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招商銀行股份有限公司

CHINA MERCHANTS BANK CO., LTD.

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

(Stock code: 03968)

**ANNOUNCEMENT ON APPROVAL FROM THE CSRC OF
THE APPLICATION FOR RIGHTS ISSUE OF H SHARES OF
CHINA MERCHANTS BANK CO., LTD.**

This announcement is made by China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) pursuant to the requirements of Rules 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”) and the Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571 of the Laws of Hong Kong). This announcement is also published in accordance with Rule 13.10B of the Listing Rules.

The application for the Rights Issue of H shares of Company has been approved by the China Securities Regulatory Commission (“CSRC”) via its approval document Zheng Jian Xu Ke [2013] No. 1072, approving the Company to issue no more than 680,423,172 overseas foreign rights shares (H shares) with nominal value of RMB1.00 each, all being ordinary shares, to the holders of its overseas listed foreign shares.

The Board of Directors of the Company will implement the Rights Issue as soon as possible in accordance with the requirements of the abovementioned approval document and the authorization granted at the shareholders’ general meeting and the shareholders’ class meetings of the Company.

By Order of the Board
CHINA MERCHANTS BANK CO., LTD.

15 August 2013

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Tian Huiyu, Zhang Guanghua and Li Hao; the non-executive directors of the Company are Fu Yuning, Wei Jiafu, Li Yinquan, Fu Gangfeng, Hong Xiaoyuan, Xiong Xianliang, Sun Yueying, Wang Daxiong and Fu Junyuan; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Yi Xiqun, Wong Kwai Lam, Yan Lan, Pan Chengwei, Pan Yingli and Guo Xuemeng.