

The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 8TH APRIL, 2005 Poll Results

The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") is pleased to announce the results of the poll taken at the Annual General Meeting of the Bank held on 8th April, 2005 (the "AGM").

- (1) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote for or against all the resolutions at the AGM: 1,494,255,551 shares.
- (2) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote only against any of the resolutions at the AGM: Nil
- (3) The number of shares represented by votes for and against the respective resolutions at the AGM was as follows:

		No. of Votes (%)	
	Resolutions	For	Against
1.	To adopt the Audited Accounts and the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors for the year ended 31st December, 2004.	369,765,697 (99.99%)	4,741 (0.01%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
2.	To declare a final dividend of HK\$0.80 per share.	401,390,783 (99.99%)	923 (0.01%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3а.	To re-elect Mr. Tan Man-kou as a Director.	397,781,191 (99.91%)	378,096 (0.09%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3b.	To re-elect Dr. Li Fook-wo as a Director.	397,134,853 (99.73%)	1,076,379 (0.27%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3c.	To re-elect Mr. Joseph Pang Yuk-wing as a Director.	397,257,011 (99.77%)	925,567 (0.23%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3d.	To re-elect Mr. Thomas Kwok Ping-kwong as a Director.	397,758,094 (99.90%)	390,141 (0.10%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3e.	To re-elect Mr. Richard Li Tzar-kai as a Director.	397,563,380 (99.86%)	559,415 (0.14%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
4.	To re-appoint KPMG as Auditors of the Bank and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.	397,916,755 (99.98%)	82,541 (0.02%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
5.	To amend the Articles of Association of the Bank.	398,030,962 (99.97%)	102,815 (0.03%)
	As more than 75% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
6.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to issue additional shares.	181,470,773 (45.52%)	217,165,430 (54.48%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast against the resolution, the resolution was not carried.		
7.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase the Bank's own shares.	398,598,050 (99.99%)	2,976 (0.01%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
8.	To extend the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to item 6.	383,332,540 (96.29%)	14,778,738 (3.71%)
	The passing of this resolution is conditional on the passing of resolutions in item 6 and item 7 of the Notice of the AGM. As the resolution in item 6 was not carried, this resolution item 8 was deemed to be not effective.		

(4) KPMG (Certified Public Accountants), auditors of the Bank, acted as scrutineer for the vote-taking at the AGM. KPMG's work in this respect was conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Related Services 4400 "Engagements to perform agreed-upon procedures regarding financial information" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and was limited to certain procedures agreed with the Bank on checking the counting of vote cast, based on information and records provided by the Bank to KPMG. The work performed by KPMG in this respect did not constitute either an audit or a review made in accordance with Hong Kong Statements on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements issued by the HKICPA nor did it include provision of any assurance or advice on matters of legal interpretation or legal entitlement to vote.

For and on behalf of The Bank of East Asia, Limited Molly HO Kam-lan Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 8th April, 2005

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Bank are: Dr. David LI Kwok-po (Chairman and Chief Executive), Mr. Joseph PANG Yuk-wing (Deputy Chief Executive) and Mr. CHAN Kay-cheung (Deputy Chief Executive); Non-executive Directors of the Bank are: Dr. LI Fook-wo, Dr. Simon LI Fook-sean, Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing, Dr. William MONG Man-wai, Tan Sri Dr. KHOO Kay-peng and Mr. Richard LI Tzar-kai; and Independent Non-executive Directors are: Mr. WONG Chung-hin, Dr. LEE Shau-kee, Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun, Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai, Mr. Thomas KWOK Ping-kwong and Mr. TAN Man-kou.