



The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 2007 FINAL RESULTS AND KEY RATIOS

Profit after taxation	HK\$4,221Mn
— representing an increase of 21.1% compared with the year ended 31st December, 2006	
Return on assets	1.2%
Return on equity	14.6%
Net interest margin	1.9%
Basic earnings per share	HK\$2.65
Proposed final dividend per share (with scrip option)	HK\$1.18
Total dividend per share	HK\$1.66
Total consolidated assets	HK\$393,979Mn
Total loans and advances to customers	HK\$218,184Mn
Impaired loan ratio	0.6%
Total deposits	HK\$296,351Mn
Loan to deposit ratio	73.6%
Average liquidity ratio	43.5%
Capital adequacy ratio	12.6%

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

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

- For the purpose of determining shareholders who qualify for final dividend, the Register of Members of the Bank will be closed from Tuesday, 25th March, 2008 to Wednesday, 26th March, 2008, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for the final dividend, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited* by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, 20th March, 2008.
- For the purpose of determining shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Bank ("2008 AGM"), the Register of Members of the Bank will be closed from Wednesday, 16th April, 2008 to Thursday, 17th April, 2008, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the 2008 AGM, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited* by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, 15th April, 2008.

* Address: 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong.

2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2008 AGM will be held in the Ballroom, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway Road, Hong Kong on Thursday, 17th April, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

By order of the Board

The Bank of East Asia, Limited

Molly HO Kam-lan

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 15th February, 2008

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