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## CORPORATE INFORMATION

AS OF 11 AUGUST 2010

#### **Honorary Chairman**

Mr LIU Lit Man, GBS, JP, FIBA

#### **Board of Directors**

#### **Executive Directors**

Dr LIU Lit Mo, LLD, MBE, JP (Chairman)

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Mr CHENG Yuk Wo

Mr Andrew Chiu Cheung MA

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- Mr Patrick Siu Cheung WAT Retail Banking Division
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#### **Auditors**

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#### Share Registrar and Transfer Office

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#### **Stock Codes and Short Names**

The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited's Stock Codes and Short Names in respect of the Bank's (i) shares and (ii) subordinated notes due 2016 are (i) 01111 (CHONG HING BANK) and (ii) 01510 (CH BANK N1612), respectively.

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# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	Notes	Six months en 2010 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	nded 30 June 2009 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Interest income		558,193	607,759
Interest expense		(146,725)	(211,229)
Net interest income	4	411,468	396,530
Fee and commission income		133,915	137,657
Fee and commission expense		(24,182)	(20,667)
Net fee and commission income	5	109,733	116,990
Net (loss) gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	6	(5,270)	41,961
Other operating income	7	73,342	73,813
Operating expenses	8	(348,977)	(360,869)
		240,296	268,425
Impairment allowances on loans and advances			
- New allowances		(25,571)	(57,520)
- Amounts reversed		5,835	3,389
		(19,736)	(54,131)
Net gain (loss) on disposal of property and equipment		82	(4)
Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale securities		-	20,133
Net gain on disposal of and fair value adjustments on investment properties	17	6,630	1,374
Impairment loss on goodwill	9	-	(10,000)
Impairment loss on available-for-sale securities	Ū	(1,818)	(44,292)
Profit from operations		225,454	181,505
Share of profits of jointly controlled entities		2,883	7,257
Profit before taxation		228,337	188,762
Taxation	10		
- Hong Kong		(33,941)	(27,692)
- Overseas		(570)	(854)
- Deferred tax		(434)	413
		(34,945)	(28,133)
Profit for the period		193,392	160,629
Earnings per share, basic	11	HK\$0.44	HK\$0.37

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	Six months 2010 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	ended 30 June 2009 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)
Profit for the period	193,392	160,629
Other comprehensive income		
Exchange differences arising on translation	2,347	(8)
Revaluation of available-for-sale securities:		
Revaluation gain (loss) on available-for-sale securities, net	3,491	(189)
Share of reserves of jointly controlled entities	126	4,454
Reclassification adjustment upon disposal and impairment	1,818	24,159
	5,435	28,424
Income tax relating to available-for-sale securities	(1,184)	(6,168)
Other comprehensive income for the period (net of tax)	6,598	22,248
Total comprehensive income for the period	199,990	182,877
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
Owners of the Bank	199,990	182,877

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2010

	Notes	30 June 2010 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	31 December 2009 HK\$'000 (Audited and restated)
ASSETS			,
Cash and short-term funds	13	12,515,314	15,048,680
Placements with banks and other financial institutions maturing between one and twelve months		3,707,638	2,814,566
Derivative financial instruments	14	6,108	331
Financial assets at fair value through profit	14	0,100	551
or loss	15	847,604	576,730
Available-for-sale securities	15	433,789	272,649
Held-to-maturity securities	15	15,934,387	16,954,466
Advances and other accounts	16	36,253,832	33,267,735
Tax recoverable		4,462	31,925
Interests in jointly controlled entities		120,747	119,418
Investment properties	17	105,970	103,199
Property and equipment	18	745,446	762,657
Prepaid lease payments for land	19	2,532	2,564
Goodwill		50,606	50,606
Total assets		70,728,435	70,005,526
LIABILITIES			
Deposits and balances of banks and other financial institutions		2,332,547	1,447,718
Deposits from customers	20	60,515,020	60,788,415
Derivative financial instruments	14	53,643	44,413
Other accounts and accruals		537,826	556,016
Current tax liabilities		17,151	15,671
Loan capital	21	971,546	967,199
Deferred tax liabilities	22	13,390	11,772
Total liabilities		64,441,123	63,831,204
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital		217,500	217,500
Reserves		6,069,812	5,956,822
Shareholders' funds		6,287,312	6,174,322
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		70,728,435	70,005,526

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	Note	Share capital HK\$'000	Share premium HK\$'000	Goodwill HK\$'000	Investment revaluation reserve HK\$'000	General reserve HK\$'000	Translation reserve HK\$'000	Regulatory reserve HK\$'000	Retained profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2010 (audited)		217,500	1,542,817	(182)	55,328	1,388,500	8,048	287,000	2,675,311	6,174,322
Profit for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	193,392	193,392
Other comprehensive income for the period					4,251		2,347			6,598
Total comprehensive income for the period		-	-	-	4,251	-	2,347	-	193,392	199,990
Final dividend for financial year 2009, paid	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(87,000)	(87,000)
Earmark of retained profits as regulatory reserve								24,000	(24,000)	
At 30 June 2010 (unaudited)		217,500	1,542,817	(182)	59,579	1,388,500	10,395	311,000	2,757,703	6,287,312
At 1 January 2009 (audited)		217,500	1,542,817	(182)	13,352	1,388,500	7,524	307,000	2,480,113	5,956,624
Profit for the period		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160,629	160,629
Other comprehensive income (expense) for the period					22,256		(8)			22,248
Total comprehensive income (expense) for the period		-	-	-	22,256	-	(8)	-	160,629	182,877
Final dividends for financial year 2008, paid	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(21,750)	(21,750)
Earmark of retained profits as regulatory reserve								(19,000)	19,000	

The regulatory reserve is set up in compliance with the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA")'s requirements and is distributable to the shareholders of the Bank subject to consultation with the HKMA.

The general reserve comprises transfers from previous years' retained profits.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	Six months er 2010 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	nded 30 June 2009 HK\$'000 (Unaudited and restated)
OPERATING ACTIVITIES Profit before taxation Adjustments for:	228,337	188,762
Net (gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment	(82)	4
Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale securities Impairment allowances on loans and advances		(20,133) 54,131
Impairment loss on goodwill	-	10,000
Impairment loss on available-for-sale securities	1,818	44,292
Dividend income from investments	(4,617)	(5,357)
Share of profits of jointly controlled entities	(2,883)	(7,257)
Net gain on disposal of and fair value adjustments on		
investment properties	(6,630)	(1,374)
Depreciation	27,353	24,464
Release of prepaid lease payments for land	32	35
Interest income from available-for-sale securities and	(174 704)	
held-to-maturity securities	(174,721)	(134,745)
Interest expense on loan capital Exchange adjustments	6,466 5,753	12,444 44
	5,755	
Operating cash flows before movements in operating assets and liabilities	100,562	165,310
(Increase) decrease in operating assets:	100,302	105,510
Money at call and short notice with original maturity over		
three months	1,970,103	(684,993)
Exchange fund bills with original maturity over three months	(138,342)	(536,264)
Placements with banks and other financial institutions with		
original maturity over three months	(963,204)	(33,714)
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(270,874)	111,594
Bills receivable	(31,773)	36,925
Trade bills	(6,003)	39,735
Other advances to customers	(2,724,127)	123,068
Interest receivable and other accounts	160,851	(202,389)
Advances to banks and other financial institutions	(399,093)	1,160
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Deposits and balances of banks and other financial institutions with original maturity over three months	1,066	100,018
Deposits from customers	(273,395)	336,049
Other accounts and accruals	(18,118)	97,109
Derivative financial instruments	3,453	22,298
Cash used in operations	(2,588,894)	(424,094)
Hong Kong Profits Tax paid	(4,998)	(5,034)
Overseas tax paid	(570)	(854)
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(2,594,462)	(429,982)

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

	Six months e 2010 HK\$'000 (Unaudited)	ended 30 June 2009 HK\$'000 (Unaudited and restated)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received on available-for-sale securities		
and held-to-maturity securities	172,549	124,578
Dividends received on investments	4,617	5,357
Dividends received from jointly controlled entities	1,680	-
Purchase of available-for-sale securities	(157,649)	(6,427)
Purchase of held-to-maturity securities	(18,478,973)	(13,621,510)
Purchase of property and equipment	(10,096)	(7,226)
Proceeds from sale and redemption of available-for-sale		05 000
securities	-	25,929
Proceeds from redemption of held-to-maturity securities	19,499,052	9,883,837
Proceeds from disposals of land	-	303
Proceeds from disposals of property and equipment	125	139
Proceeds from disposal of an investment property	635	
NET CASH GENERATED FROM (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	1,031,940	(3,595,020)
Interest paid on loan capital	(5,978)	(12,485)
Dividends paid	(87,000)	(21,750)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(92,978)	(34,235)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(1,655,500)	(4,059,237)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 1 JANUARY	11,074,304	17,533,299
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT 30 JUNE	9,418,804	13,474,062
Represented by:		
Cash and balances with banks and other financial institutions	9,461,679	3,396,468
Money at call and short notice	2,498,001	13,488,971
Exchange fund bills	555,634	908,373
Placements with banks and other financial institutions maturing		
between one and twelve months	3,707,638	2,927,805
Deposits and balances of banks and other financial institutions	(2,332,547)	(2,123,625)
Less: Amounts with original maturity over three months	(4,471,601)	(5,123,930)
	9,418,804	13,474,062

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2010

#### 1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix 16 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and with Hong Kong Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting".

#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for investment properties and certain financial instruments that are measured at fair values.

The accounting policies adopted in the 2009 annual financial statements have been applied consistently to this interim financial information except for the following:

There are a number of new or revised standards, amendments and interpretations ("new or revised HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA"), which are effective for the Group's financial year beginning on 1 January 2010. Except as described below, the adoption of these new or revised HKFRSs had no material effect on the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group for the current or prior accounting periods.

#### Amendment to HKAS 17 Leases

As part of Improvements to HKFRSs issued in 2009, HKAS 17 Leases has been amended in relation to the classification of leasehold land. Before the amendment to HKAS 17, lessees were required to classify leasehold land as operating leases and to present leasehold land as prepaid lease payments in the consolidated statement of financial position. The amendment has removed such a requirement. Instead, the amendment requires the classification of leasehold land to be based on the general principles set out in HKAS 17, that is, whether or not the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of a leased asset have been transferred sustantially to the lessee.

In accordance with the transitional provisions set out in the amendment to HKAS 17 Leases, the Group reassessed the classification of unexpired leasehold land as at 1 January 2010 based on information which existed at the inception of these leases. Leasehold land which met finance lease classification have been reclassified from prepaid lease payments for land to property and equipment retrospectively, resulting in a reclassification of prepaid lease payments for land with carrying amount of HK\$324,980,000 as at 1 January 2009 and HK\$318,969,000 as at 31 December 2009 as property and equipment that are measured at cost model. The application of the amendment has had no significant financial impact to profit or loss for current or prior accounting periods.

