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The Bank of East Asia, Limited 東亞銀行有限公司

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability in 1918)

(Stock Code: 23)

AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE BANK

(Special Resolution in item 4 of the Notice of 2016 Annual General Meeting)

The Board of Directors of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the “**Bank**”) announces that a special resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting of the Bank to be held on Friday, 8th April, 2016 (“**2016 AGM**”) to amend the Articles of Association of the Bank (“**Articles of Association**”).

The Bank proposes certain amendments to the Articles of Association for consistency with the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of Hong Kong) and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”). The proposal also contains some housekeeping amendments.

The proposed amendments are set out in full in the Notice of 2016 AGM.

Our legal advisers, Deacons, have confirmed that the proposed amendments comply with the requirements of the Listing Rules and the laws of Hong Kong. The Bank also confirms that there is nothing unusual about the proposed amendments for a bank listed in Hong Kong.

Details of the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association are set out in Appendix 2 to the 2016 AGM Circular which will be dispatched to the Shareholders of the Bank (the “**Shareholders**”) on or about 29th February, 2016.

The Articles of Association are currently published on the websites of the Bank at www.hkbea.com and Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at www.hkexnews.hk. After the relevant special resolution has been approved by the Shareholders, the revised Articles of Association will be made available on the aforesaid two websites on or about 8th April, 2016.

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

Hong Kong, 29th February, 2016.

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**, 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*, Dr. Peter LEE Ka-kit*, Mr. Adrian David LI Man-kiu[#] (Deputy Chief Executive), Mr. Brian David LI Man-bun[#] (Deputy Chief Executive), Mr. Daryl NG Win-kong**, Mr. Masayuki OKU* and Dr. Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai**.

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