BEA Participates in the HKMA's GenA.I. Sandbox

AI-driven Solution for Enhancing Operations Efficiency and Risk Management

Hong Kong, 15 October 2025 – The Bank of East Asia, Limited ("BEA" or the "Bank") is pleased to announce its participation in the second cohort of the Generative Artificial Intelligence ("GenA.I.") Sandbox initiative, jointly launched by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA") and the Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited.

Through the GenA.I. Sandbox, BEA will conduct a Proof-of-Concept ("PoC") in collaboration with CLPS Incorporation ("CLPS"), a leading global IT consulting and solutions service provider, to streamline workflow, enhance efficiency, and proactively manage risks.

The PoC will focus on combining GenA.I with Robotic Process Automation (RPA) to create a robust AI agent, "Nibot", featuring:

- Intelligent RPA process generation and optimisation, while ensuring compliance with policies and regulations;
- Automated risk monitoring and feedback for ongoing and comprehensive oversight of RPA operations;
- AI Cross-Verification for risk control process, where multiple AI agents cross-validate RPA processes to ensure accuracy and reliability.

Nibot is designed for both technical (RPA developers) and non-technical individuals (end users) to ensure seamless adoption within the Bank. The versatile tool democratises RPA in scale by empowering users to conceptualise and build their own automation process.

Mourice Pang, Head of Fintech Development Department of BEA, said: "We are excited to be part of the HKMA's GenA.I. Sandbox initiative. Through **BEA**ST, our fintech collaboration platform, we are leveraging our banking expertise and CLPS's technology strengths to develop AI-driven tools that enhances efficiency in banking operations. This partnership aims to set new standards for the industry and advance the Bank's digital journey, keeping us at the forefront of financial innovation."

Mr. Robin An, Vice President of CLPS, said: "We are very pleased to collaborate with BEA in driving innovation in financial services. Being part of the HKMA's GenA.I. Sandbox initiative affirms our shared vision. As a fintech company headquartered in Hong Kong, CLPS will work closely with BEA to advance AI applications. By integrating advanced technology with financial scenarios, we aim to enhance efficiency and user experience. Together, we are committed to building a next-generation financial ecosystem that supports the sustainable growth of Hong Kong's financial market."

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About The Bank of East Asia, Limited

Incorporated in Hong Kong 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$891.4 billion (US$113.5 billion) as of 30 June 2025.

BEA provides a comprehensive range of wholesale banking, personal banking, wealth management and investment services to customers through an extensive network of about 120 outlets covering Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland, Macau, Taiwan, Southeast Asia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. For more information, please visit: www.hkbea.com.

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