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The Bank of East Asia, Limited

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 22ND APRIL, 2010 - POLL RESULTS

The Bank is pleased to announce the results of the poll taken at the 2010 AGM.

The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the "Bank") is pleased to announce the results of the poll taken at the Annual General Meeting of the Bank held on 22nd April, 2010 (the "2010 AGM") as below:

- (1) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote for or against all the resolutions at the 2010 AGM: 2,020,199,587 shares.
- (2) The total number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote only against any of the resolutions at the 2010 AGM: Nil
- (3) The number of shares represented by votes for and against the respective resolutions at the 2010 AGM was as follows:

	Resolutions	No. of Votes (%)	
		For	Against
1.	To adopt the Audited Accounts and the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 st December, 2009.	1,088,554,269 (99.99%)	19,231 (0.01%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
2.	To declare a final dividend of HK\$0.48 per share (with scrip option) for the year ended 31 st December, 2009.	1,144,931,446 (99.99%)	19,891 (0.01%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3a.	To re-elect Dr. The Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po as a Director.	1,129,767,212 (98.66%)	15,319,142 (1.34%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3b.	To re-elect Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun as a Director.	1,139,244,664 (99.50%)	5,760,964 (0.50%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3c.	To re-elect Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing as a Director.	1,127,280,714 (98.45%)	17,746,636 (1.55%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3d.	To re-elect Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai as a Director.	1,142,819,238 (99.81%)	2,230,523 (0.19%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		

3e.	To re-elect Tan Sri Dr. KHOO Kay-peng as a Director.	1,130,457,626 (98.72%)	14,619,079 (1.28%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3f.	To re-elect Mr. Stephen Charles LI Kwok-sze as a Director.	1,139,769,161 (99.54%)	5,258,167 (0.46%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
4.	To re-appoint KPMG as Auditors of the Bank and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.	1,141,603,194 (99.83%)	1,976,099 (0.17%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
5.	To approve the increase of authorised capital.	949,573,522 (82.89%)	195,948,737 (17.11%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
6.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to issue additional shares.	963,968,507 (84.15%)	181,607,871 (15.85%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
7.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase the Bank's own shares.	1,144,576,668 (99.95%)	569,771 (0.05%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
8.	To extend the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to item 6.	798,353,225 (69.69%)	347,151,863 (30.31%)
	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 2010 AGM. 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
Alson LAW Chun-tak
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 2010

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.