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#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

The effect of changes in accounting policies described above on the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2009 is as follows:

	As at 31 December 2009 HK\$'000 (originally stated)	Adjustments HK\$'000	As at 31 December 2009 HK\$'000 (restated)
Property and equipment	443,688	318,969	762,657
Prepaid lease payments for land	321,533	(318,969)	2,564

The effect of changes in accounting policies described above on the financial position of the Group as at 1 January 2009 is as follows:

	As at 1 January 2009 HK\$'000 (originally stated)	Adjustments HK\$'000	As at 1 January 2009 HK\$'000 (restated)
Property and equipment	469,724	324,980	794,704
Prepaid lease payments for land	328,127	(324,980)	3,147

The Group has not early applied the following new or revised standards, amendments and interpretations that have been issued but are not yet effective:

HKFRSs (Amendments)	Improvements to HKFRSs 2010 <sup>1</sup>
HKAS 24 (Revised)	Related party disclosures <sup>4</sup>
HKAS 32 (Amendment)	Classification of rights issues <sup>2</sup>
HKFRS 1 (Amendment)	Limited exemption from comparative HKFRS 7 disclosures for first-time adopters <sup>3</sup>
HKFRS 9	Financial instruments⁵
HK(IFRIC) - INT 14 (Amendment)	Prepayments of a minimum funding requirement <sup>4</sup>
HK(IFRIC) - INT 19	Extinguishing financial liabilities with equity instruments <sup>3</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2010 and 1 January 2011, as appropriate
- <sup>2</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 February 2010
- <sup>3</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2010
- <sup>4</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2011
- <sup>5</sup> Effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2013

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#### 2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

HKFRS 9 Financial Instruments introduces new requirements for the classification and measurement of financial assets and will be effective from 1 January 2013, with earlier application permitted. The Standard requires all recognised financial assets that are within the scope of HKAS 39 "Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement" to be measured at either amortised cost or fair value. Specifically, debt investments that (i) are held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cash flows and (ii) have contractual cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal outstanding are generally measured at amortised cost. All other debt investments and equity investments are measured at fair value. The application of HKFRS 9 might affect the classification and measurement of the Group's financial assets.

The management of the Bank anticipates that the application of the other new or revised standards, amendments and interpretation will have no material impact on the results and the financial position of the Group.

#### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Group's operating segments, based on information regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision maker (Executive Committee) for the purpose of allocating resources to segments and assessing their performance, are as follows:

- 1. Corporate and retail banking
- 2. Treasury activities
- 3. Securities dealing
- 4. Others comprising investment holding, insurance, other investment advisory services and property investments.

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#### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION - continued

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by operating segment for the periods under review:

#### Six months ended 30 June 2010

	Corporate and retail	Treasury	Securities		Segment		
	banking HK\$'000	activities HK\$'000	dealing HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	total HK\$'000	Eliminations HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Interest income from external	11100 000	11100 000	11100 000	11100 000	11100000	11100 000	11100 000
customers	320,918	236,384	891	-	558,193	-	558,193
Interest expense to external customers	(120 022)	(6 900)			(146 705)		(146 705)
Inter-segment interest income (Note)	(139,833) 59,182	(6,892)	-	-	(146,725) 59,182	(59,182)	(146,725)
Inter-segment interest expense (Note)	,	(59,182)	-	-	(59,182)	59,182	-
Net interest income	240,267	170,310	891	-	411,468	-	411,468
Fees and commission income	50,654	-	83,261	-	133,915	-	133,915
Fees and commission expense	(23,745)	-	(437)	-	(24,182)	-	(24,182)
Net gain (loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	206	(5,286)	-	(190)	(5,270)	-	(5,270)
Other operating income	36,992	19,314	-	17,036	73,342	-	73,342
Total operating income							
(segment revenue)	304,374	184,338	83,715	16,846	589,273	-	589,273
Operating expenses Impairment allowances on loans	(210,160)	(12,684)	(28,322)	(5,107)	(256,273)	-	(256,273)
and advances	(19,736)	-	-	-	(19,736)	-	(19,736)
Net gain on disposal of property	(,,				(,,		(,)
and equipment	82	-	-	-	82	-	82
Net gain on disposal of and fair value adjustments on investment							
properties	-	-	_	6,630	6,630	_	6,630
Impairment loss on				-,	-,		-,
available-for-sale securities		(1,818)			(1,818)		(1,818)
Segment profit	74,560	169,836	55,393	18,369	318,158	-	318,158
Unallocated expenses							(92,704)
Share of profits of jointly controlled entities							2,883
Profit before taxation							228,337

Note: Inter-segment pricing for funding transactions is charged at prevailing customer deposits interest rates.

#### As at 30 June 2010

	Corporate and retail banking HK\$'000	Treasury activities HK\$'000	Securities dealing HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Segment assets	46,026,309	23,726,979	182,161	359,877	70,295,326
Interests in jointly controlled entities					120,747
Unallocated assets					312,362
Consolidated total assets					70,728,435
Segment liabilities	60,652,713	3,360,784	110,226	42,284	64,166,007
Unallocated liabilities					275,116
Consolidated total liabilities					64,441,123

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#### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION - continued

### Other information Six months ended 30 June 2010

	Corporate and retail banking HK\$'000	Treasury activities HK\$'000	Securities dealing HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Segment total HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Capital additions	3,676	124	533	11	4,344	5,752	10,096
Depreciation	15,651	828	2,813	255	19,547	7,806	27,353
Release of prepaid lease payments for land	32				32		32

#### Six months ended 30 June 2009

	Corporate and retail banking HK\$'000	Treasury activities HK\$'000	Securities dealing HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Segment total HK\$'000	Eliminations HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Interest income from external customers Interest expense to external	352,141	255,216	402	-	607,759	-	607,759
customers Inter-segment interest income (Note) Inter-segment interest expense (Note)	(196,126) 85,702 –	(15,103) - (85,702)	-	- -	(211,229) 85,702 (85,702)	- (85,702) 85,702	(211,229) _ _
Net interest income Fees and commission income Fees and commission expense	241,717 35,650 (19,570)	154,411	402 92,810 (333)	9,197 (764)	(20,667) 396,530 137,657 (20,667)		396,530 137,657 (20,667)
Net gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Other operating income	33,416	41,567 16,697	(45) (45)	394 23,745	41,961 73,813	-	41,961 73,813
Total operating income (segment revenue) Operating expenses	291,213 (204,410)	212,675 (13,179)	92,834 (25,087)	32,572 (11,638)	629,294 (254,314)	-	629,294 (254,314)
Impairment allowances on loans and advances Net loss on disposal of property	(54,131)	-	-	-	(54,131)	-	(54,131)
and equipment Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale securities	(4)	-	-	- 20,133	(4) 20,133	-	(4) 20,133
Net gain on disposal of and fair value adjustments on investment				,	*		
properties Impairment loss on goodwill Impairment loss on	-	-	-	1,374 (10,000)	1,374 (10,000)	-	1,374 (10,000)
available-for-sale securities Segment profit	32,668	(44,292) 155,204	67,747	32,441	(44,292) 288,060		(44,292) 288,060
Unallocated expenses Share of profits of jointly controlled entities Profit before taxation							(106,555) 7,257 188,762

Note: Inter-segment pricing for funding transactions is charged at prevailing customer deposits interest rates.

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#### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION - continued

#### As at 31 December 2009

	Corporate and retail banking HK\$'000	Treasury activities HK\$'000	Securities dealing HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Segment assets	37,788,842	31,059,086	304,754	402,153	69,554,835
Interests in jointly controlled entities					119,418
Unallocated assets					331,273
Consolidated total assets					70,005,526
Segment liabilities	60,987,105	2,464,100	240,003	41,854	63,733,062
Unallocated liabilities					98,142
Consolidated total liabilities					63,831,204

#### Other information Six months ended 30 June 2009

	Corporate and retail banking HK\$'000	Treasury activities HK\$'000	Securities dealing HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Segment total HK\$'000	Unallocated HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
Capital additions	4,490	49	1,272	108	5,919	1,307	7,226
Depreciation (restated)	15,096	695	541	431	16,763	7,701	24,464
Release of prepaid lease payments for land (restated)	35				35		35

Segment profit represents the profit earned by each segment without allocation of central administration costs and share of results of jointly-controlled entities. This is the measure reported to the chief operating decision maker for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of performance. There is no operating income with a single external customer amounts to 10% of the Group's total operating income.

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#### 3. SEGMENT INFORMATION - continued

#### **Geographical information**

Geographical information is analysed by the Group based on the locations of the principal operations of the branches and subsidiary companies responsible for reporting the results or booking the assets.

		ths ended ne 2010		As at 3	0 June 2010	
	Total operating income HK\$'000	Profit before taxation HK\$'000	Total assets HK\$'000	Total liabilities HK\$'000	Total contingent liabilities and commitments HK\$'000	Capital expenditure during the period HK\$'000
Hong Kong	575,000	222,778	68,956,561	63,408,164	17,250,043	9,970
Macau and Shantou	7,526	1,605	1,166,055	808,551	140,881	93
America	6,747	3,954	605,819	224,408	53,328	33
Total	589,273	228,337	70,728,435	64,441,123	17,444,252	10,096

	Six mon 30 Ju		As at 31 December 2009			
	Total operating income HK\$'000	Profit before taxation HK\$'000	Total assets HK\$'000	Total liabilities HK\$'000	Total contingent liabilities and commitments HK\$'000	Capital expenditure during the year HK\$'000
Hong Kong	608,971	176,626	68,439,215	62,917,441	15,331,875	20,682
Macau and Shantou	13,085	7,622	1,108,307	753,065	174,768	530
America	7,238	4,514	458,004	160,698	79,603	114
Total	629,294	188,762	70,005,526	63,831,204	15,586,246	21,326

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#### 4. NET INTEREST INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000
Interest income		
Short-term funds and placements	64,252	119,087
Investments in securities	175,191	139,093
Loans and advances	318,750	349,579
	558,193	607,759
Interest expense		
Deposits and balances from banks and customers	(140,259)	(198,785)
Loan capital in issue	(6,466)	(12,444)
	(146,725)	(211,229)
Net interest income	411,468	396,530
Included within interest income		
Interest income on impaired loans and advances	415	1,707

Included within interest income and interest expense are HK\$557,451,000 (2009: HK\$603,411,000) and HK\$146,725,000 (2009: HK\$211,229,000) earned and incurred from financial assets and financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss, respectively.

