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BEA Opens Refurbished Sustainable Staff Canteen, Café 23

Hong Kong, 11th August, 2021 – The Bank of East Asia (“BEA” or “the Bank”) is pleased to announce that its newly refurbished, sustainability-conscious canteen, Café 23, has opened at its Head Office in Central, demonstrating the Bank’s commitment to enhancing staff well-being with a fresh and collaborative communal space.

“Café 23 is more than a canteen. Our goal for this refurbishment project was to create an environment where our staff can enjoy food, recharge and improve their well-being”, said Mr Adrian Li and Mr Brian Li, Co-Chief Executives of BEA. “The new canteen incorporates sustainability in its design features, and provides a collaborative space to work together and generate new ideas.”

BEA has a tradition of providing complimentary lunches to its employees. The old Head Office canteen saw employees congregate for breakfast and lunch for over a decade. The revamped canteen comes with a new name – Café 23 – that is inspired by BEA’s stock code, 23, and was proposed and voted on by the Bank’s staff members.

Constructed with Hong Kong Green Building Council and Green Guard certified materials, and incorporating upgraded facilities to reduce power and water consumption, Café 23 has been designed with sustainability in mind. Aside from the indoor canteen, an outdoor terrace has been opened up for staff members to gather in a more informal setting. This environmentally friendly social space will offer staff a place to relax and enjoy healthy, nourishing meals.



Mr Adrian Li, Co-Chief Executive (right); and Mr Brian Li, Co-Chief Executive (left) enjoy breakfast at the brand new Café 23.

About The Bank of East Asia, Limited

Incorporated in 1918, The Bank of East Asia, Limited (“BEA”) is a leading Hong Kong-based financial services group listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong, with total consolidated assets of HK\$884.4 billion (US\$114.1 billion) as of 31st December, 2020.

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Upgraded facilities to improve well-being



The canteen's natural tree-inspired design symbolises BEA's strong roots in the Hong Kong community. Colleagues can choose to eat from a wider range of choices in the relaxed dining room or outdoor terrace. In the evenings, the outdoor space is ideal for client gatherings or co-worker get-togethers.

Environmental consciousness



As well as incorporating indoor and outdoor greenery and using Hong Kong Green Building Council and Green Guard certified materials, the Bank upgraded canteen facilities to reduce power and water consumption while still providing a comfortable, clean space. Plus, BEA donated the tables, chairs and utensils that were previously used to non-governmental organisations, and will make recycle bins more readily available and give away used coffee grounds for colleagues to use as natural fertiliser and other purposes.



Chefs prepare an array of healthy options every weekday in a refurbished kitchen. There are recycled glass tumblers available at self-serve beverage stations and biodegradable cutlery sets for takeaway orders.

Multi-functional space for connectivity



The renovated canteen also caters to the needs of staff members from different working locations who need to visit Head Office for meetings and other engagements. They can use the more casual indoor and outdoor space throughout the day to work and host meetings, and take advantage of lockers and chargers as well as complimentary coffee and tea.



The outdoor space integrates ESG elements and serves as a place for staff members to eat, brainstorm and focus on well-being during daytime and host events during evenings.