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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 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2012 - POLL RESULTS

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 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 (the "2012 AGM") as below:

Resolutions		No. of Shares Actually Voted (%)	
		For	Against
<b>Ordinary Resolutions</b>			
1.	To adopt the Audited Accounts and the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2011.	1,531,456,439 (99.99%)	6,100 (0.01%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
2a.	To re-elect Mr. WONG Chung-hin as a Director.	1,534,945,462 (99.89%)	1,639,669 (0.11%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
2b.	To re-elect Dr. LEE Shau-kee as a Director.	1,362,683,220 (88.68%)	173,864,830 (11.32%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
2c.	To re-elect Mr. Kenneth LO Chin-ming as a Director.	1,535,380,747 (99.95%)	752,099 (0.05%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
2d.	To re-elect Mr. Eric LI Fook-chuen as a Director.	1,515,837,306 (98.70%)	19,916,388 (1.30%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
2e.	To re-elect Mr. Valiant CHEUNG Kin-piu as a Director.	1,535,445,881 (99.93%)	1,037,574 (0.07%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
2f.	To re-elect Dr. Isidro FAINÉ CASAS as a Director.	1,484,111,520 (96.59%)	52,474,263 (3.41%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
3.	To re-appoint KPMG as Auditors of the Bank and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.	1,531,646,563 (99.99%)	204,468 (0.01%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			

<b>Special Resolution</b>			
4.	To approve the Amendments to the Articles of Association.	1,524,897,834 (99.55%)	6,876,762 (0.45%)
As more than 75% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
<b>Ordinary Resolutions</b>			
5.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to issue additional shares.	1,051,747,593 (68.66%)	480,034,254 (31.34%)
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 repurchase the Bank's own shares.	1,531,748,814 (99.99%)	35,390 (0.01%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			
7.	To extend the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to item 5.	1,043,485,384 (68.12%)	488,296,656 (31.88%)
As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.			

Notes:

- (1) The number of shares entitling the holder to attend and vote on the resolutions at the 2012 AGM: 2,099,923,854 shares
- (2) The number of shares entitling the holder to attend and abstain from voting in favour as set out in Rule 13.40 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Listing Rules**"): Nil
- (3) The number of shares of holders that are required under the Listing Rules to abstain from voting: Nil
- (4) KPMG (Certified Public Accountants), auditors of the Bank, acted as scrutineer for the vote-taking at the 2012 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.
- (5) No parties have stated their intention in the circular containing the notice of the 2012 AGM to vote against or abstain from voting on the relevant resolutions at the 2012 AGM.

For and on behalf of  
The Bank of East Asia, Limited  
**Alson LAW Chun-tak**  
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2012

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Bank comprises Dr. the Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po (Chairman & Chief Executive); Professor Arthur LI Kwok-cheung\* (Deputy Chairman), Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun\*\* (Deputy Chairman), Mr. WONG Chung-hin\*\*, Dr. LEE Shau-kee\*\*, Mr. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing\*, Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai\*\*, Tan Sri Dr. KHOO Kay-peng\*, Dr. Thomas KWOK Ping-kwong\*\*, Mr. Richard LI Tzar-kai\*, Mr. Kenneth LO Chin-ming\*\*, Mr. Eric LI Fook-chuen\*, Mr. Stephen Charles LI Kwok-sze\*, Mr. William DOO Wai-hoi\*\*, Mr. KUOK Khoon-ean\*\*, Mr. Valiant CHEUNG Kin-piu\*\* and Dr. Isidro FAINÉ CASAS\*.*

\* Non-executive Directors

\*\* Independent Non-executive Directors