



## **The Bank of East Asia, Limited**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### **- CHANGE OF DIRECTORATE**

#### **- PURSUANT TO RULES 3.11 AND 3.23 OF LISTING RULES**

Following the passing of Mr. Tan Man-kou (Independent Non-executive Director and Member of the Audit Committee of The Bank of East Asia, Limited) on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2008, the Bank is in the process of identifying a suitably qualified candidate to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Tan to ensure full compliance with Rules 3.10(2) and 3.21 of the Listing Rules.

The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") is deeply saddened to announce the passing of Mr. Tan Man-kou ("Mr. Tan"), Independent Non-executive Director of the Bank, on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2008.

Mr. Tan was appointed an Independent Non-executive Director and an Audit Committee Member of the Bank in December 2004. During Mr. Tan's office, he made a valuable contribution to the Board and the Audit Committee. The Board expresses its heartfelt condolences to Mr. Tan's family.

Following the passing of Mr. Tan, the Bank is in the process of identifying a suitably qualified candidate with the appropriate professional qualifications or accounting or related financial management expertise to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Tan to ensure full compliance with Rules 3.10(2) and 3.21 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

For and on behalf of

**The Bank of East Asia, Limited**

**David LI Kwok-po**

*Chairman & Chief Executive*

Hong Kong, 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2008

*As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Bank are: Dr. The Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po (Chairman & Chief Executive) and Mr. Joseph PANG Yuk-wing (Deputy Chief Executive); 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. Kenneth LO Chin-ming, Mr. KUOK Khoon-ean and Mr. William Doo Wai-hoi, and Non-executive Directors of the Bank are: Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing, Professor Arthur LI Kwok-cheung, 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.*