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# INTERNATIONAL BANK OF ASIA LIMITED

## 港基國際銀行有限公司

(incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance)

(Stock Code: 636)

### PROPOSED CHANGE OF COMPANY NAME AND AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPANY'S ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The Board of the Company by a written resolution dated 13 January 2005 resolved, amongst other things, to submit a proposal for the change of the Company's name to Shareholders for approval by way of special resolution at the forthcoming EGM.

The Board also resolved to submit a proposal to amend the Articles for the approval of Shareholders by way of a special resolution at the EGM.

The amendments to the Articles are proposed to reflect recent changes to Hong Kong company and securities law and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

A circular containing, among other things, details of the proposed name change of the Company and the proposed amendments to the Articles including details of how to vote in relation to these proposals, together with a notice convening the EGM and proxy form, will be despatched to Shareholders as soon as practicable.

#### Change of name

The Board of Directors ("Board") of International Bank of Asia Limited (the "Company") announces that by a written resolution dated 13 January 2005, the Board resolved to submit a proposal to change the name of the Company from "INTERNATIONAL BANK OF ASIA LIMITED (港基國際銀行有限公司)" to "FUBON BANK (HONG KONG) LIMITED (富邦銀行(香港)有限公司)" to shareholders of the Company ("Shareholders") for approval at the forthcoming extraordinary general meeting to be held in the Auditorium, 7th Floor, International Bank of Asia Building, 38 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong on Monday, 21 February 2005 at 9:30 a.m. ("EGM"). The name change is to reflect that the Company is a member of the Fubon group of companies following the recent acquisition of 75% of the issued shares of the Company by Fubon Financial Holding Co., Ltd.

The proposed change of name is subject to the passing of a special resolution by Shareholders at the EGM. Subject to the approval of Shareholders, it is expected that the change of name will become effective on or about 6 April 2005. The proposed name change of the Company will not affect any rights of Shareholders. All existing share certificates in issue in relation to the issued share capital of the Company bearing the existing name of the Company will, after the change of name, continue to be evidence of title to the shares and will continue to be valid for trading, settlement and registration purposes.

#### Amendments to the Articles

The Board further announces that by a written resolution dated 13 January 2005, the Board resolved to submit a proposal to Shareholders to amend the articles of association of the Company ("Articles").

The amendments to the Articles are proposed in order to make the Articles consistent with recent changes to Hong Kong company and securities law and regulation, including amendments to the Companies Ordinance and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The proposed amendments to the Articles are subject to the approval of Shareholders by way of special resolution at the EGM.

#### General

A circular containing details of the proposed name change of the Company and setting out the proposed amendments to the Articles, together with a notice convening the EGM and proxy form, will be despatched to Shareholders as soon as practicable.

An announcement will be made in due course to update the Shareholders and the public on the outcome of the special resolutions to change the name of the Company and to amend the Articles after the EGM. In addition, the announcement will set out the effective date of the name change of the Company, the English and Chinese stock short names of the Company and relevant arrangements for the exchange of share certificates.

By Order of the Board  
**International Bank of Asia Limited**  
**Ivan Young**  
Company Secretary

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Jin-Yi Lee (Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer), Fan Sheung Yam, Horace as Executive Directors; Ming-Hsing (Richard) Tsai (Chairman), Ming-Chung (Daniel) Tsai (Vice Chairman), Wing-Fai Ng, Victor Kung, Jesse Ding as Non-Executive Directors; and Robert James Kenrick, Moses Tsang, Hung Shih as Independent Non-Executive Directors.

Hong Kong, 14 January 2005