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

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

(Stock Code: 23)

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Reference is made to the announcements dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2012 and 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2012 issued by The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the “**Bank**”).

The board of directors of the Bank (the “**Board**”) noted that a further announcement was made by Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited (“**SHKP**”) on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 (the “**SHKP Announcement**”). According to the SHKP Announcement:

- (a) on 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, the charges laid against (among the others) Dr. Thomas Kwok Ping-kwong (“**Dr. Kwok**”), Chairman and Managing Director of SHKP, have been amended such that an additional charge (“**Additional Charge**”) in relation to an alleged offence under the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance has been laid against Dr. Kwok; and
- (b) the Additional Charge has been introduced by way of amendment to alleged offence or offences already set out in the existing charge or charges against other defendants.

The Board has no information on the Additional Charge other than those set out in the SHKP Announcement.

Dr. Kwok is an Independent Non-executive Director and a member of the Nomination Committee and the Remuneration Committee of the Bank. He is not involved in the day to day operation of the Bank.

To the best knowledge, information and belief of the Board, the matters referred to in the SHKP Announcement do not relate to the current affairs of the Bank and its subsidiaries (the “**Group**”) and will not have any impact on the Group.

This announcement is made for the purpose of compliance with Rule 13.51B(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”).

The Bank will make further announcement(s) as and when appropriate pursuant to the requirements under the Listing Rules.

For and on behalf of  
**The Bank of East Asia, Limited**  
**David LI Kwok-po**  
*Chairman & Chief Executive*

Hong Kong, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014

*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\*\*, 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\*\*, Dr. Isidro FAINÉ CASAS\* and Mr. Peter LEE Ka-kit\*.*

*\* Non-executive Directors*

*\*\* Independent Non-executive Directors*