#### 5. NET FEE AND COMMISSION INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2010	2009	
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	
Fees and commission income			
Securities dealings	83,261	92,810	
Credit lines	6,170	4,374	
Trade finance	4,890	5,723	
Credit card services	25,901	21,917	
Agency services	8,532	9,197	
Others	5,161	3,636	
Total fees and commission income	133,915	137,657	
Less: Fees and commission expense	(24,182)	(20,667)	
Net fees and commission income	109,733	116,990	

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#### 6. NET (LOSS) GAIN ON FINANCIAL ASSETS AT FAIR VALUE THROUGH PROFIT OR LOSS

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000	
Net (loss) gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			
- Designated at fair value through profit or loss	(5,049)	64,215	
- Held for trading	17	(22,254)	
Net losses on fair value hedge	(238)		
	(5,270)	41,961	

## 7. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000	
Dividend income	4,617	5,357	
- Listed investments	2,337	3,075	
- Unlisted investments	2,280	2,282	
Net gains on dealing in foreign currencies	19,314	16,697	
Net rental income	6,583	5,972	
- Gross rents from properties	7,024	6,657	
- Less: Outgoings	(441)	(685)	
Safe deposit box rentals	12,233	12,208	
Insurance underwriting profit	5,855	7,047	
Other banking services income	22,571	19,422	
Others	2,169	7,110	
	73,342	73,813	

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#### 8. OPERATING EXPENSES

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000 (restated)	
Auditor's remuneration	1,850	1,751	
Staff costs:			
Salaries and other costs	189,673	190,181	
Retirement benefits scheme contributions	10,721	11,601	
Total staff costs	200,394	201,782	
Depreciation	27,353	24,464	
Release of prepaid lease payments for land	32	35	
Premises and equipment expenses, excluding depreciation and release of prepaid lease payments for land			
Rentals and rates for premises	21,634	20,998	
Others	9,305	8,660	
Other operating expenses	88,409	103,179	
	348,977	360,869	

#### 9. IMPAIRMENT LOSS ON GOODWILL

For the six-month period ended 30 June 2010, the management has reviewed the goodwill for impairment testing purposes. The review comprises of a comparison of the carrying amount and the value in use of an acquired subsidiary (the cash-generating unit) to which the goodwill has been allocated. The acquired subsidiary is involved in insurance business.

The value in use calculations primarily use cash flow projections based on five-year financial budgets approved by management and with a stable growth beyond the five-year projection period. There are a number of assumptions and estimates involved for the preparation of cash flow projections for the period covered by the approved budget. Key assumptions include a growth rate of 4% (2009: 0%) in revenues and selection of discount rates of 12% (2009: 12%).

The management of the Group determines that there is no impairment loss on the goodwill for the six-month period ended 30 June 2010.

A goodwill impairment loss of HK\$10,000,000, representing the excess of the carrying amount above the value in use of the cash generating unit described above, was recognised for the six-month period ended 30 June 2009.

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#### 10. TAXATION

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 16.5% (2009: 16.5%) of the estimated assessable profit for the period.

Taxation arising in other jurisdictions is calculated at the rates prevailing in the relevant jurisdictions.

#### **11. EARNINGS PER SHARE**

The calculation of basic earnings per share is based on the profit attributable to owners of the Bank of HK\$193,392,000 (2009: HK\$160,629,000) and on 435,000,000 (2009: 435,000,000) ordinary shares in issue during the period.

There is no potential dilutive ordinary shares in issue during both periods.

#### 12. DIVIDENDS

On 29 April 2010, a dividend of HK\$0.20 per share totalling HK\$87,000,000 was paid to shareholders as the final dividend for 2009.

On 30 April 2009, a dividend of HK\$0.05 per share totalling HK\$21,750,000 was paid to shareholders as the final dividend for 2008.

The directors have determined that a total amount of interim dividend in respect of the financial year ending 31 December 2010 of HK\$43,500,000 (2009: HK\$34,800,000) at a rate of HK\$0.10 (2009: HK\$0.08) per share should be paid to the shareholders of the Bank whose names appear in the Register of Members on 22 September 2010.

#### **13. CASH AND SHORT-TERM FUNDS**

	30 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000
Cash and balances with banks and other financial institutions	9,461,679	4,427,240
Money at call and short notice	2,498,001	6,704,160
Exchange fund bills	555,634	3,917,280
	12,515,314	15,048,680

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#### **14. DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

	30 June 2010		
	Notional Fair value		alues
	amount	Assets	Liabilities
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Derivatives held for trading:			
- Foreign currency related contracts	95,363	1,191	1,723
- Interest rate swaps	580,000	4,917	44,191
Derivatives held for hedging:			
- Interest rate swaps	210,203	-	7,729
		6,108	53,643

	31 December 2009		
	Notional amount HK\$'000	Fair v Assets HK\$'000	alues Liabilities HK\$'000
Derivatives held for trading:			
- Foreign currency related contracts	57,830	331	131
- Interest rate swaps	535,100	-	44,154
Derivatives held for hedging:			
- Interest rate swaps	54,285		128
		331	44,413

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#### **15. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES**

# Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

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	Held for	Designated at fair value	Available- for-sale securities	Held-to- maturity securities	Total
	trading HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
30 June 2010					
Equity securities:					
Listed in Hong Kong	409	-	138,831	-	139,240
Listed overseas			7,074		7,074
	409	-	145,905	-	146,314
Unlisted			35,183		35,183
	409		181,088		181,497
Debt securities:					
Certificates of deposits	-	-	-	707,571	707,571
Structured products	-	847,195	-	-	847,195
Other debt securities - Unlisted			252,701	15,226,816	15,479,517
		847,195	252,701	15,934,387	17,034,283
Total:					
Listed in Hong Kong	409	-	138,831	-	139,240
Listed overseas	-	-	7,074	-	7,074
Unlisted		847,195	287,884	15,934,387	17,069,466
	409	847,195	433,789	15,934,387	17,215,780
Market value of listed securities:					
Listed in Hong Kong	409	-	138,831	-	139,240
Listed overseas			7,074		7,074
	409		145,905		146,314
As analysed by issuing entities:					
Central government and central banl	<s -<="" td=""><td>-</td><td>-</td><td>180,447</td><td>180,447</td></s>	-	-	180,447	180,447
Public sector entities	-	-	56,858	57,268	114,126
Banks and other financial institutions	s 3	150,178	54,897	13,920,454	14,125,532
Corporate entities	406	697,017	315,344	1,776,218	2,788,985
Others			6,690		6,690
	409	847,195	433,789	15,934,387	17,215,780

Financial assets at fair value

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#### 15. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES - continued

	through profit or loss		Available- Held-to-		
	Held for trading HK\$'000	Designated at fair value HK\$'000	for-sale securities HK\$'000	maturity securities HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
31 December 2009					
Equity securities:					
Listed in Hong Kong	140	-	135,287	-	135,427
Listed overseas	-	-	6,912	-	6,912
	140	_	142,199	_	142,339
Unlisted	_		36,902		36,902
	140		179,101		179,241
Debt securities:					
Certificates of deposits	-	-	-	347,510	347,510
Structured products	-	576,590	-	-	576,590
Other debt securities - Unlisted			93,548	16,606,956	16,700,504
		576,590	93,548	16,954,466	17,624,604
Total:					
Listed in Hong Kong	140	-	135,287	-	135,427
Listed overseas	-	-	6,912	-	6,912
Unlisted		576,590	130,450	16,954,466	17,661,506
	140	576,590	272,649	16,954,466	17,803,845
Market value of listed securities:					
Listed in Hong Kong	140	-	135,287	-	135,427
Listed overseas			6,912		6,912
	140		142,199		142,339
As analysed by issuing entities:					
Central government and central bank	s –	-	-	182,203	182,203
Public sector entities	-	-	54,947	56,328	111,275
Banks and other financial institutions		82,389	54,067	14,766,614	
Corporate entities	95	494,201	155,225	1,949,321	2,598,842
Others			8,410		8,410
	140	576,590	272,649	16,954,466	17,803,845

The fair value of held-to-maturity securities as at 30 June 2010 amounted to HK\$15,979,761,000 (31 December 2009: HK\$16,975,145,000).

Included in available-for-sale securities (other debt securities-unlisted) are financial instruments issued by structured investment vehicles with gross investment cost of approximately HK\$116,748,000 (31 December 2009: HK\$116,294,000). Impairment losses of HK\$115,749,000 (31 December 2009: HK\$115,018,000) has been recognised for these investments.

Certain held-to-maturity certificates of deposit of approximately HK\$15,571,000 (31 December 2009: HK\$15,510,000) held by the San Francisco Branch of the Bank have been pledged to the State of California of the United States of America in compliance with the requirements of the California Financial Code.

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#### 16. ADVANCES AND OTHER ACCOUNTS

	30 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000
Advances to customers		
Bills receivable	334,759	302,986
Trade bills	124,261	118,258
Other advances to customers	35,093,684	32,372,335
	35,552,704	32,793,579
Interest receivable	103,839	90,429
Impairment allowances		
- Individually assessed	(33,563)	(25,905)
- Collectively assessed	(117,435)	(108,096)
	35,505,545	32,750,007
Advances to banks and other financial institutions	513,776	114,683
	36,019,321	32,864,690
Other accounts	234,511	403,045
	36,253,832	33,267,735

Included in the "Advances to banks and other financial institutions" of the Group of HK\$125,113,000 (31 December 2009: HK\$114,683,000) are amounts placed as reserve funds with financial institutions in the People's Republic of China by the Shantou Branch of the Bank in compliance with the requirements of Regulations Governing Foreign Financial Institutions of the People's Republic of China.

Included in the "other accounts" of the Group is retirement benefits scheme assets of HK\$52,000 (31 December 2009: HK\$52,000) due to the excess of scheme assets over defined benefit obligations.

Details of the impaired loans are as follows:

	30 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000
Gross impaired loans	43,692	53,707
Less: Impairment allowances under individual assessmen	t <b>(33,563)</b>	(25,905)
Net impaired loans	10,129	27,802
Gross impaired loans as a percentage of gross advances to customers	0.12%	0.16%
Market value of collateral pledged	92,184	103,950

In addition to the individually assessed loans impairment allowance, the Group has also provided collectively assessed loans impairment allowance for loans that are individually insignificant or advances where no impairment has been identified individually.

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#### **17. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES**

	30 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000
At 1 January	103,199	129,801
Disposals	(1,060)	(32,000)
Net increase in fair value recognised in the consolidated income statement	3,500	5,148
Exchange difference	331	250
At 30 June / 31 December	105,970	103,199

Net gain on disposal and fair value adjustments on investment properties:

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000
Net gain on disposal of investment properties	3,130	-
Net gain on fair value adjustments on investment properties	3,500	1,374
	6,630	1,374

Investment properties owned by the Group were revalued at 30 June 2010 on an open market value basis by Vigers Hong Kong Limited, independent professionally qualified valuers. The market value is mainly arrived at by reference to comparable market transactions for similar properties.

