

For Immediate Release

Fraudulent Business Email Invitation

Hong Kong, 17th December, 2014 – The Bank of East Asia, Limited (“BEA”) would like to alert all recipients of email messages sent in connection with LinkedIn profiles for “Eric Fook Chuen Li” and “Alan Wong Chi-Yun” concerning a purported “business proposition” requiring “utmost discretion” that neither Mr. Eric LI Fook-chuen, Non-Executive Director, nor Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun, Deputy Chairman and Independent Non-Executive Director of BEA’s Board of Directors has any affiliation whatsoever with these LinkedIn profiles. Recipients of the invitations are strongly urged to delete the message and not to reply to the email addresses, fookchuenli@securecryptedmail.com or dr.alanwcy@hkbea.email, which are provided in the messages.

In addition, LinkedIn profiles have been discovered bearing the names of the following directors of the Bank: Professor Arthur LI Kwok-cheung, Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing, and Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai. Members of the general public who receive communications in connection with these LinkedIn profiles are strongly urged to disregard them, as these profiles were not created by any of the afore-mentioned directors.

The Bank has reflected its concern to LinkedIn. BEA will take any action deemed necessary and appropriate to protect its reputation and the interests of its customers and the general public.

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