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The Bank of East Asia, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE BANK

(Special Resolution on item 6 of the Notice of 2009 Annual General Meeting)

The Board of Directors of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") announces that a special resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting of the Bank to be held on Thursday, 16th April, 2009 ("2009 AGM") to amend the Articles of Association of the Bank to bring them in line with certain recent changes to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). The effects of the proposed amendments are as follows:

- (i) Subject to such other minimum period as may be specified in the Listing Rules from time to time: (a) an annual general meeting shall be called by not less than twenty-one days' notice or twenty clear business days' notice, whichever is the longer; (b) a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by not less than twenty-one days' notice; and (c) a meeting other than an annual general meeting or a meeting called for the passing of a special resolution shall be called by not less than fourteen days' notice or ten clear business days' notice, whichever is the longer; and
- (ii) Any vote of shareholders at a general meeting will be taken by poll.

The proposed amendments are set out in full in the Notice of 2009 AGM.

Our legal advisers, Deacons, have confirmed that the proposed amendments comply with the requirements of the Listing Rules and the laws of Hong Kong. The Bank also confirms that there is nothing unusual about the proposed amendments for a bank listed in Hong Kong.

Details of the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association are set out in the Annual General Meeting Circular which will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Bank on 13th March, 2009.

By Order of the Board
Molly HO Kam-lan
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 13th March, 2009

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); 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; 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. Kenneth LO Chin-ming, Mr. William Doo Wai-hoi, Mr. KUOK Khoon-ean and Mr. Valiant CHEUNG Kin-piu.