Monthly Return of Equity Issuer on Movements in Securities

For the month ended (dd/mm/yyyy) :   **31/12/2009**

To : Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited

Name of Issuer   **The Bank of East Asia, Limited**
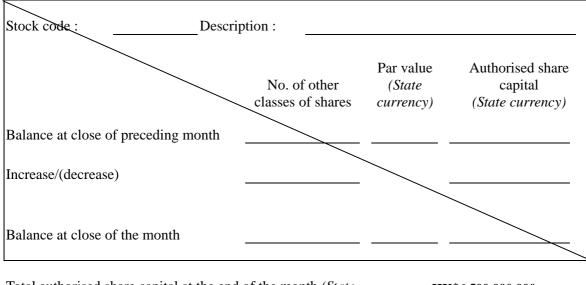
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I. Movements in Authorised Share Capital

1. Ordinary Shares

(1) Stock code :   **00023**   Description :   **Ordinary Shares**

	No. of ordinary shares	Par value *(State currency)*	Authorised share capital *(State currency)*
Balance at close of preceding month	**2,600,000,000**	**HK$2.50**	**HK$6,500,000,000**
Increase/(decrease)	**Nil**		**Nil**
Balance at close of the month	**2,600,000,000**	**HK$2.50**	**HK$6,500,000,000**

(2) Stock code :   Description :

	No. of ordinary shares	Par value *(State currency)*	Authorised share capital *(State currency)*
Balance at close of preceding month			
Increase/(decrease)			
Balance at close of the month			

2. Preference Shares

Stock code :	**00023**	Description :	**Substitute Preference Shares**

	No. of preference shares	Par value *(State currency)*	Authorised share capital *(State currency)*
Balance at close of preceding month	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**
Increase/(decrease)	**500,000**		**US$500,000,000**
Balance at close of the month	**500,000**	**US$1,000**	**US$500,000,000**

3. Other Classes of Shares

Stock code :	Description :		

	No. of other classes of shares	Par value *(State currency)*	Authorised share capital *(State currency)*
Balance at close of preceding month			
Increase/(decrease)			
Balance at close of the month			

Total authorised share capital at the end of the month *(State currency)* :

HK$6,500,000,000
US$500,000,000

II. Movements in Issued Share Capital

	No. of ordinary shares		No of preference shares	No. of other classes of shares
	(1)	(2)		
Balance at close of preceding month	**1,849,116,887**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**
Increase/ (decrease) during the month	**195,000**	**N/A**	**Nil**	**N/A**
Balance at close of the month	**1,849,311,887**	**N/A**	**Nil**	**N/A**

III. Details of Movements in Issued Share Capital

Share Options (under Share Option Schemes of the Issuer)

Particulars of share option scheme including AGM approval date (dd/mm/yyyy) and class of shares issuable	Movement during the month				No. of new shares of issuer issued during the month pursuant thereto	No. of new shares of issuer which may be issued pursuant thereto as at close of the month
	Granted	Exercised	Cancelled	Lapsed		
1. Staff **Exercise price HK$ 20.86 (26/03/2002)** **Ordinary shares** *(Note 1)*	**Nil**	**195,000**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**195,000**	**4,737,000**
2. Staff **Exercise price HK$ 30.04 (26/03/2002)** **Ordinary shares** *(Note 1)*	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**2,695,000**
3. Staff **Exercise price HK$ 42.84 (12/04/2007)** **Ordinary shares** *(Note 1)*	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**2,750,000**
4. Staff **Exercise price HK$ 40.09 (12/04/2007)** **Ordinary shares** *(Note 1)*	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**5,500,000**

5. Staff **Exercise price** **HK\$ 21.25** **(12/04/2007)** **Ordinary shares**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**Nil**	**6,600,000**
(Note 1)						

Total A. (Ordinary shares)		**195,000**
(Preference shares)		**Nil**
(Other class)		**N/A**

Total funds raised during the month from exercise of options (State currency)   **HK\$4,067,700**

Warrants to Issue Shares of the Issuer which are to be Listed

Description of warrants (Date of expiry - dd/mm/yyyy)	Currency of nominal value	Nominal value at close of preceding month	Exercised during the month	Nominal value at close of the month	No. of new shares of issuer issued during the month pursuant thereto	No. of new shares of issuer which may be issued pursuant thereto as at close of the month
1. _____ _____ _____ (/ /) Stock code (if listed) _____ Class of shares issuable (Note 1) _____ Subscription price _____ EGM approval date (if applicable) (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ (/ /)						
2. _____ _____ (/ /) Stock code (if listed) _____ Class of shares issuable (Note 1) _____ Subscription price _____ EGM approval date (if applicable) (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ (/ /)						
3. _____ _____ (/ /) Stock code (if listed) _____ Class of shares issuable (Note 1) _____ Subscription price _____ EGM approval date (if applicable) (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ (/ /)						
4. _____ _____ (/ /) Stock code (if listed) _____ Class of shares issuable (Note 1) _____ Subscription price _____ EGM approval date (if applicable) (dd/mm/yyyy) _____ (/ /)						

