



The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009 INTERIM RESULTS AND KEY RATIOS

Profit after taxation	HK\$1,205Mn
- representing an increase of 46.8% compared with the first half of 2008	
- representing an increase of 268.0% compared with the second half of 2008	
Return on assets	0.6%
Return on equity	7.2%
Net interest margin	1.77%
Basic earnings per share	HK\$0.64
Interim dividend per share (with scrip option)	HK\$0.28
Total consolidated assets	HK\$411,857Mn
Total advances to customers	HK\$231,392Mn
Impaired loan ratio	1.0%
Total deposits	HK\$323,668Mn
Loan to deposit ratio	71.5%
Average liquidity ratio	43.8%
Capital adequacy ratio	13.0%

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Bank will be closed on Wednesday, 9th September, 2009 and Thursday, 10th September, 2009. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited, 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 8th September, 2009. The interim dividend will be paid on or about Monday, 5th October, 2009.

By order of the Board
The Bank of East Asia, Limited
Molly HO Kam-lan
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 25th August, 2009

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