – The Bank of East Asia (“BEA”) would like to inform all customers and the general public that the BEA Group has no affiliation whatsoever to a recent phishing email entitled “Important Account Information” and related website operating under the URL <http://222.108.149.200/hkcyberbanking/>. The phishing email links to a webpage that looks very similar to the Bank’s Cyberbanking login page.

All of BEA’s Internet-based services may be accessed safely and securely through the Bank’s homepage at [www.hkbea.com](http://www.hkbea.com).

Customers and members of the general public are strongly advised never to click on any URL or hyperlink embedded in an email to access BEA’s services or information. Customers should always log in to their BEA accounts via the Bank’s homepage. BEA never asks customers to input login information and passwords by any other means including email.

BEA has reported the existence of the above phishing email and website to the police and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, and will take any action that may be appropriate to protect the reputation of the Bank and the interests of its customers and the general public.

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