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#### **18. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT				
	Leasehold			
	land HK\$'000	Buildings HK\$'000	Equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
COST	HK\$ 000	ΠΝΦ 000	UV9 000	ПКФ 000
At 1 January 2010	396,264	316,663	498,720	1,211,647
Additions	-	-	10,096	10,096
Disposals	-	-	(2,434)	(2,434)
Exchange adjustments			94	94
At 30 June 2010	396,264	316,663	506,476	1,219,403
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2010	77,295	40,746	330,949	448,990
Provided for the period	3,003	3,320	21,030	27,353
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	(2,391)	(2,391)
Exchange adjustments			5	5
At 30 June 2010	80,298	44,066	349,593	473,957
CARRYING AMOUNTS				
At 30 June 2010	315,966	272,597	156,883	745,446
	Leasehold land HK\$'000 (restated)	Buildings HK\$'000	Equipment HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000 (restated)
COST	(restated)			(restated)
At 1 January 2009, as originally stated	_	316,883	477,734	794,617
Adjustment on application of amendment to HKAS 17		,		
- Jee a second for a second seco	396.264	-	-	
At 1 January 2009, as restated	<u>396,264</u> <u>396,264</u>		477,734	396,264
At 1 January 2009, as restated Additions	<u>396,264</u> 396,264 –	 316,883 _	 477,734 21,326	396,264 1,190,881
•		 316,883  (220)	21,326	396,264 1,190,881 21,326
Additions		-		396,264 1,190,881
Additions Disposals Exchange adjustments	396,264	(220)	21,326 (344) 4	396,264 1,190,881 21,326 (564) 4
Additions Disposals		-	21,326 (344)	396,264 1,190,881 21,326 (564)
Additions Disposals Exchange adjustments At 31 December 2009, as restated	396,264	(220)	21,326 (344) 4	396,264 1,190,881 21,326 (564) 4
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Additions Disposals Exchange adjustments At 31 December 2009, as restated <b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b> At 1 January 2009, as originally stated Adjustment on application of amendment to HKAS 17 At 1 January 2009, as restated Provided for the year	396,264 - - - 396,264 - 71,284 71,284	(220) 	21,326 (344) <u>4</u> 498,720 290,689 <u>-</u> 290,689 40,589	396,264 1,190,881 21,326 (564) 4 1,211,647 324,893 71,284 396,177 53,224
Additions Disposals Exchange adjustments At 31 December 2009, as restated <b>ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION</b> At 1 January 2009, as originally stated Adjustment on application of amendment to HKAS 17 At 1 January 2009, as restated Provided for the year Eliminated on disposals	396,264 - - 396,264 - 71,284 6,011 -	(220) 	21,326 (344) <u>4</u> 498,720 290,689 <u>-</u> 290,689 40,589 (329)	396,264 1,190,881 21,326 (564) <u>4</u> 1,211,647 324,893 71,284 396,177 53,224 (411)

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#### 19. PREPAID LEASE PAYMENTS FOR LAND

	HK\$'000 (restated)
At 1 January 2009, as originally stated	328,127
Adjustment on application of amendment to HKAS 17	(324,980)
At 1 January 2009, as restated	3,147
Release to profit or loss	(64)
Disposal	(519)
At 31 December 2009, as restated	2,564
Release to profit or loss	(32)
At 30 June 2010	2,532

#### 20. DEPOSITS FROM CUSTOMERS

	30 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000
Demand deposits and current accounts	4,283,118	4,790,745
Savings deposits	19,134,870	19,644,533
Time, call and notice deposits	37,097,032	36,353,137
	60,515,020	60,788,415

#### 21. LOAN CAPITAL

	30 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000
US\$125 million callable floating rate subordinated		
notes due 2016	971,546	967,199

On 15 December 2006, the Bank issued subordinated notes qualifying as tier 2 capital with face value of US\$125,000,000.

The above subordinated notes will mature on 16 December 2016 and are redeemable at the option of the Group in December 2011 at their principal amount.

The floating rate notes bear interest at the rate of three month LIBOR plus 0.93%, payable quarterly from the issue date to the call option date. Thereafter, if the notes are not redeemed on the call option date, the interest rate will be reset to three month LIBOR plus 1.93%, payable quarterly.

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#### 22. DEFERRED TAXATION

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities (assets) recognised and movements thereon during the current and prior reporting periods:

	Accelerated tax depreciation HK\$'000	Collectively assessed impairment allowance HK\$'000	Investment properties HK\$'000	Revaluation of available- for-sale securities HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 1 January 2010	15,533	(19,645)	8,919	6,965	11,772
(Credit) charge to profit or loss for the period	(1,087)	1,042	479	-	434
Charge to other comprehensive incor for the period	ne			1,184	1,184
At 30 June 2010	14,446	(18,603)	9,398	8,149	13,390
At 1 January 2009	15,645	(18,428)	12,557	(3,491)	6,283
Credit to profit or loss for the year	(112)	(1,217)	(3,638)	-	(4,967)
Charge to other comprehensive incor for the year	ne			10,456	10,456
At 31 December 2009	15,533	(19,645)	8,919	6,965	11,772

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#### 23. MATURITY PROFILES

The maturity profile of assets and liabilities shown on the condensed consolidated statement of financial position, based on the remaining period at the end of the reporting period to the contractual maturity date in accordance with the guideline issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, is shown below:

	Repayable on demand HK\$'000	Repayable within 1 month (except those repayable on demand) HK\$'000	Repayable after 1 month but within 3 months HK\$'000	Repayable after 3 months but within 1 year HK\$'000	Repayable after 1 year but within 5 years HK\$'000	Repayable after 5 years HK\$'000	Undated HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 30 June 2010								
Assets								
Cash and short-term funds	9,272,023	2,535,163	454,441	253,687	-	-	-	12,515,314
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	-	1,324,218	2,383,420	-	-	-	3,707,638
Derivative financial instruments	-	67	559	565	4,917	-	-	6,108
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
- Held for trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	409	409
- Designated at fair value	-	-	-	-	817,331	29,864	-	847,195
Available-for-sale securities	-	-	-	-	251,702	999	181,088	433,789
Held-to-maturity securities	-	4,822,391	1,410,151	3,137,523	6,564,322	-	-	15,934,387
Advances to customers	1,386,202	2,450,901	2,851,138	6,710,862	12,024,857	10,048,822	79,922	35,552,704
Advances to banks and other financial institutions	13,245	60,752	420,204	19,575	-	-	-	513,776
Other assets	176,195	72,428	36,439	52,260	643	-	879,150	1,217,115
Total assets	10,847,665	9,941,702	6,497,150	12,557,892	19,663,772	10,079,685	1,140,569	70,728,435
Liabilities								
Deposits and balances of banks and other financial institutions	19,100	2,313,447	-	-	-	-	-	2,332,547
Deposits from customers	23,436,555	24,660,745	9,233,013	3,173,419	11,288	-	-	60,515,020
Derivative financial instruments	-	76	198	26,835	26,534	-	-	53,643
Loan capital	-	-	-	-	-	971,546	-	971,546
Other liabilities	437,396	24,990	27,049	50,912	28,020	-	-	568,367
Total liabilities	23,893,051	26,999,258	9,260,260	3,251,166	65,842	971,546	-	64,441,123
Net position - total assets and liabilities	(13,045,386)	(17,057,556)	(2,763,110)	9,306,726	19,597,930	9,108,139	1,140,569	6,287,312
Of which certificates of deposits included in:								
Held-to-maturity securities		52,000		375,571	280,000			707,571
Of which debt securities included in:								
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
- Designated at fair value	-	-	-	-	817,331	29,864	-	847,195
Available-for-sale securities	-	-	-	-	251,702	999	-	252,701
Held-to-maturity securities	-	4,822,391	1,410,151	3,137,523	6,564,322	-	-	15,934,387
	-	4,822,391	1,410,151	3,137,523	7,633,355	30,863		17,034,283

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#### 23. MATURITY PROFILES - continued

	Repayable on demand HK\$'000	Repayable within 1 month (except those repayable on demand) HK\$'000	Repayable after 1 month but within 3 months HK\$'000	Repayable after 3 months but within 1 year HK\$'000	Repayable after 1 year but within 5 years HK\$'000	Repayable after 5 years HK\$'000	Undated HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
At 31 December 2009								
Assets								
Cash and short-term funds	4,204,022	10,409,504	235,383	199,771	-	-	-	15,048,680
Placements with banks and other financial institutions	-	-	652,017	2,162,549	-	-	-	2,814,566
Derivative financial instruments	-	175	119	37	-	-	-	331
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
- Held for trading	-	-	-	-	-	-	140	140
- Designated at fair value	-	-	-	88,276	488,314	-	-	576,590
Available-for-sale securities	-	-	-	-	92,272	1,276	179,101	272,649
Held-to-maturity securities	-	4,142,804	1,431,063	4,141,778	7,238,821	-	-	16,954,466
Advances to customers	1,456,020	2,234,769	1,501,287	4,773,751	13,014,912	9,628,458	184,382	32,793,579
Advances to banks and other financial institutions	9,958	60,466	30,961	13,298	-	-	-	114,683
Other assets	341,785	86,790	22,146	67,812	703		910,606	1,429,842
Total assets	6,011,785	16,934,508	3,872,976	11,447,272	20,835,022	9,629,734	1,274,229	70,005,526
Liabilities								
Deposits and balances of banks and other financial institutions	10,218	1,437,500	-	-	-	-	-	1,447,718
Deposits from customers	24,492,361	23,282,401	8,369,759	4,487,837	156,057	-	-	60,788,415
Derivative financial instruments	-	296	20	1,373	42,724	-	-	44,413
Loan capital	-	-	-	-	-	967,199	-	967,199
Other liabilities	462,336	20,846	23,489	48,633	28,155			583,459
Total liabilities	24,964,915	24,741,043	8,393,268	4,537,843	226,936	967,199		63,831,204
Net position - total assets and liabilities	(18,953,130)	(7,806,535)	(4,520,292)	6,909,429	20,608,086	8,662,535	1,274,229	6,174,322
Of which certificates of deposits included in:								
Held-to-maturity securities				67,510	280,000			347,510
Of which debt securities included in:								
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss								
- Designated at fair value	-	-	-	88,276	488,314	-	-	576,590
Available-for-sale securities	-	-	-	-	92,272	1,276	-	93,548
Held-to-maturity securities		4,142,804	1,431,063	4,141,778	7,238,821			16,954,466
		4,142,804	1,431,063	4,230,054	7,819,407	1,276		17,624,604

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#### 24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the period, the Group entered into the following material transactions with related parties:

	Interest, co and renta		Interest and rental expenses		
	Six months Six months ended ended 30 June 2010 30 June 2009 HK\$'000 HK\$'000		Six months ended 30 June 2010 HK\$'000	Six months ended 30 June 2009 HK\$'000	
Investing enterprises having significant					
influence on the Group	3,867	3,515	11,530	11,617	
Jointly controlled entities	5,875	6,197	1,135	1,593	
Directors of the Bank and their associates	2,449	8,149	2,138	3,752	

At the end of the reporting period, the Group had the following material outstanding balances with related parties:

		ts due from ed parties	Amounts due to related parties		
	30 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000	30 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000	
Investing enterprises having significant influence on the Group			207,137	59,749	
Jointly controlled entities	51,647	53,790	116,456	96,034	
Directors of the Bank and their associate	es <b>913,563</b>	1,434,806	532,372	530,733	

#### Compensation of key management personnel

The remuneration of directors and key management was as follows:

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2010 HK\$'000	2009 HK\$'000	
Short term benefits	24,949	24,128	
Post employment benefits	1,757	1,399	
	26,706	25,527	

The remuneration of directors and key management is reviewed by the Remuneration Committee having regard to the performance of individuals and market trends.

