



The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 2013 FINAL RESULTS AND KEY RATIOS

Profit attributable to the owners of the parent	HK\$6,613Mn
- representing an increase of 9.2% compared with the year ended 31 st December, 2012	
Return on average assets	0.93%
Return on average equity	10.98%
Net interest margin	1.90%
Basic earnings per share	HK\$2.78
Second interim dividend (in lieu of final dividend) per share (with scrip option)	HK\$0.68
Total dividend per share	HK\$1.11
Dividend payout ratio	40.3%
Total consolidated assets	HK\$753,954Mn
Total advances to customers	HK\$405,357Mn
Impaired loan ratio	0.39%
Total deposits	HK\$577,900Mn
Loan to deposit ratio	70.1%
Average liquidity ratio	47.0%
Total capital ratio	15.9%

To view the announcement on final results for 2013, please visit the Bank's website at www.hkbea.com.

PAYMENT OF SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND (IN LIEU OF FINAL DIVIDEND) FOR 2013

The Board of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") has declared a second interim dividend (in lieu of final dividend) for the year ended 31st December, 2013 of HK\$0.68 per share ("2013 Second Interim Dividend") (2012 second interim dividend (in lieu of final dividend): HK\$0.63 per share), which, together with the interim dividend of HK\$0.43 per share paid in September 2013, will constitute a total dividend of HK\$1.11 per share (2012: HK\$1.06 per share) for the full year. The 2013 Second Interim Dividend will be paid on or about Wednesday, 2nd April, 2014 in cash with an option to receive new, fully paid shares in lieu of cash, to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members at the close of business on Tuesday, 11th March, 2014 ("Scrip Dividend Scheme"). Details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme and the election form will be sent to shareholders on or about Tuesday, 11th March, 2014.

2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2014 Annual General Meeting ("2014 AGM") will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Conrad Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on Friday, 2nd May, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Bank will be closed for the following periods:

- (a) For the purpose of determining shareholders who qualify for the 2013 Second Interim Dividend, the Register of Members of the Bank will be closed on Monday, 10th March, 2014 and on Tuesday, 11th March, 2014. In order to qualify for the 2013 Second Interim Dividend, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited* by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 7th March, 2014.
- (b) For the purpose of determining shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at the 2014 AGM, the Register of Members of the Bank will be closed from Wednesday, 30th April, 2014 to Friday, 2nd May, 2014 (both days inclusive). In order to qualify for attending and voting at the 2014 AGM, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited* by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 29th April, 2014.

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By order of the Board
The Bank of East Asia, Limited
Alson LAW Chun-tak
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 18th February, 2014