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## **BEA Wins Best SME's Partner Award for the Ninth Consecutive Year**

**Hong Kong, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2016** – The Bank of East Asia, Limited (“BEA”) has won the “Best SME’s Partner Award” in the awards programme organised by The Hong Kong General Chamber of Small and Medium Business, a prominent local organisation that supports small and medium enterprises (“SMEs”). BEA received the award in recognition of its dedication to the SME sector through the provision of corporate banking services of outstanding quality during the year. This is the ninth consecutive year that BEA has been named recipient of this award.

Ms. Theresa Tang, Head of BEA’s Commercial Lending Department, received the award on behalf of the Bank at a ceremony held on 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016.

“BEA is honoured to receive the Best SME’s Partner Award for the ninth straight year,” said Ms. Tang. “Throughout our history, we at BEA have dedicated ourselves to serving the financial needs of local SMEs and providing tailored products and services that cater to the specific needs of our corporate customers. Looking ahead, we shall continue to develop and deliver effective financial solutions to help SMEs grow and meet their banking needs in an ever-changing and challenging business environment.”

BEA offers its corporate customers a wide range of flexible and tailor-made packages including working capital facilities, cross-border finance, trade finance, syndicated loans, Corporate Cyberbanking, MPF, and general insurance services.

For more information on BEA’s corporate banking services, please call (852) 2211 1338 or visit any BEA branch or the Bank’s homepage at [www.hkbea.com](http://www.hkbea.com).

### **About The Bank of East Asia, Limited**

Incorporated in 1918, BEA is Hong Kong’s largest independent local bank, with total consolidated assets of HK\$781.4 billion (US\$100.8 billion) as of 31st December, 2015. Listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, the Bank is a constituent stock of the Hang Seng Index.

BEA offers customers a comprehensive range of corporate banking, personal banking, wealth management, and investment services through an extensive network of more than 230 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](http://www.hkbea.com).

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Ms. Theresa Tang, Head of BEA’s Commercial Lending Department (second from the right), received the Best SME’s Partner Award on behalf of the Bank at a prize presentation ceremony organised by The Hong Kong General Chamber of Small and Medium Business. Guest presenters included: (from left to right) Mr. Simon Leung M.K, Chairman of “2016 SME Award” Organising Committee; Mr. Guo Heng Bin, the Deputy Director-General Coordination Department of Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Hong Kong S.A.R.; and Mr. Peter Lam K.L, JP, President of The Hong Kong General Chamber of Small and Medium Business.