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

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

*(Stock Code: 23)*

### **CLARIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

Reference is made to the announcement entitled "Subscription of 167,104,200 New Shares by the Subscribers" dated 30 December 2009 made by the Bank (the "**Subscription Announcement**").

The Bank hereby clarifies that there was a calculation error in the Subscription Announcement, and that the Subscription Price represents a discount of approximately 2.08% to the closing price of HK\$31.25 per Share as quoted on the Stock Exchange on the Latest Trading Date, instead of a discount of approximately 2.12% as set out in the Subscription Announcement.

Terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning given to them in the Subscription Announcement.

By order of the Board

**The Bank of East Asia, Limited**

**David LI Kwok-po**

*Chairman & Chief Executive*

Hong Kong, 30 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 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.*