

## Annual General Meeting held on 25th March, 2003

### Poll Results

The Bank is pleased to announce the poll results in respect of the resolutions proposed at the Annual General Meeting of the Bank held on 25th March, 2003 as follows:

Resolutions		No. of Votes (%)	
		For	Against
1.	To receive and consider the Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheets for the year ended 31st December, 2002 together with the Reports of the Directors and of the Auditors.	467,251,130 (99.53%)	2,199,790 (0.47%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
2.	To declare a final dividend of 35 cents per share.	467,265,666 (99.53%)	2,199,040 (0.47%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3a.	To re-elect Mr. WONG Chung-hin as Director.	461,775,258 (99.33%)	3,111,240 (0.67%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3b.	To re-elect Dr. LEE Shau-kee as Director.	456,926,090 (98.29%)	7,951,624 (1.71%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3c.	To re-elect Dr. Simon LI Fook-sean as Director.	461,760,088 (99.33%)	3,122,640 (0.67%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
3d.	To re-elect Dr. Allan WONG Chi-yun as Director.	461,776,613 (99.33%)	3,112,040 (0.67%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
4.	To re-appoint KPMG as Auditors of the Bank.	462,501,164 (99.52%)	2,253,590 (0.48%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		

5.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to issue additional shares.	461,035,638 (98.21%)	8,386,076 (1.79%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
6.	To grant a general mandate to the Directors to repurchase the Bank's own shares.	467,190,740 (99.52%)	2,245,840 (0.48%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
7.	To extend the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to item 5.	461,990,407 (98.42%)	7,433,876 (1.58%)
	As more than 50% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		
8.	To amend the Articles of Association of the Bank.	391,317,173 (83.50%)	77,324,773 (16.50%)
	As more than 75% of the votes were cast in favour of the resolution, the resolution was carried.		

For and on behalf of  
**The Bank of East Asia, Limited**  
**Molly HO Kam-lan**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 26th March, 2003

*Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in the (Standard)*