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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)

2017 SECOND INTERIM SCRIP DIVIDEND SCHEME – CALCULATION OF MARKET VALUE

The scrip entitlements under the 2017 Second Interim Scrip Dividend Scheme would be calculated as an amount equal to 95% of the average of the closing prices of the existing shares of the Bank on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited from Thursday, 8th March, 2018 to Wednesday, 14th March, 2018 (both days inclusive). It is now determined that the said average closing price is HK\$33.63. Therefore, the market value for calculation of the scrip entitlements is HK\$31.9485 per share.

In our circular to shareholders of The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the “**Bank**”) dated 13th March, 2018, it was announced that the Board of Directors had declared a second interim dividend for the financial year ended 31st December, 2017 (“**2017 Second Interim Dividend**”) in cash at HK\$0.60 per share; and that any shareholder entitled to receive such dividend would be given the option to elect to receive new, fully paid ordinary shares in lieu of cash (“**New Shares**”). The scrip entitlements would be calculated as an amount equal to 95% of the average of the closing prices of the existing shares of the Bank on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited from Thursday, 8th March, 2018 to Wednesday, 14th March, 2018 (both days inclusive). It is now determined that the said average closing price is HK\$33.63. Therefore, the market value for calculation of the scrip entitlements is HK\$31.9485 per share. Accordingly, the number of New Shares which shareholders will receive in respect of their existing shares for which forms containing an election to receive shares in lieu of cash will have been lodged with the share registrar (Tricor Standard Limited, Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Hong Kong) of the Bank by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 28th March, 2018 will be calculated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{Number of New Shares} & = & \text{Number of shares} \\ \text{to be received} & & \text{elected for scrip} \end{array} \times \frac{\text{HK\$0.60}}{\text{HK\$33.63} \times 95\%}$$

The number of New Shares to be received will be rounded down to the nearest whole number of New Shares. Fractional entitlements to New Shares will be refunded in cash to the respective shareholders concerned. The New Shares will, on issue, not be entitled to the 2017 Second Interim Dividend, but will rank pari passu in all other respects with the existing shares of the Bank.

Certificates for the New Shares and dividend warrants in respect of the 2017 Second Interim Dividend will be despatched to shareholders by ordinary mail on or about Wednesday, 4th April, 2018. Shareholders who elect for 2017 Second Interim Dividend wholly or partly in scrip form will receive one share certificate for the New Shares.

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

Hong Kong, 14th March, 2018

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. Aubrey LI Kwok-sing*, Mr. Winston LO Yau-lai*, Mr. Stephen Charles LI Kwok-sze*, 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), Dr. Daryl NG Win-kong*, Mr. Masayuki OKU*, Dr. the Hon. Rita FAN HSU Lai-tai^{**}, Mr. Meocre LI Kwok-wing^{**}, Dr. the Hon. Henry TANG Ying-yen^{**}, The Hon. CHAN Kin-por^{**} and Dr. Delman LEE^{**}.

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