



The Bank of East Asia, Limited

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

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2009 Annual General Meeting ("2009 AGM") of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") will be held in the Ballroom, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway Road, Hong Kong on Thursday, 16th April, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register of Members of the Bank will be closed for the following periods:

- (a) For the purpose of determining shareholders who qualify for the proposed final dividend and the proposed Bonus Issue, the Register of Members of the Bank will be closed from Friday, 20th March, 2009 to Monday, 23rd March, 2009, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend and the proposed Bonus Issue, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited* by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, 19th March, 2009.
- (b) For the purpose of determining shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at the 2009 AGM, the Register of Members of the Bank will be closed from Wednesday, 15th April, 2009 to Thursday, 16th April, 2009, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for attending and voting at the 2009 AGM, all transfer documents should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited* by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, 14th April, 2009.

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Note: Details of the proposed final dividend and the proposed bonus issue will be set out in the Annual General Meeting Circular and the Listing Document. The Annual General Meeting Circular will be sent to the shareholders on or about Friday, 13th March, 2009. The Listing Document will be sent to the shareholders on or about Monday, 23rd March, 2009.

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

Hong Kong, 17th February, 2009