

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank will be held at the Penthouse of Hang Seng Bank Headquarters, 83 Des Voeux Road Central, Level 24, Hong Kong on Thursday, 19 April 2001 at 3:30 pm to transact the following ordinary business:

- (1) to receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors for the year ended 31 December 2000;
- (2) to elect Directors;
- (3) to reappoint the Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration;

and, by way of special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following Resolutions:

AS ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

(4) THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to purchase shares of the Company be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares which may be purchased on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or any other stock exchange recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited under the Hong Kong Code on Share Repurchases pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (c) for the purpose of this Resolution "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier of:
 - (i) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company;
 - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held; and
 - (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting;

The proposed resolutions (4) to (6) are to renew the general mandates to issue shares and repurchase shares.

(5) THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, pursuant to Section 57B of the Companies Ordinance, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

(b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;

(c) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue, (ii) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company, (iii) any option scheme or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company or (iv) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company, shall not exceed the aggregate of: (aa) 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution and (bb) (if the Directors are so authorised by a separate ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company) the nominal amount of share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of this Resolution (up to a maximum equivalent to 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing this Resolution), and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

(d) for the purposes of this Resolution:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the approval given by this Resolution by ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting; and

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong);

(6) THAT the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to exercise the powers of the Company referred to in paragraph (a) of the resolution set out as Resolution 5 in the notice of the meeting of which this resolution forms a part in respect of the share capital of the Company referred to in sub-paragraph (bb) of paragraph (c) of such resolution.

By Order of the Board

K W Ma

Secretary

Hong Kong, 26 February 2001

Notes:

- 1 A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and (on a poll) vote instead of the shareholder; a proxy need not also be a shareholder of the Bank.*
- 2 The Directors of the Company have declared a second interim dividend of HK\$2.80 per share. The Register of Shareholders of the Bank will be closed on Wednesday, 14 March 2001 and Thursday, 15 March 2001, during which no transfer of shares can be registered. To qualify for the second interim dividend, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Bank's Registrars, Central Registration Hong Kong Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:00 pm on Tuesday, 13 March 2001. The second interim dividend will be payable on Thursday, 22 March 2001 to shareholders on the Register of Shareholders of the Bank on Thursday, 15 March 2001.*