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BEA Injects an Additional CNY 2 Billion into BEA China

Hong Kong, 19th February, 2014 – The Bank of East Asia (“BEA”) today announces that it has injected additional capital of two billion Chinese yuan (“CNY”) into The Bank of East Asia (China) Limited (“BEA China”) to support the wholly-owned subsidiary’s continued business expansion on the Mainland. With this injection, BEA China’s registered capital increases from CNY 8 billion to CNY 10 billion, and BEA China continues to have one of the strongest capital bases of any foreign-owned subsidiary bank in China.

“Since its establishment in 2007, BEA China has grown its business successfully on the Mainland, and enabled other Group members to benefit from its strong expertise and network,” says Dr. David K.P. Li, Chairman & Chief Executive of BEA and Chairman of BEA China. “The additional capital injection not only strengthens the capital base of BEA China, but also provides BEA China with more funding to capture business opportunities arising from the further liberalisation of China’s financial system. We would like to thank the relevant government authorities for the guidance and support they have extended to our Bank during the approval process,” he added.

The additional capital injection reaffirms BEA’s long-term commitment to Mainland China, which has always been the focus of the Group. As one of the first locally-incorporated foreign banks to open for business in China, BEA China continues to expand its branch network strategically throughout the country. Since its establishment, BEA China has increased its branch network from 28 to 127 outlets, and it has become an increasingly important contributor to the BEA Group.

About BEA in China

BEA has maintained an operational presence in Mainland China since the opening of its Shanghai Branch in 1920. In 2007, BEA established The Bank of East Asia (China) Limited (“BEA China”), one of the first wholly-owned, locally-incorporated foreign banking subsidiaries on the Mainland. BEA China is authorised to provide a full range of banking and financial services to a broad customer base that includes both local and foreign residents and enterprises.

BEA China operates one of the most extensive branch networks of any foreign bank on the Mainland. In addition to its Headquarters in Shanghai, BEA China’s network of 127 outlets includes 27 branches and 99 sub-branches in 40 cities nationwide. For more details on BEA China, please visit www.hkbea.com.cn.

In addition to the BEA China network, BEA maintains a representative office in Fuzhou and a rural bank in Fuping County, Shaanxi Province.

About The Bank of East Asia

Incorporated in 1918, BEA is Hong Kong's largest independent local bank, with total consolidated assets of HK\$754.0 billion (US\$97.2 billion) as of 31st December, 2013. The Bank is listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, and is one of the constituent stocks of the Hang Seng Index.

BEA offers customers a comprehensive range of commercial banking, personal banking, wealth management, and investment services through an extensive network of more than 240 outlets covering Hong Kong and the rest of Greater China, Southeast Asia, the United Kingdom, and United States. For more information, please visit any BEA branch or the Bank's homepage at www.hkbea.com.

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