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BEA Celebrates 100th Anniversary of its Historic Building in Shanghai Puxi

Hong Kong, 18 November 2026 –The Bank of East Asia, Limited ("BEA" or the "Bank") celebrated the 100th anniversary of The Bank of East Asia Tower in Huangpu District, Shanghai. The event was attended by senior officials from the Shanghai Municipal Government and Huangpu District, Dr David Li, Executive Chairman of BEA, Mr Adrian Li and Mr Brian Li, Co-Chief Executives of BEA, as well as directors, supervisors and senior executives of The Bank of East Asia (China) Limited ("BEA China"). Together with other guests, they commemorated the Bank's century-long operation in Shanghai and the legacy of growth and service in the Chinese Mainland.

At the ceremony, Mr Brian Li, Co-Chief Executive of BEA, said: "As a heritage site, The Bank of East Asia Tower, located on Sichuan Road (Middle), not only highlights Shanghai's foundation as a financial hub, but also represents BEA's commitment to serving the nation through its presence in the city. Over the past century, the building has witnessed the inter-connectivity between Shanghai and Hong Kong, and the rise of Shanghai as an international financial centre. It has also reflected the dedication of generations of BEA staff to fostering the strength and prosperity of the country by driving economic development through financial services."

Built in 1926, The Bank of East Asia Tower has served as BEA's longstanding base in Shanghai since its inception. As a landmark of Shanghai's Art Deco architectural style, the building was designated a heritage site by the Shanghai Municipal Government in 1999. Today, many of its original features remain well-preserved, including the 24-metre marble counter in the lobby, the original vaults, and safe deposit boxes on the first floor. In 2018, BEA China opened the Shanghai and Hong Kong Museum of Banking History within the building. As the first museum of its kind built by a foreign bank in the Chinese Mainland, it serves as a public window into the shared financial and cultural ties between the two cities.

BEA, founded in Hong Kong in 1918 and expanded to Shanghai in 1920, is one of the first Hong Kong-based banks to enter the Chinese Mainland market. This marked the start of over a century of uninterrupted presence in the region.

BEA has consistently led the way for foreign banks, introducing mortgages and credit cards to the market in the 1980s and 1990s. In 2007, BEA's wholly owned subsidiary, BEA China, became one of the first foreign banks to be locally incorporated in the Chinese Mainland.

In recent years, BEA China has actively aligned its business with national development strategies. It was one of the first banks to participate in the Wealth Management Connect scheme and played a leading role in the establishment of the Cross-Border Merger and Acquisition Alliance of the GBA, offering one-stop financial solutions to facilitate overseas investments by Chinese Mainland businesses.

BEA China remains committed to steady, long-term growth in alignment with the nation's progress. By leveraging BEA's OneBank global network, BEA China will continue to enhance its integrated services and deepen the cooperation between Shanghai and Hong Kong, strengthening the development of both cities.



BEA senior management as well as officials from the Shanghai Municipal Government and Huangpu District officials attend the 100th Anniversary of The Bank of East Asia Tower event, marking a new chapter in BEA's development in the Chinese Mainland. Dr **David Li** (centre), Executive Chairman of BEA; Mr **Wang Xiaohan** (third from the right), Executive Deputy Head of the United Front Work Department of the Shanghai Municipal Committee, Director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government; Mr **Zhang Feng** (third from the left), Deputy Head of the United Front Work Department of the Shanghai Municipal Committee, Secretary of the Party Leadership Group and Executive Vice Chairman of the Shanghai Federation of Industry and Commerce; Ms **Ye Liang** (second from the left), Deputy Director of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipal People's Government; Ms **Shen Danna** (second from the right), Member of the Standing Committee of the Huangpu District Committee of Shanghai, Head of the United Front Work Department of the Huangpu District Committee; Mr **Adrian Li** (far left) and Mr **Brian Li** (far right), Co-Chief Executives of BEA.



Dr **David Li** (second from the right), Executive Chairman of BEA; Mr **Adrian Li** (far right) and Mr **Brian Li** (second from the left), Co-Chief Executives of BEA; and Mr **Bi Mingqiang** (far left), Deputy Chief Executive of BEA, Executive Director and Chief Executive of BEA China, dot the eyes of the dancing lions.



Dr **David Li** (second from the right), Executive Chairman of BEA; Mr **Adrian Li** (far right) and Mr **Brian Li** (second from the left), Co-Chief Executives of BEA; and Mr **Bi Mingqiang**, Deputy Chief Executive of BEA, Executive Director and Chief Executive of BEA China (far left), take a photo with the dancing lions.



Leaders of the Shanghai Municipal Government and Huangpu District; and, in the front row, Dr **David Li** (centre), Executive Chairman of BEA; Mr **Adrian Li** (second from the left) and Mr **Brian Li** (fourth from the right), Co-Chief Executives of BEA; Dr **Henry Tang** (fourth from the left), Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of BEA China; as well as Directors, Supervisors and Senior Management of BEA China; and other guests at the ceremony.





Guests of Honour and Directors, Supervisors, and Senior Management of BEA China jointly celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Bank of East Asia Tower.

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 with total consolidated assets of HK$936.9 billion (US$119.5 billion) as of 30 June 2026.

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.

About The Bank of East Asia (China) Limited

Headquartered in Shanghai, The Bank of East Asia (China) Limited ("BEA China") was one of the first foreign banks approved by regulators to be locally incorporated in the Chinese Mainland. Leveraging its deep insights into the Mainland market as well as BEA's banking expertise in Hong Kong and overseas, BEA China offers a wide range of financial services to customers. For more information, please visit www.hkbea.com.cn.

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