



**THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)*  
(Stock Code: 23)

**UNUSUAL VOLUME MOVEMENTS**

This statement is made at the request of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

We have noted the increases in trading volume of the shares of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") today and wish to state that we were informed by BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited ("BOC HK") after market close today that BOC HK has acquired approximately 77.5 million shares, representing 4.94% of the issued share capital of the Bank from an independent third party at a total consideration of approximately HK\$3.95 billion, or at HK\$51 per share.

We also confirm that, save for the above-mentioned bulk trading, there are no negotiations or agreements relating to intended acquisitions or realisations which are discloseable under rule 13.23, neither is the Board of Directors of the Bank aware of any matter discloseable under the general obligation imposed by rule 13.09, which is or may be of a price-sensitive nature.

Made by the order of the Bank, the Board of the Directors of which (except Dr. LI Fook-wo, Mr. WONG Chung-hin, Dr. LEE Shau-kee, Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun, Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing, Dr. William MONG Man-wai, Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai, Tan Sri Dr. KHOO Kay-peng, Mr. Thomas KWOK Ping-kwong, Mr. Richard LI Tzar-kai, Mr. TAN Man-kou, Mr. Kenneth LO Chin-ming, Mr. Eric LI Fook-chuen and Mr. Stephen Charles LI Kwok-sze who cannot be contacted with) individually and jointly accept responsibility for the accuracy of this statement.

By Order of the Board  
**David LI Kwok-po**  
*Chairman and Chief Executive*

Hong Kong, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.

*As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Bank are: Dr. The Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po (Chairman and Chief Executive) and Mr. Joseph PANG Yuk-wing (Deputy Chief Executive); Non-executive Directors of the Bank are: Dr. LI Fook-wo, Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing, Dr. William MONG Man-wai, Tan Sri Dr. KHOO Kay-peng, Mr. Richard LI Tzar-kai, Mr. Eric LI Fook-chuen and Mr. Stephen Charles LI Kwok-sze; and Independent Non-executive Directors are: Mr. WONG Chung-hin, Dr. LEE Shau-kee, Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun, Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai, Mr. Thomas KWOK Ping-kwong, Mr. TAN Man-kou and Mr. Kenneth LO Chin-ming.*