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#### 25. LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES FOR FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONSOLIDATION

Card Alliance Company Limited

Chong Hing Commodities and Futures Limited

Chong Hing Finance Limited

Chong Hing Information Technology Limited

Chong Hing Insurance Company Limited

Chong Hing (Management) Limited

Chong Hing (Nominees) Limited

Chong Hing Securities Limited

Gallbraith Limited

Liu Chong Hing Banking Corporation, Cayman

**Right Way Investments Limited** 

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#### 1. Advances to customers - by industry sectors

The Group's gross advances to customers (including advances booked in overseas branches and subsidiaries) are analysed and reported by industry sectors according to the usage of the loans and / or business activities of the borrowers as follows:

			30 June 2010		
	Gross loans and advances HK\$'000	Collective impairment allowances HK\$'000	Individual impairment allowances HK\$'000	Loans and advances secured by collateral HK\$'000	Gross impaired advances HK\$'000
Loans for use in Hong Kong					
Industrial, commercial and financial					
- Property development	1,599,156	4,586	-	732,977	-
- Property investment	7,916,679	-	1,179	6,884,901	1,773
- Financial concerns	2,237,340	3	-	1,322,467	-
- Stockbrokers	454,659	162	-	418,330	-
- Wholesale and retail trade	1,108,256	-	33	743,114	696
- Manufacturing	1,208,552	3,258	13,187	631,774	13,714
- Transport and transport equipment	786,891	-	-	160,328	-
- Recreational activities	1,445	5	-	851	-
- Information technology	402	40	-	177	-
- Others	7,418,377	26,705	2,223	3,253,718	3,341
Individuals					
<ul> <li>Loans for the purchase of flats in the Home Ownership Scheme, Private Sector Participation Scheme and Tenants Purchase Scheme</li> </ul>	594,979	_	11	594,979	582
- Loans for the purchase of other	,			,	
residential properties	6,076,070	416	171	6,070,537	3,651
- Credit card advances	79,733	1,779	44	-	44
- Others	1,272,390		2,228	1,193,202	3,345
	30,754,929	36,954	19,076	22,007,355	27,146
Trade finance	766,922	19,328	13,182	235,923	13,182
Loans for use outside Hong Kong	4,030,853	61,153	1,305	2,020,209	3,364
	35,552,704	117,435	33,563	24,263,487	43,692

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#### 1. Advances to customers - by industry sectors - continued

	31 December 2009						
	Gross loans and advances HK\$'000	Collective impairment allowances HK\$'000	Individual impairment allowances HK\$'000	Loans and advances secured by collateral HK\$'000	Gross impaired advances HK\$'000		
Loans for use in Hong Kong							
Industrial, commercial and financial							
- Property development	1,516,107	7,545	-	694,641	-		
- Property investment	7,712,459	-	1,179	6,709,546	1,773		
- Financial concerns	1,989,693	-	-	1,236,433	-		
- Stockbrokers	311,064	167	-	256,687	-		
- Wholesale and retail trade	1,018,952	-	33	685,397	696		
- Manufacturing	1,414,234	381	12,820	592,610	13,356		
- Transport and transport equipment	641,908	-	-	131,451	-		
- Recreational activities	1,832	8	-	1,159	-		
- Information technology	328	38	-	118	-		
- Others	6,318,840	23,116	2,223	2,726,628	3,341		
Individuals							
<ul> <li>Loans for the purchase of flats in th Home Ownership Scheme, Private Sector Participation Scheme and Tenants Purchase Scheme</li> </ul>		-	28	617,782	599		
- Loans for the purchase of other							
residential properties	5,917,720	-	171	5,911,151	3,651		
- Credit card advances	97,227	2,198	331	-	494		
- Others	1,497,919		2,168	1,436,357	3,285		
	29,056,143	33,453	18,953	20,999,960	27,195		
Trade finance	692,339	20,255	5,393	231,044	10,156		
Loans for use outside Hong Kong	3,045,097	54,388	1,559	1,595,524	16,356		
	32,793,579	108,096	25,905	22,826,528	53,707		

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#### 1. Advances to customers - by industry sectors - continued

The Group's advances to customers overdue for over three months, and new impairment allowances and advances written off during the six months ended 30 June 2010 and 2009 in respect of industry sectors which constitute not less than 10 per cent of gross advances to customers are analysed as follows:

		2010	
	Advances overdue for over three months as at 30 June HK\$'000	New impairment allowances during the six months ended 30 June HK\$'000	Advances written off during the six months ended 30 June HK\$'000
Loans for use in Hong Kong			
Industrial, commercial and financial			
- Property investment	2,838	10	-
- Others	3,485	62	-
Individuals			
<ul> <li>Loans for the purchase of other residential properties</li> </ul>	10,379	104	-
Loans for use outside Hong Kong	3,364	154	
		2009	
	Advances overdue for over three months as at 31 December HK\$'000	New impairment allowances during the six months ended 30 June HK\$'000	Advances written off during the six months ended 30 June HK\$'000
Loans for use in Hong Kong			
Industrial, commercial and financial			
- Property investment	2,838	9	-
- Others	4,874	2,611	1,982
Individuals			
<ul> <li>Loans for the purchase of other residential properties</li> </ul>	6,698	658	380
Loans for use outside Hong Kong	16,356	42,231	41,293

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#### 2. Advances to customers - by geographical areas

The Group's gross advances to customers by countries or geographical areas after taking into account any risk transfers are as follows:

	30 June 2010						
	Total advances HK\$'000	Advances overdue for over three months HK\$'000	Impaired advances HK\$'000	Individual impairment allowance HK\$'000	Collective impairment allowance HK\$'000		
Hong Kong	34,022,927	73,592	40,328	32,258	107,923		
People's Republic of China	347,256	3,364	3,364	1,305	3,181		
Macau	158,472	-	-	-	881		
America	394,458	-	-	-	5,450		
Others	629,591						
	35,552,704	76,956	43,692	33,563	117,435		

#### 31 December 2009

	Total advances HK\$'000	Advances overdue for over three months HK\$'000	Impaired advances HK\$'000	Individual impairment allowance HK\$'000	Collective impairment allowance HK\$'000
Hong Kong	31,088,554	32,085	37,351	24,346	98,748
People's Republic of China	396,303	3,642	3,642	1,305	3,557
Macau	143,159	-	-	-	616
America	388,867	12,714	12,714	254	5,175
Others	776,696				
	32,793,579	48,441	53,707	25,905	108,096
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### 3. Cross-border claims

The Group's cross-border claims by countries or geographical areas which constitute 10% or more of the relevant disclosure items after taking into account any risk transfers are as follows:

		30 June	e 2010	
	Banks and other financial institutions HK\$'000	Public sector entities HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Asia Pacific excluding Hong Kong	13,327,802	161,693	838,117	14,327,612
- of which - China	5,869,436	24,411	636,752	6,530,599
- of which - Australia	3,692,200	1,478	-	3,693,678
Western Europe	7,745,269	2,580	172,270	7,920,119
- of which - France	3,034,907		133	3,035,040
		31 Decem	ber 2009	
	Banks and other financial institutions HK\$'000	Public sector entities HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Asia Pacific excluding Hong Kong	12,509,722	119,294	754,727	13,383,743
- of which - China	5,159,827	24,266	578,685	5,762,778

3,226,306

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2,936,921

10,715,375

3,320,942

3,065,448

518

8,807

1,986,426

10,866

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- of which Australia
- of which Japan
- North America
- Western Europe
- of which United Kingdom 3,320,357
- of which France 3,065,360 -

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#### 4. Overdue and rescheduled assets

	30 J	30 June 2010		31 December 2009		
	Gross amount of advances HK\$'000	Percentage to total advances %	Gross amount of advances HK\$'000	Percentage to total advances %		
Advances overdue for						
- 6 months or less but over 3 months	9,262	0.0	11,936	0.0		
- 1 year or less but over 6 months	49,716	0.1	5,136	0.0		
- Over 1 year	17,978	0.1	31,369	0.1		
Total overdue advances	76,956	0.2	48,441	0.1		
Rescheduled advances	307,118	0.9	321,447	1.0		
Individual impairment allowances made in respect of overdue loans and advances	33,488		10,475			
Covered portion of overdue loans and advances	49,533		25,724			
Uncovered portion of overdue loans and advances	27,423 76,956		22,717 48,441			
Market value of collateral held against covered portion of overdue loans and advances	214,402		159,183			

There were no advances to banks and other financial institutions or other assets which were overdue for over 3 months as at 30 June 2010 and 31 December 2009, nor were there any rescheduled advances to banks and other financial institutions.

Repossessed assets held by the Group as at 30 June 2010 amounted to HK\$23,334,000 (31 December 2009: HK\$21,238,000).

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#### 5. Non-bank Mainland exposures

	30 June 2010				
	On-balance sheet exposure HK\$'000	Off-balance sheet exposure HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Individual impairment allowance HK\$'000	
Types of counterparties					
Mainland entities	846,249	30,000	876,249	-	
Companies and individuals outside Mainland where the credit is granted for use in Mainland	3,417,641	974,675	4,392,316	16,286	
Other counterparties the exposures to whom are considered to be non-bank Mainland exposures	7,941		7,941	<u>-</u>	
	4,271,831	1,004,675	5,276,506	16,286	

## 31 December 2009

	On-balance sheet exposure HK\$'000	Off-balance sheet exposure HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000	Individual impairment allowance HK\$'000
Types of counterparties				
Mainland entities	978,122	180,000	1,158,122	-
Companies and individuals outside Mainland where the credit is granted for use in Mainland	3,299,484	723,477	4,022,961	3,622
Other counterparties the exposures to whom are considered to be				
non-bank Mainland exposures	10,047		10,047	
	4,287,653	903,477	5,191,130	3,622

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## 6. Currency risk

The Group's foreign currency exposures arising from non-trading and structural position which constitute 10% or more of the total net position in all foreign currencies are as follows:

		30 June 2010			
		US\$	RMB	JPY	Total
Equivalent in thousand of HK\$					
Spot assets		9,520,517	1,398,666	155,384	11,074,567
Spot liabilities		(9,577,943)	(1,367,241)	(81,213)	(11,026,397)
Forward purchases		138,604	7,774	2,643	149,021
Forward sales		(77,892)	(28,750)	(73,540)	(180,182)
Net long position		3,286	10,449	3,274	17,009
			MOP	RMB	Total
Net structural position			48,545	105,169	153,714
			31 Decembe	r 2009	
	US\$	МОР	31 Decembe RMB	r 2009 AUD	Total
Equivalent in thousand of HK\$	US\$	MOP			Total
Equivalent in thousand of HK\$ Spot assets	<b>US\$</b> 10,635,242	<b>MOP</b> 115,003			<b>Total</b> 15,514,847
			RMB	AUD	
Spot assets	10,635,242	115,003	<b>RMB</b> 1,079,649	<b>AUD</b> 3,684,953	15,514,847
Spot assets Spot liabilities	10,635,242 (10,754,629)	115,003	RMB 1,079,649 (1,046,456)	AUD 3,684,953 (3,688,974)	15,514,847 (15,606,982)
Spot assets Spot liabilities Forward purchases	10,635,242 (10,754,629) 188,874	115,003	RMB 1,079,649 (1,046,456) 3,749	AUD 3,684,953 (3,688,974) 14,306	15,514,847 (15,606,982) 206,929
Spot assets Spot liabilities Forward purchases Forward sales	10,635,242 (10,754,629) 188,874 (67,026)	115,003 (116,923) 	RMB 1,079,649 (1,046,456) 3,749 (28,403)	AUD 3,684,953 (3,688,974) 14,306 (8,473)	15,514,847 (15,606,982) 206,929 (103,902)

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# 7. The contractual amounts of each of the following classes of contingent liabilities and commitments outstanding are:

	30 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000
Contingent liabilities and commitments		
- contractual amounts		
Direct credit substitutes	825,257	790,690
Trade related contingencies	361,278	283,739
Forward asset purchases	3,855	3,234
Other commitments:		
Which are unconditionally cancellable without prior notice	5,905,815	4,969,184
With an original maturity of one year and under	7,543,983	7,717,628
With an original maturity of over one year	2,804,064	1,821,771
	17,444,252	15,586,246

Most of contingent liabilities and commitments are denominated in Hong Kong dollars.

