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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)

BOOK CLOSURE PERIOD FOR EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Reference is made to (i) the announcement made by The Bank of East Asia, Limited (the “**Bank**”) dated 28th January, 2022 in relation to a possible off-market share buy-back by the Bank (the “**Announcement**”); and (ii) the announcement of the Bank dated 18th February, 2022 in relation to the delay in despatch of the circular of the Bank in relation to the Share Buy-back (the “**Circular**”). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms used in this announcement have the same meanings as given to them in the Announcement.

The Board hereby announces that the Bank will convene the EGM at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, 28th March, 2022 at 2/F, The Bank of East Asia Building, 10 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

According to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation in force, including a ban on the conducting of physical general meeting of companies, the EGM will be held with the minimum number of persons present as is legally required to form a quorate meeting by Directors or other senior staff members who are Shareholders or proxy. No other Shareholder, proxy or corporate representative should attend the EGM in person. Any other person who attempts to do so will be excluded and will not be permitted entry to the venue of the EGM.

The Bank is enabling Shareholders to participate electronically at the EGM. Shareholders wishing to attend and vote at the EGM electronically should follow the instructions set out in the notification letter to be sent by the Bank’s share registrar, Tricor Standard Limited, shortly after the despatch date of the Circular.

For the purpose of determining the Shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at the EGM, the register of members of the Bank will be closed from Wednesday, 23rd March, 2022 to Monday, 28th March, 2022 (both days inclusive). In order to qualify for voting at the EGM, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates should be lodged for registration with Tricor Standard Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Hong Kong by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 22nd March, 2022.

The Bank expects to despatch the Circular, the notice of the EGM as well as the related proxy forms to the Shareholders on 9th March, 2022.

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

Hong Kong, 8th March, 2022

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Bank comprises Dr. the Hon. Sir David LI Kwok-po[#] (Executive Chairman), 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*, Mr. Adrian David LI Man-kiu[#] (Co-Chief Executive), Mr. Brian David LI Man-bun[#] (Co-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**, Dr. Delman LEE**, Mr. William Junior Guilherme DOO**, Dr. David MONG Tak-yeung** and Dr. Francisco Javier SERRADO TREPAT*.*

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All the Directors jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable inquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this announcement, the omission of which would make any statement in this announcement misleading.