

# Auditors' Report



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## **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF Bank of Communications Co., Ltd.**

*(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)*

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Bank of Communications Co., Ltd. ("the Bank") and its subsidiaries (collectively "the Group") set out on pages 83 to 191 which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board.

## **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS**

The directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. In preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and to report our opinion solely to you, as a body. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

## **BASIS OF OPINION**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Bank and the Group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

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We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **OPINION**

In our opinion the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Bank and the Group as at 31st December 2005 and of the profit and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards promulgated by the International Accounting Standards Board and the disclosure requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

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*Certified Public Accountants*

Hong Kong, 28th March 2006