Total B.   (Ordinary shares) _____

(Preference shares) _____

(Other class) _____

Convertibles (i.e. Convertible into Shares of the Issuer which are to be Listed)

Class and description	Currency of amount outstanding	Amount at close of preceding month	Converted during the month	Amount at close of the month	No. of new shares of issuer issued during the month pursuant thereto	No. of new shares of issuer which may be issued pursuant thereto as at close of the month
1. _____ _____ _____						
Stock code (if listed) _____ Class of shares issuable *(Note 1)* _____ Subscription price _____ EGM approval date (if applicable) (dd/mm/yyyy)) (/ /) _____						
2. _____ _____ _____						
Stock code (if listed) _____ Class of shares issuable *(Note 1)* _____ Subscription price _____ EGM approval date (if applicable) (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /) _____						
3. _____ _____ _____						
Stock code (if listed) _____ Class of shares issuable *(Note 1)* _____ Subscription price _____ EGM approval date (if applicable) (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /) _____						
4. _____ _____ _____						
Stock code (if listed) _____ Class of shares issuable *(Note 1)* _____ Subscription price _____ EGM approval date (if applicable) (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /) _____						

Total C. (Ordinary shares) _____
(Preference shares) _____
(Other class) _____

Any other Agreements or Arrangements to Issue Shares of the Issuer which are to be Listed, including Options (other than under Share Option Schemes)

Full particulars including EGM approval date (dd/mm/yyyy), if applicable, and class of shares issuable:	No. of new shares of issuer issued during the month pursuant thereto	No. of new shares of issuer which may be issued pursuant thereto as at close of the month
1. _____ (/ /) shares *(Note 1)*		
2. _____ (/ /) shares *(Note 1)*		
3. _____ (/ /) shares *(Note 1)*		
Total D. (Ordinary shares)		
(Preference shares)		
(Other class)		

Other Movements in Issued Share Capital

Type of Issue			No. of new shares of issuer issued during the month pursuant thereto	No. of new shares of issuer which may be issued pursuant thereto as at close of the month
1. Rights issue	At price : State currency ———	Class of shares issuable ——— (Note 1)		
		Issue and allotment date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)		
		EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	———	———
2. Open offer	At price : State currency ———	Class of shares issuable ——— (Note 1)		
		Issue and allotment date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)		
		EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	———	———
3. Placing	At price : State currency ———	Class of shares issuable ——— (Note 1)		
		Issue and allotment date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)		
		EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	———	———
4. Bonus issue		Class of shares issuable ——— (Note 1)		
		Issue and allotment date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)		
		EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	———	———

Type of Issue		No. of new shares of issuer issued during the month pursuant thereto	No. of new shares of issuer which may be issued pursuant thereto as at close of the month
5. Scrip dividend At price : State currency ———	Class of shares issuable *(Note 1)* ——— Issue and allotment date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /) EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	———	———
6. Repurchase of shares	Class of shares repurchased *(Note 1)* ——— Cancellation date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /) EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	———	———
7. Redemption of shares	Class of shares redeemed *(Note 1)* ——— Redemption date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /) EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	———	———
8. Consideration issue At price : State currency ———	Class of shares issuable *(Note 1)* ——— Issue and allotment date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /) EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	———	———

Type of Issue		No. of new shares of issuer issued during the month pursuant thereto	No. of new shares of issuer which may be issued pursuant thereto as at close of the month
9. Capital reorganisation	Class of shares issuable ———— *(Note 1)* Issue and allotment date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /) EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	————	————
10. Other (Please specify) At price : State currency ————	Class of shares issuable ———— *(Note 1)* Issue and allotment date : (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /) EGM approval date: (dd/mm/yyyy) (/ /)	————	————
	Total E. (Ordinary shares) ————— (Preference shares) ————— (Other class) —————		

Total increase / (decrease) in ordinary shares during the month (i.e. Total of A to E):	(1)	**195,000**
	(2)	**N/A**
Total increase / (decrease) in preference shares during the month (i.e. Total of A to E):		**Nil**
Total increase / (decrease) in other classes of shares during the month (i.e. Total of A to E):		**N/A**
(These figures should be the same as the relevant figures under II above ("Movements in Issued Share Capital").)		

Remarks (if any):

As approved by Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 4th December, 2009, the authorised share capital of the Bank has been increased by US\$500,000,000 by the creation of 500,000 Substitute Preference Shares of US\$1,000 each, with the rights and subject to the restrictions set out in the Bank's Articles of Association.

Submitted by: **Law Chun Tak, Alson**

Title: **Company Secretary**
    (Director, Secretary or other duly authorised officer)

Notes :

1.   *State the class of shares (e.g. ordinary, preference or other).*

2.   *If there is insufficient space, please append the prescribed continuation sheet.*