The replacement cost and credit risk weighted amounts of the contingent liabilities, commitments and derivatives exposures are as follows:

	30 June 2010		31 December 2009	
	Replacement cost HK\$'000	Credit risk weighted amount HK\$'000	Replacement cost HK\$'000	Credit risk weighted amount HK\$'000
Contingent liabilities and commitments	N/A	3,244,641	N/A	2,833,343
Exchange rate contracts	1,191	1,855	331	535
Interest rate contracts	4,917	3,727		1,004
	6,108	3,250,223	331	2,834,882

The above amounts do not take into account the effects of bilateral netting arrangements.

Replacement cost is the cost of replacing all contracts that have a positive value when marked to market (should the counterparty default on its obligations) and is obtained by marking the contracts to market. Replacement cost is a close approximation of the credit risk for these contracts at the balance sheet date.

The credit risk weighted amount is the amount which has been calculated in accordance with the Banking (Capital) Rules (the "Capital Rules"), which came into operation on 1 January 2007, and the guidelines issued by the HKMA.

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#### 8. Capital adequacy and liquidity ratio

	30 June 2010 %	31 December 2009 %
Capital adequacy ratio	15.24	15.95
Core capital ratio	12.11	12.72

	Six months ended 30 June		
	2010	2009	
	%	%	
Average liquidity ratio for the period	45.01	47.96	

The capital adequacy ratio is compiled in accordance with the Capital Rules under section 98A of the Banking Ordinance (Chapter 155 of the Laws of Hong Kong) ("Banking Ordinance") for the implementation of the "Basel II" capital accord, which became effective on 1 January 2007. In accordance with the Capital Rules, the Bank has adopted the "standardised approach" for the calculation of the risk-weighted assets for credit risk, "standardised (market risk) approach" for the calculation of market risk and "basic indicator approach" for the calculation of operation risk. The capital adequacy ratio is consolidated, under the Capital Rules, with reference to the financial information of the Bank, Chong Hing Finance Limited, Liu Chong Hing Banking Corporation, Cayman, Right Way Investments Limited, Gallbraith Limited, Chong Hing Information Technology Limited and Card Alliance Company Limited.

The average liquidity ratio is calculated as the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the average of each calendar month's average ratio, as specified in the Fourth Schedule of the Banking Ordinance, with reference to the financial information of the Bank, Chong Hing Finance Limited, Liu Chong Hing Banking Corporation, Cayman, Right Way Investments Limited and Gallbraith Limited.

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#### 9. Other financial information

The capital base after deductions used in the calculation of the above capital adequacy ratios as at 30 June 2010 and 31 December 2009 and reported to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority is analysed as follows:

3	0 June 2010 HK\$'000	31 December 2009 HK\$'000
Core capital		
Paid up ordinary share capital	217,500	217,500
Share premium	1,542,817	1,542,817
Published reserves	3,383,868	3,491,579
Profit and loss account	91,645	(87,537)
Total core capital	5,235,830	5,164,359
Other deductions from core capital	(121,744)	(122,809)
Core capital after deductions	5,114,086	5,041,550
Supplementary capital		
Reserves attributable to fair value gains on revaluation		
of holdings of land and buildings	5,293	5,502
Collective impairment allowances	117,431	108,096
Regulatory reserve for general banking risks	311,000	287,000
Reserves attributable to fair value gains on revaluation of holdings of available-for-sale equities and debt securitie		13,611
Unrealised fair value gains arising from holding of equities and debt securities designated at fair value through	6	
profit or loss	22,185	24,206
Term subordinated debt	971,546	967,199
Total supplementary capital	1,445,228	1,405,614
Other deductions from supplementary capital	(121,744)	(122,809)
Supplementary capital after deductions	1,323,484	1,282,805
Total capital base after deductions	6,437,570	6,324,355
Total risk-weighted amount	42,229,704	39,644,144

Deductions from total capital base mainly include investments in subsidiaries of which their risk weighted assets have not been consolidated into the total risk weighted assets of the Group, which mainly conduct non-banking related business. Those subsidiaries are Chong Hing Commodities and Futures Limited, Chong Hing Insurance Company Limited, Chong Hing (Management) Limited, Chong Hing (Nominees) Limited and Chong Hing Securities Limited.

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#### 10. Statement of compliance

In preparing the interim financial information for 2010, the Bank has fully complied with the Banking (Disclosure) Rules.

#### 11. Basis of consolidation

This interim financial information covers the condensed consolidated financial statements of the Bank and all its subsidiaries and included the attributable share of interest in the Group's jointly controlled entities.

In preparing the capital adequacy ratio and liquidity ratio of the Group, they are prepared according to the basis of consolidation for regulatory purposes. The main difference between the consolidation basis for accounting and regulatory purposes is that the former includes the Bank, all its subsidiaries and the attributable share of interests in the Group's jointly controlled entities whereas the latter includes the Bank and only some of the Group's subsidiaries which mainly conduct banking business or other businesses incidental to banking business.

#### 12. Other operating income

Included within fees and commission income and fees and commission expense, other than amounts included in determining the effective interest rate, are HK\$39,475,000 (2009: HK\$33,159,000) and HK\$22,666,000 (2009: HK\$19,518,000) arising from financial assets and financial liabilities that are not at fair value through profit or loss, respectively.

#### 13. Risk management

The Group has established policies, procedures, and controls for measuring, monitoring and controlling risks arising from the banking and related financial services business. These policies, procedures, and controls are implemented by various committees and departments of the Group and are regularly reviewed by the Board of Directors. The internal auditors also play an important role in the risk management process by performing regular, as well as sporadic compliance audits.

The management of assets and liabilities of the Group is conducted under the guidance of the Asset and Liability Management Committee (the "ALCO"). The ALCO holds meetings every two weeks, and more frequent meetings when required, to review and direct the relevant policies, and to monitor the bank-wide positions. The day-to-day management of the liquidity, foreign exchange, interest rate and other market risks, and the compliance with the ALCO and the Risk Management and Compliance Committee (the "RMCC") policies are monitored by the Treasury Management Department and the Finance Department with the assistance of various qualitative and quantitative analyses.

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#### 13. Risk management - continued

In addition to complementing the ALCO in the management of assets and liabilities, the RMCC also oversees the implementation of the policies and procedures established for managing the Group's operational, legal, and reputation risks and compliance requirements.

#### (i) Capital management

The Group has adopted a policy of maintaining a strong capital base to support its business growth. Capital adequacy ratio has remained well above the statutory minimum ratio of 8% for the past five financial years.

#### (ii) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that a customer or counter-party may fail to meet a commitment when it falls due.

The Group's lending policy sets out in detail the credit approval and monitoring mechanism, the loan classification system and provisioning policy, which is established in accordance with the requirements and provisions of the Banking Ordinance and the guidelines issued by the HKMA.

Day-to-day credit management is performed by the Loans Committee with reference to the creditworthiness, and concentration risk of and the collateral pledged by the counterparties. Decisions made by the Loans Committee are reviewed regularly by the Executive Loans Committee comprising executive directors.

#### (iii) Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group is unable to meet its current obligations when they fall due.

The Group has laid down liquidity policy which is reviewed regularly by the Board of Directors. This policy requires the Group to maintain a conservative level of liquid funds on a daily basis to ensure the availability of adequate liquid funds to meet all obligations, and the compliance with the statutory liquidity ratio requirement. The liquidity position is monitored through statutory liquidity ratio, loan-to-deposit ratio, maturity profile of assets and liabilities, and inter-bank transactions undertaken by the Group.

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#### 13. Risk management - continued

#### (iv) Market risk

Market risk is the risk of losses in assets, liabilities and off-balance sheet positions arising from movements in market rates and prices.

Market risk arising from the trading book is considered immaterial, as the Group does not maintain significant positions of financial instruments leading to foreign exchange, interest rate, commodity and equity exposures. Structural foreign exchange exposure is explained further under (v) foreign exchange risk.

#### (v) Foreign exchange risk

The Group does not have any significant foreign exchange risk as foreign exchange dealing is moderate. Structural foreign exchange exposure arising from investments in foreign branches and subsidiaries is accounted for in the reserves account. Day-to-day foreign exchange management is performed by the Treasury Management Department within approved limits.

The Group takes on exposure to effect of fluctuations in the prevailing foreign currency exchange rates on its financial position and cash flows. The Board of Directors sets limits on the level of exposure by currency and in total for both overnight and intra-day positions, which are monitored daily. Off-balance sheet notional position represents the contractual amounts of foreign currencies bought and sold under foreign exchange contracts. Bought currency is represented by positive amount and sold currency is represented by negative amount.

#### (vi) Interest rate risk

Cash flow interest rate risk is the risk that the future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. Fair value interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Group takes on exposure to the effects of fluctuations in the prevailing levels of market interest rates on both its fair value and cash flow risks. Interest margins may increase as a result of such changes but may reduce or create losses in the event that unexpected movements arise. Limits are set on the level of mismatch of interest rate repricing that may be undertaken, which is monitored regularly.

The Group does not carry interest rate positions on its trading book. Certain interest rate contracts entered into to manage the Group's own risk are classified as trading securities. Interest rate risk arises primarily from the timing differences in the re-pricing of, and the different bases of pricing interest-bearing assets, liabilities and commitments, and from positions of non-interest bearing balances. Interest rate risk is monitored by regular sensitivity analyses of the net re-pricing gap and of different scenarios of pricing bases of assets and liabilities grouped with reference to their next contractual repricing date or maturity date.

#### 13. Risk management – continued

#### (vii) Operational and legal risk

Operational risk is the risk of unexpected losses attributable to human error, systems failures, frauds, or inadequate internal controls and procedures.

Executive directors, department heads, in-house legal counsels, and internal auditors collaborate to manage operational and legal risks through proper human resources policies, delegation of authorities, segregation of duties, and timely and accurate management information. Senior management and the Audit Committee are accountable to the Board of Directors for maintaining a strong and disciplined control environment to provide reasonable assurance that the operational and legal risks are prudently managed.

A comprehensive contingency plan is available to ensure that key business functions continue and normal operations are restored effectively and efficiently in the event of business interruption.

#### (viii) Reputation risk

Reputation risk is the risk to earnings or capital arising from negative public opinion.

