



The Bank of East Asia, Limited

東亞銀行有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014 FINAL RESULTS AND KEY RATIOS

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| Profit attributable to the owners of the parent | HK\$6,661Mn |
| - representing an increase of 0.7% compared with the year ended 31 st December, 2013 | |
| Return on average assets | 0.8% |
| Return on average equity | 10.1% |
| Net interest margin | 1.77% |
| Basic earnings per share | HK\$2.72 |
| Second interim dividend per share (with scrip option) | HK\$0.68 |
| Total dividend per share | HK\$1.11 |
| Dividend payout ratio | 41.0% |
| Total consolidated assets | HK\$795,891Mn |
| Total advances to customers | HK\$443,287Mn |
| Impaired loan ratio | 0.62% |
| Total deposits | HK\$592,582Mn |
| Loan to deposit ratio | 74.8% |
| Average liquidity ratio | 50.2% |
| Common equity tier 1 capital ratio | 11.8% |
| Tier 1 capital ratio | 12.5% |
| Total capital ratio | 16.7% |

To view the announcement on final results for 2014, please visit the Bank's website at www.hkbea.com.

PAYMENT OF SECOND INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2014

The Board of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") has declared a second interim dividend for the year ended 31st December, 2014 ("2014 Second Interim Dividend") of HK\$0.68 per share (2013 Second Interim Dividend: HK\$0.68 per share), which, together with the interim dividend of HK\$0.43 per share paid in September 2014, will constitute a total dividend of HK\$1.11 per share (2013 total dividend: HK\$1.11 per share) for the full year. The 2014 Second Interim Dividend will be paid on or about Friday, 27th March, 2015 in cash with an option to receive new, fully paid shares in lieu of cash ("Scrip Dividend Scheme"), to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Bank at the close of business on Thursday, 5th March, 2015. The ex-dividend date for 2014 Second Interim Dividend will be on Monday, 2nd March, 2015. Details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme and the election form will be sent to shareholders on or about Thursday, 5th March, 2015.

NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2015 Annual General Meeting ("2015 AGM") will be held in the Grand Ballroom, Conrad Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong on Friday, 8th May, 2015 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 2014 Second Interim Dividend, the Register of Members of the Bank will be closed on Wednesday, 4th March, 2015 and Thursday, 5th March, 2015. In order to qualify for the 2014 Second Interim Dividend, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited* by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015.
- (b) For the purpose of determining shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at the 2015 AGM, the Register of Members of the Bank will be closed on Thursday, 7th May, 2015 and Friday, 8th May, 2015. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the 2015 AGM, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited* by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 6th May, 2015.

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

Hong Kong, 12th February, 2015