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

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)*

(Stock Code: 23)

### **CHANGE OF COMPANY SECRETARY**

Ms. Molly HO Kam-lan has tendered her resignation as Company Secretary of the Bank with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2010 and Mr. Alson Law Chun-tak has been appointed Company Secretary of the Bank with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2010.

The board of directors (the "Board") of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") announces that Ms. Molly HO Kam-lan ("Ms. Ho") has tendered her resignation as Company Secretary of the Bank with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2010. Ms. Ho confirmed that there is no disagreement with the Board and there are no other matters relating to her resignation that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Bank.

The Board also announces that Mr. Alson Law Chun-tak ("Mr. Law") has been appointed Company Secretary of the Bank with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2010. Mr. Law has over 20 years' experience in company secretarial field of which 13 years' experience was gained in one of the major listed banks in Hong Kong. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Law was a senior assistant company secretary of a listed conglomerate group in Hong Kong and was responsible for handling corporate secretarial matters of a number of listed companies in the group. Mr. Law holds a bachelor degree in accountancy from the City University of Hong Kong and a bachelor degree in law from the University of London. He is a fellow member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and an associate member of The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries.

The Board takes this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to Ms. Ho for her contribution to the Bank during her tenure and also extends its welcome to Mr. Law on his appointment.

By Order of the Board

**David LI Kwok-po**

*Chairman & Chief Executive*

Hong Kong, 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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 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.*