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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)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION OF THE BANK

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 Thursday, 11th May, 2023 (“**2023 AGM**”) to amend the Articles of Association of the Bank (“**Articles of Association**”).

The Bank proposes certain amendments to the Articles of Association to tie in with the latest legal and regulatory requirements and market practice as well as provide flexibility to the Bank in relation to the conduct of general meetings, so that the Bank may convene hybrid or virtual general meetings where shareholders of the Bank (the “**Shareholders**”) may attend in person or via virtual meeting technologies. The Bank also takes this opportunity to propose to remove outdated clauses and references contained in the Articles of Association and make some housekeeping amendments.

Our legal advisers, Deacons, have confirmed that the proposed amendments comply with the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) and the laws of Hong Kong. The Bank also confirms that there is nothing unusual about the proposed amendments for a bank listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange. The Board is of the view that none of the proposed amendments would adversely affect the rights of Shareholders in any aspects.

The proposed amendments to the Articles of Association of the Bank shall be subject to the passing of a special resolution by the Shareholders at the 2023 AGM. Details of the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association will be set out in the 2023 AGM Circular which will be dispatched to the Shareholders on or about 29th March, 2023.

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 new Articles of Association will be made available on the two aforesaid websites on or about 11th May, 2023.

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

Hong Kong, 16th February, 2023

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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