



The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010 INTERIM RESULTS AND KEY RATIOS

Profit after taxation	HK\$2,116Mn
- representing an increase of 75.6% compared with the first half of 2009	
- representing an increase of 47.7% compared with the second half of 2009	
Return on average assets	0.9%
Return on average equity	10.3%
Net interest margin	1.84%
Basic earnings per share	HK\$0.95
Interim dividend per share (with scrip option)	HK\$0.38
Total consolidated assets	HK\$478,102Mn
Total advances to customers	HK\$278,210Mn
Impaired loan ratio	0.86%
Total deposits	HK\$362,555Mn
Loan to deposit ratio	76.7%
Average liquidity ratio	43.1%
Capital adequacy ratio	13.8%

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Bank will be closed on Wednesday, 1st September, 2010 and Thursday, 2nd September, 2010. 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, 31st August, 2010. The interim dividend will be paid on or about Monday, 27th September, 2010.

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

Hong Kong, 12th August, 2010

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