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## The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

### 2009 INTERIM SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME – CALCULATION OF MARKET VALUE

The scrip entitlements under the 2009 Interim Scrip Dividend Scheme would be calculated by reference to the average of the closing prices on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited of the existing shares of the Bank from Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 to Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 (both days inclusive) which was HK\$28.07 per share.

In our circular to shareholders of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the “Bank”) dated 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2009, it was announced that the Directors had declared an interim dividend for the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009 in cash at HK\$0.28 per share; and that any shareholder entitled to receive such dividend would be given the option to elect to receive new, fully paid ordinary shares in lieu of cash. The scrip entitlements would be calculated by reference to the average of the closing prices on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited of the existing shares of the Bank from Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 to Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 (both days inclusive) which was HK\$28.07 per share. Accordingly, the number of new shares which shareholders will receive in respect of their existing shares for which forms containing an election to receive shares in lieu of cash will have been lodged with the share registrar of the Bank by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2009 will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Number of new shares} & = & \text{Number of shares} \\ \text{to be received} & & \text{elected for scrip} \end{array} \times \frac{0.28}{28.07}$$

The number of new shares to be received will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of new shares. Fractional entitlements to new shares will be refunded in cash to the respective shareholders concerned. The new shares will, on issue, not be entitled to the interim dividend in respect of the six months ended 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, but will rank *pari passu* in all other respects with the existing shares of the Bank.

Certificates for the new shares and dividend warrants in respect of the interim dividend will be despatched to shareholders by ordinary mail on or about Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2009.

For and on behalf of  
**The Bank of East Asia, Limited**  
**Molly HO Kam-lan**  
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2009

*As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Director of the Bank is: Dr. The Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po (Chairman & Chief Executive); Non-executive Directors of the Bank are: Professor Arthur LI Kwok-cheung (Deputy Chairman), 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, Mr. Stephen Charles LI Kwok-Sze and Dr. Isidro FAINÉ CASAS; and Independent Non-executive Directors are: Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun (Deputy Chairman), Mr. WONG Chung-hin, Dr. LEE Shau-kee, Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai, Mr. Thomas KWOK Ping-kwong, Mr. Kenneth LO Chin-ming, Mr. William DOO Wai-hoi, Mr. KUOK Khoon-ean and Mr. Valiant CHEUNG Kin-piu.*