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FUBON FINANCIAL HOLDING CO., LTD.

(a company incorporated in Taiwan with limited liability)

INTERNATIONAL BANK OF ASIA LIMITED

(a company incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

**SATISFACTION OF THE PRE-CONDITIONS
TO THE MAKING OF A VOLUNTARY CONDITIONAL OFFER BY
CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS ASIA LIMITED
FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
FUBON FINANCIAL HOLDING CO., LTD.
TO ACQUIRE THE WHOLE OF THE ISSUED SHARE CAPITAL
OF
INTERNATIONAL BANK OF ASIA LIMITED
AND
DESPATCH OF THE COMPOSITE DOCUMENT**

All of the Pre-Conditions to the making of the Offer were satisfied on 16 February 2004. Accordingly the Composite Document was despatched to IBA Shareholders (other than the Shareholders located in British Columbia, Canada) on 16 February 2004.

The Offer will remain open for acceptance until 4:00 p.m. on 8 March 2004 (unless it is extended or revised in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Offer and the Takeovers Code).

BACKGROUND

On 10 February 2004 Fubon and IBA jointly made an announcement that, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the remaining Pre-Conditions (Pre-Conditions (d), (e), (g), (h) and (i)), Citigroup would make a voluntary conditional offer on behalf of Fubon for all the issued share capital of IBA (the "Joint Announcement").

Terms defined in, or incorporated into, the Joint Announcement have the same meaning when used in this announcement.

SATISFACTION OF THE PRE-CONDITIONS

All of the Pre-Conditions were satisfied on 16 February 2004. Accordingly, Citigroup has made the Offer on behalf of Fubon for all the issued share capital of IBA.

DESPATCH OF THE COMPOSITE DOCUMENT

The composite offer and response document, comprising the offer document and the response document from the board of directors of IBA (the "Composite Document") which sets out, amongst other things, the details of the Offer, the advice from the Independent Board Committee and the letter from N M Rothschild & Sons (Hong Kong) Limited, the independent financial adviser appointed by the Independent Board Committee of IBA, together with an acceptance and transfer form (the "Form of Acceptance"), were sent to IBA Shareholders (whose name appears on the register of members of IBA on 11 February 2004) on 16 February 2004 save as set out below in respect of Excluded Shareholders.

IBA Shareholders should read the Composite Document carefully before accepting the Offer.

OFFER CONDITION

The Offer is conditional on valid acceptance of the Offer being received (and not, where permitted, withdrawn) by 4:00 p.m. on 8 March 2004 (or such later time(s) as Fubon may, subject to the Takeovers Code, decide) in respect of more than 50% in nominal value of the IBA Shares carrying voting rights then exercisable at a general meeting of IBA.

OVERSEAS SHAREHOLDERS OF IBA

The Offer is made to all IBA Shareholders, including those whose registered addresses, as shown on the register of members of IBA, are outside Hong Kong (the "Overseas Shareholders").

As at 11 February 2004, two Overseas Shareholders, holding in total 32,000 IBA Shares (representing approximately 0.0027% of the entire issued share capital of IBA as at 11 February 2004), were located in British Columbia, Canada. In order to address concerns regarding the implications under the laws of British Columbia in relation to the making of the Offer to those two Overseas Shareholders (such implications might include or involve matters of illegality, filing or registration requirements or the need for compliance with other requirements), the Executive has granted a waiver from compliance with the requirements under Rule 8.1 of the Takeovers Code on the grounds set out in Note 3 to Rule 8 so that the Composite Document will not be sent to Shareholder(s) whose address(es) as shown on the register of members of IBA is/are located in British Columbia, Canada.

Copies of the Composite Document are available for collection by IBA Shareholders from 16 February 2004 until the close of the Offer at Computershare Hong Kong Investors Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong.

As the Offer to persons not resident in Hong Kong may be affected by the laws or regulations of the relevant jurisdictions, Overseas Shareholders should inform themselves about and observe any applicable legal or regulatory requirements and, where considered necessary, seek legal advice. It is the responsibility of any Overseas Shareholder who wishes to accept the Offer to satisfy himself/herself as to the full observance of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction in that connection, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consent which may be required or the compliance with other necessary formalities or legal or regulatory requirements and the payment of any transfer or other taxes, duties or analogous imposts due in respect of such jurisdiction.

Fubon and IBA reserve the right to notify any matter in relation to the Offer to Shareholders (including Overseas Shareholders) by announcement or by advertisement in a newspaper which may not be circulated in the jurisdictions in which the Overseas Shareholders are resident. The notice will be deemed to have been sufficiently given, despite any failure by an Overseas Shareholder to receive or see that notice. All such notices and documents will, in any event, be posted on the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (<http://www.hkex.com.hk>) and that of IBA (<http://www.iba.com.hk>).

TIMETABLE

IBA Shareholders are advised that the Offer will remain open for acceptance until 4:00 p.m. on 8 March 2004 (unless it is extended or revised in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Offer and the Takeovers Code). Accordingly, IBA Shareholders who wish to accept the Offer must submit their duly completed Form of Acceptance, together with the relevant document(s) of title, to Computershare Hong Kong Investors Services Limited at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible, but in any event so as to reach Computershare Hong Kong Investors Services Limited by not later than 4:00 p.m. on 8 March 2004.

The Composite Document sets out further information relating to the period for which the Offer will remain open for acceptance.

If the level of acceptances reaches that prescribed under the Companies Ordinance and Rule 2.11 of the Takeovers Code permitting compulsory acquisition and Fubon proceeds with the privatisation of IBA, dealings in IBA Shares will be suspended from the close of the Offer up to the withdrawal of listing of IBA Shares from the Stock Exchange.

By order of the board of
Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.
Richard Tsai

President and Co-Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 16 February 2004

By order of the Board of
International Bank of Asia Limited
Mike M. Murad

Vice Chairman, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer

The directors of Fubon and the directors of IBA jointly and severally accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information in this Announcement and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge, opinions expressed in this Announcement have been arrived at after due and careful consideration and there are no other facts not contained in this Announcement the omission of which would make any of the statements in this Announcement misleading.