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## The Bank of East Asia, Limited

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

### EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2009 - POLL RESULTS

The Bank is pleased to announce the results of the poll taken at the EGM.

The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") is pleased to announce the results of the poll taken at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Bank held on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2009 (the "EGM") as below:

- (1) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote for or against all the resolutions at the EGM: 1,849,154,887 shares.
- (2) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote only against any of the resolutions at the EGM: Nil
- (3) The number of shares represented by votes for and against the respective resolutions at the EGM was as follows:

	Resolutions	No. of Votes (%)	
		For	Against
1.	To approve the Special Resolution on item 1 (Increase in Authorised Share Capital, Amendments to the Articles of Association and Issue and Allotment of Substitute Preference Shares).	1,151,171,835 (99.76%)	2,800,306 (0.24%)
	As more than 75% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
2.	To approve the Ordinary Resolution on item 2 (To re-elect Dr. Isidro Fainé Casas as a Director).	1,140,038,938 (98.89%)	12,836,263 (1.11%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		

- (4) KPMG (Certified Public Accountants), auditors of the Bank, acted as scrutineer for the vote-taking at the EGM. KPMG's work was limited to certain procedures requested by the Bank to agree the poll results summary prepared by the Bank to poll forms collected and provided by the Bank to KPMG. The work performed by KPMG in this respect did not constitute an assurance engagement made in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing, Hong Kong Standards on Review Engagements or Hong Kong Standards on Assurance Engagements nor did it include provision of any assurance or advice on matters of legal interpretation or entitlement to vote.

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

Hong Kong, 4<sup>th</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 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.*