Reputation risk is managed by ensuring proper and adequate communications and public relation efforts to foster the reputation of the Group. A risk management mechanism guided by the senior management including executive directors and senior managers has been established to manage the media exposure, handle customers' and other relevant parties' complaints and suggestions, and to ensure that new business activities and agents acting on our behalf do not jeopardise our reputation.

## REPORT ON REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CHONG HING BANK LIMITED

#### Introduction

We have reviewed the interim financial information set out on pages 2 to 30 which comprises the condensed consolidated statement of financial position of Chong Hing Bank Limited (the "Bank") and of its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") as of 30 June 2010 and the related condensed consolidated income statement, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the six-month period then ended and certain explanatory notes. The Main Board Listing Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited require the preparation of a report on interim financial information to be in compliance with the relevant provisions thereof and Hong Kong Accounting Standard "Interim Financial Reporting" 34 ("HKAS 34") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The directors are responsible for the preparation and presentation of this interim financial information based on our review, and to report our conclusion solely to you, as a body, in accordance with our agreed terms of engagement, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

#### Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A review of interim financial information consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

#### Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with HKAS 34.

#### Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu

*Certified Public Accountants* Hong Kong

11 August 2010

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The directors have declared an interim cash dividend for 2010 of HK0.10 per share, payable on Thursday, 30 September 2010 to shareholders whose names are listed on the register of members of the Bank on Wednesday, 22 September 2010.

## CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Bank will be closed from Monday, 20 September 2010 to Wednesday, 22 September 2010 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered. In order to qualify for the 2010 interim cash dividend, all transfer documents, along with the relevant share certificates, must be lodged for registration with the Bank's share registrar and transfer office, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited of Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 pm on Friday, 17 September 2010.

## PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE BANK'S LISTED SECURITIES

Chong Hing Securities Limited ("CHS"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, sold 3,000 ordinary shares in the Bank (which were previously purchased by CHS inadvertently during its normal course of stockbroking business) on 8 March 2010 on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited for HK\$42,420. Save for the above, neither the Bank nor any of its other subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Bank's listed securities for the six months ended 30 June 2010.

# DISCLOSURE OF CHANGES IN DIRECTORS' INFORMATION

Pursuant to Rules 13.51B(1) and 13.51B(3) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "HKSE"), the changes in directors' information are set out as follows:

**Dr Robin Yau Hing CHAN** received an emolument in the form of director's fee amounting to HK\$130,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Independent Non-executive Director. Dr Chan's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed to HK\$150,000.

**Mr CHENG Yuk Wo** received an emolument in the form of director's fee amounting to HK\$130,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Independent Non-executive Director with committee responsibilities. Mr Cheng's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed to HK\$150,000. Moreover, Mr Cheng has been an independent non-executive director of 21 Holdings Limited (formerly known as GFT Holdings Limited) since 1 October 2007 before his redesignation as its executive director with effect from 1 May 2010. Mr Cheng has also been an independent non-executive director of Imagi International Holdings Limited since 1 July 2010. Both are public companies listed on the HKSE.

**Mr Wanchai CHIRANAKHORN** received an emolument in the form of director's fee amounting to HK\$130,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Independent Non-executive Director with committee responsibilities. Mr Chiranakhorn's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed to HK\$150,000.

**Mr Alfred Cheuk Yu CHOW** received an emolument in the form of director's fee amounting to HK\$130,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Non-executive Director with committee responsibilities. Mr Chow's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed to HK\$150,000.

**Mr Timothy George FRESHWATER** received an emolument package comprising director's fee and other benefits amounting to HK\$210,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Non-executive Director with committee responsibilities. Mr Freshwater's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed from HK\$130,000 to HK\$150,000.

**Mr LAU Wai Man** received an emolument package comprising director's fee, contribution to retirement benefits scheme, and salary and other benefits amounting to HK\$2,422,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive Officer in charge of its China and Overseas Banking Division. Mr Lau's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed from HK\$70,000 to HK\$100,000. Moreover, Mr Lau has been a director of Chong Hing Insurance Company Limited and Right Way Investments Limited since 17 June 2010 and 29 April 2010 respectively, both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Bank.

# DISCLOSURE OF CHANGES IN DIRECTORS' INFORMATION

**Mr Andrew LIU** received an emolument package comprising director's fee and other benefits amounting to HK\$100,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Non-executive Director. Mr Liu's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed from HK\$70,000 to HK\$100,000.

**Mr Wilfred Chun Ning LIU** received an emolument package comprising director's fee, contribution to retirement benefits scheme, and salary and other benefits amounting to HK\$2,302,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Executive Director in charge of its Securities Business Division. Mr Liu's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed from HK\$70,000 to HK\$100,000.

**Mr Christopher Kwun Shing LIU** received an emolument in the form of director's fee amounting to HK\$70,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Non-executive Director. Mr Liu's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed to HK\$100,000.

**Mr LIU Lit Chi** received an emolument package comprising director's fee, contribution to retirement benefits scheme, and salary and other benefits amounting to HK\$5,506,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Mr Liu's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed from HK\$70,000 to HK\$100,000. Moreover, Mr Liu resigned as a director of Liu Chong Hing Banking Corporation, Cayman, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, on 9 June 2010.

**Dr LIU Lit Mo** received an emolument package comprising director's fee, contribution to retirement benefits scheme, and salary and other benefits amounting to HK\$588,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Chairman and Executive Director. Dr Liu's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed from HK\$75,000 to HK\$150,000. Moreover, Dr Liu resigned as a director of Liu Chong Hing Banking Corporation, Cayman, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, on 9 June 2010.

**Mr Don Tit Shing LIU** received an emolument package comprising director's fee, contribution to retirement benefits scheme, and salary and other benefits amounting to HK\$2,940,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Executive Director and Deputy Chief Executive Officer. Mr Liu's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed from HK\$70,000 to HK\$100,000. Moreover, Mr Liu resigned as a director of Liu Chong Hing Banking Corporation, Cayman, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, on 9 June 2010.

**Mr Andrew Chiu Cheung MA** received an emolument in the form of director's fee amounting to HK\$130,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Independent Non-executive Director. Mr Ma's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed to HK\$150,000.

# DISCLOSURE OF CHANGES IN DIRECTORS' INFORMATION

**Mr MENG Qinghui** received an emolument in the form of director's fee amounting to HK\$70,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Non-executive Director. Mr Meng's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed to HK\$100,000.

**Mr TSANG Chiu Wing** received an emolument package comprising director's fee, contribution to retirement benefits scheme, and salary and other benefits amounting to HK\$2,225,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Executive Director in charge of its Information Technology Division. Mr Tsang's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed from HK\$70,000 to HK\$100,000. Moreover, Mr Tsang has been a director of Chong Hing (Management) Limited, Gallbraith Limited and Right Way Investments Limited since 29 April 2010. Mr Tsang has also been a director of Chong Hing Insurance Company Limited since 17 June 2010. All of the foregoing four companies are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Bank.

**Mr WANG Xiaoming** received an emolument in the form of director's fee amounting to HK\$70,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Non-executive Director. Mr Wang's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed to HK\$100,000.

**Mr WONG Har Kar** received an emolument package comprising director's fee, contribution to retirement benefits scheme, and salary and other benefits amounting to HK\$2,124,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's Executive Director in charge of its Credit Risk Management Division. Mr Wong's director's fee for 2010 has earlier been changed from HK\$70,000 to HK\$100,000. Moreover, Mr Wong has been a director of Chong Hing Insurance Company Limited and Right Way Investments Limited since 17 June 2010 and 29 April 2010 respectively, both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Bank.

**Mr Eiichi YOSHIKAWA** resigned as the Bank's Non-executive Director on 11 August 2010 because of the reallocation of duties within the Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ Group. He received an emolument in the form of director's fee amounting to HK\$70,000 in 2009 having reference to his position as the Bank's then Non-executive Director. Mr Yoshikawa's director's fee for 2010, fixed having reference to his then position as the Bank's Non-executive Director, has earlier been changed to HK\$100,000. Moreover, Mr Yoshikawa also resigned as a non-executive director of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited, a public company listed on the HKSE, on 2 July 2010.

Other than those disclosed above, there is no other information in respect of the above directors and any other directors of the Bank required to be disclosed pursuant to Rules 13.51B(1) and 13.51B(3) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the HKSE.

# DIRECTORS' (INCLUDING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S) INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SECURITIES

As of 30 June 2010, the interests and short positions of the directors (including the chief executive officer) in the securities and underlying securities of the Bank and its associated corporations (under Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (the "SFO")), as recorded in the register required to be kept under Section 352 of the SFO, were as follows:

#### Interests in securities

	Number of ordinary shares in the Bank				
Director's name	Personal interests	Spousal interests	Corporate interests	Total interests	Percentage of issued share capital
Liu Lit Mo	1,009,650	-	251,040,628 Note (1)	252,050,278	57.94259
Liu Lit Chi	313,248	-	253,303,839 Notes (1) & (2)	253,617,087	58.30278
Don T S Liu	15,000	-	-	15,000	0.00345
Robin Y H Chan	48,400	-	1,018,000 Note (3)	1,066,400	0.24515
Timothy G Freshwater	396	-	-	396	0.00009
Andrew Liu	177,000	-	-	177,000	0.04069

#### Notes:

(1) 251,040,628 shares in the Bank are attributed as follows:

- (i) 211,040,628 shares held by public listed Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited's wholly-owned subsidiary, Liu Chong Hing Estate Company, Limited ("Liu Chong Hing Estate"), in which each of Messrs Liu Lit Mo and Liu Lit Chi is deemed under the SFO to be interested through Liu's Holdings Limited, a private company holding approximately 45% of Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited's issued and fully-paid share capital; and
- (ii) 40,000,000 shares held by The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd ("Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ"). Pursuant to an agreement in 1994, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ has granted an option to Liu Chong Hing Estate exercisable at any time during the term of that agreement to purchase all such shares and Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ is required to offer to sell all such shares to Liu Chong Hing Estate in certain circumstances. By virtue of the interests of Messrs Liu Lit Mo and Liu Lit Chi in Liu Chong Hing Estate through Liu's Holdings Limited, each of them is deemed under the SFO to be interested in such shares.
- (2) 2,263,211 shares in the Bank are held by Alba Holdings Limited, shareholders of which include Mr Liu Lit Chi and his associates. Accordingly, Mr Liu Lit Chi is deemed under the SFO to be interested in such shares.
- (3) 1,018,000 shares in the Bank are held collectively by Asia Panich Investment Company (Hong Kong) Limited and United Asia Company Limited. These corporations or their directors are accustomed to acting in accordance with Dr Robin Y H Chan's directions or instructions.

#### Other interests and short positions in securities

Under the SFO, other than those interests disclosed above, as of 30 June 2010, none of the directors (including the chief executive officer), nor their respective associates, had any other interests (nor any short positions) in any securities (nor in any underlying securities) in the Bank and its associated corporations. Moreover, as of 30 June 2010, none of the directors (including the chief executive officer), nor their respective spouses and children under 18 years of age, had been granted any rights to subscribe for the securities in the Bank and its associated corporations, much less had any such rights exercised.

# SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS' INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SECURITIES

As of 30 June 2010, the register maintained under Section 336 of the SFO showed that, other than the interests disclosed above in respect of certain directors (including the chief executive officer), the following parties had interests and short positions in the securities and underlying securities in the Bank:

Name	Capacity	Number of ordinary shares	Percentage of issued share capital
Liu Chong Hing Estate Company, Limited	Beneficial owner	211,040,628 Notes (1) and (3)	48.52
Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited	Interest of a controlled corporation	211,040,628 Notes (1) and (3)	48.52
Liu's Holdings Limited	Interest of a controlled corporation	211,040,628 Notes (1) and (3)	48.52
Bauhinia 97 Limited	Beneficial owner	87,000,000 Note (2)	20.00
COSCO (Hong Kong) Group Limited	Interest of a controlled corporation	87,000,000 Note (2)	20.00
China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company	Interest of a controlled corporation	87,000,000 Note (2)	20.00
The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd	Beneficial owner	42,000,000 Note (3)	9.66
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc	Interest of a controlled corporation	42,000,000 Note (3)	9.66

#### Notes:

- (1) These interests are the same as those of certain directors (including the chief executive officer) disclosed above under the heading "DIRECTORS' (INCLUDING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S) INTERESTS AND SHORT POSITIONS IN SECURITIES" Note (1)(i). Liu Chong Hing Estate Company, Limited ("Liu Chong Hing Estate") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited, a public company listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Liu's Holdings Limited, a private company, had interest in about 45% of Liu Chong Hing Investment Limited's issued and fully-paid share capital. The references to the 211,040,628 shares in question all relate to the same block of 211,040,628 shares held by Liu Chong Hing Estate.
- (2) Bauhinia 97 Limited is a wholly-owned subsidiary of COSCO (Hong Kong) Group Limited, which in turn is a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Ocean Shipping (Group) Company. The references to the 87,000,000 shares in question all relate to the same block of 87,000,000 shares registered in the name of Bauhinia 97 Limited.
- (3) The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc. The references to the 42,000,000 shares in question both relate to the same block of 42,000,000 shares registered in the name of The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.

Pursuant to an agreement in 1994, The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd has granted an option to Liu Chong Hing Estate exercisable at any time during the term of that agreement to purchase 40,000,000 of the 42,000,000 shares in question and The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd is required to offer to sell all such 40,000,000 shares to Liu Chong Hing Estate in certain circumstances.

Other than those interests and short positions in the securities and underlying securities in the Bank as disclosed above under Section 336 of the SFO, the Bank had not been notified of any other interests and short positions in its securities and underlying securities as of 30 June 2010.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The directors confirm that, for the accounting period for the six months ended 30 June 2010, the Bank has complied with the Supervisory Policy Manual "Corporate Governance of Locally Incorporated Authorized Institutions" issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Code on Corporate Governance Practices as set out in Appendix 14 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Corporate Governance Code") except, under the Bank's Articles of Association, one-third (or, if the quotient resulting from the division of the number of directors by three is not a whole number, the number nearest one-third) of the directors for the time being, who have been longest in office since their last election, shall be subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at each annual general meeting. As between persons who became directors on the same day, those to retire shall (unless they otherwise agree between themselves) be determined by drawing lots. And as to those persons additionally appointed as directors or appointed as directors to fill casual vacancies by the board of directors. they shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election (but not to be taken into account in determining the directors or the number of directors who are to retire by rotation) at that annual general meeting. The directors consider the Bank's practice to be an appropriate alternative to that recommended under A.4.1 and A.4.2 of the Corporate Governance Code in respect of the appointment of non-executive directors for a specific term and the retirement by rotation of directors.

Furthermore, the Bank has adopted a code for securities transactions by directors with terms no less exacting than those set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers under Appendix 10 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Model Securities Transactions Code"). After specific enquiry by the Bank, all of the directors confirmed that, for the accounting period for the six months ended 30 June 2010, they had complied with the required standards as set out in both the Model Securities Transactions Code and the Bank's own code in question.

# PUBLICATION OF RESULTS ON THE WEBSITES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG LIMITED AND THE BANK

The Bank's Interim Report 2010, containing the relevant information required by the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, has been published on the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the Bank.

## **Economic Review**

The year of 2010 started off with Hong Kong economy showing substantial recovery. Compared with that of the same period last year, gross domestic product for the first quarter increased by 8.2% in real terms. Unemployment rate gradually came down to 4.6% since the third quarter last year. Although market sentiment was subdued because of the introduction by the Hong Kong Government in May of certain measures to tighten real estate marketing practices, second-hand sales remained active. In the first half of 2010, total value of registered sale and purchase agreements for second-hand private residential properties exceeded that of the second half of the previous year. As for the stock market, Hang Seng Index zigzagged downwards due to external factors including the European debt crisis and mainland China's tightening of policies. As of the last trading day of the first half year, Hang Seng Index barely stood above 20,000 points, recording a decline for the second quarter in a row.

After its rate-fixing meeting in June, the US Federal Reserve Board ("FRB") announced that it would keep the target range for the federal funds rate at 0% to 0.25%, and restated that it would maintain a low rate for a relatively extended period. In spite of external instability arising from deficit-cutting measures introduced feverishly by various countries in Europe, the FRB stated that the US economy was recovering with an improving labour market. However, in light of factors such as high unemployment rate and credit crunch concerns, the FRB expected the pace of recovery to remain moderate for a considerable period.

## **Results Announcement**

For the first half of 2010, on an unaudited, consolidated basis, profit attributable to shareholders amounted to HK\$193 million, an improvement of 20.4% over that for the corresponding period in previous year, translating into earnings of HK\$0.44 per share. Net asset value per share (before interim dividend), compared with that of the corresponding period in previous year, edged up 2.8% to HK\$14.45. An increase in net interest income, lower impairment allowances required on loans and advances, and a reduction in impairment loss on available-for-sale securities had contributed to the improvement in profit attributable to shareholders.

As of 30 June 2010, compared with the figures as of 31 December 2009, total customers' deposits ebbed 0.5% to HK\$60,515 million and total loans to customers (after accounting for impairment allowances) rose 8.4% to HK\$35,506 million. The loan increases were attributable mainly to those loans made to corporate customers for use in Hong Kong and mainland China. Capital adequacy ratio eased 4.5% to 15.24%, while average liquidity ratio for the six months ended 30 June 2010 lessened 6.2% to 45.01%. Loan-to-deposit ratio grew 8.6% to 53.81%. Gross impaired loans as a percentage of gross advances to customers fell 25% to 0.12%. Total assets gained 1% to HK\$70,728 million. Shareholders' funds (before interim dividend) ascended 1.8% to HK\$6,287 million. Your board has recommended paying the interim cash dividend of HK\$0.10 per share for the six months ended 30 June 2010 to shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members at the close of business on Wednesday, 22 September 2010.

## **Profit Analysis**

For the first half of 2010, on an unaudited, consolidated basis, net interest income moved up 3.8% from that of the corresponding period in 2009 to HK\$411 million. Increase in loans and advances to customers together with interest rate and liquidity management in treasury activities had helped to boost net interest income. Net interest margin widened 4.2% from 1.2% to 1.25%. After accounting for the net fee and commission income, which amounted to HK\$110 million, net losses on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss, which amounted to HK\$5 million and other operating income, which amounted to HK\$73 million, total operating income was HK\$589 million and total operating expense was HK\$349 million. Even though the number of customers for the securities dealings services continued to grow, fee and commission income from the services moved down by 10% because investors' sentiments were affected by the volatility in the Hong Kong stock market in the first half of 2010. Cost-to-income ratio increased 3.3% to 59.22%. Operating profit before impairment allowances and net gain on disposal dropped 10.5% to HK\$240 million. The Bank made impairment allowances on loans and advances in the amount of HK\$20 million. a shrinkage of 63.5% against those made for the corresponding period in 2009. Asset quality of loans and advances continued to improve with gross impaired loans as a percentage of gross advances to customers descended by 25% from 0.16% in December 2009 to 0.12% in June 2010 and gross rescheduled loans as a percentage of gross advances to customers diminished by 10% from 1% in December 2009 to 0.9% in June 2010. As of 30 June 2010, the Bank recorded a comfortable 346% provision coverage of impaired loans and advances (compared with that of 204% as of 30 June 2009). The Bank's exposures to financial institutions are confined to those with high credit ratings and its exposures to countries are likewise limited to those with strong financial positions. The Bank's core business lines and overall financial health are sound, and its capital adequacy and liquidity ratios are well above the relevant statutory requirements. Moreover, the Bank's non-performing loan ratio is low and its asset guality good.

## **Business Review**

#### **Corporate and Retail Banking**

#### Loan and Deposit Business

In the first half of 2010, the number of mortgage loan applications received through branches was on the rise. Compared with the same period last year, residential mortgage loans more than doubled in both the number of cases and the size of loan amounts. Besides, the Bank, dedicated to expanding its customer base for deposit and personal loans, launched a variety of preferential offers and marketing campaigns to actively attract a broader spectrum of customers.

In respect of corporate loans, the Bank highly supported the Hong Kong Government's Loan Guarantee Scheme and Special Loan Guarantee Scheme for the small and medium-sized enterprises ("SMEs" collectively and "SME" singly) to foster the Bank's business growth. In March 2010, the Bank participated in the "Intellectual Capital Management Consultancy Programme" organised by the Intellectual Property Department. By becoming one of the five "Partnering Lending Institutions" under the Programme, the Bank assists participating SMEs to maximise their business potential and attain mutual growth. The Bank also strove to enlarge its corporate clientele and adopted a proactive strategy, resulting in a steady growth in the relevant business for the first half of 2010 compared with that of the corresponding period last year.

In addition, the Bank has continued striving to provide the most cordial, flexible and tailor-made banking services to SMEs. Such efforts were highly recognised by the industry, as the Bank was again granted the "Best SME's Partner Award" by the Hong Kong Chamber of Small and Medium Business.

#### **Card Business**

Compared with the same period last year, the Bank recorded growth in both the number of credit cards issued and the amount of credit card spending for the first quarter of 2010. Merchant-billed turnover recorded a double-digit growth, in which the amount from China Unionpay merchants was admirable with a substantial rise of over 50%. In March 2010, the Bank received the "Largest International Incoming Volume Growth" award from VISA. Looking ahead, the Bank will continue to maintain healthy business growth by expanding its card business.

In light of the robust economic development of mainland China, the number of tourists from there is expected to increase considerably. The Bank will further expand its China Unionpay merchant acquiring services. Besides, the Bank will offer customers with more diversified services. Concerted efforts will be devoted to developing new credit card products to cater for customer needs at different levels.

#### **Treasury Activities**

Treasury activities mainly comprise money market operations and foreign exchange services. Money market operations include centralised cash management for deposit taking, interbank funding and investments in the capital markets. All these activities are carried out under prudent risk management. Income from foreign exchange activities is generated from services provided to customers in the form of foreign exchange trading and forward contracts.

It was noticeable that, since the first half of 2010, financial stability has returned to Asia. In Hong Kong, the competition among banks for customer deposits became fierce in the second quarter. The Bank has striven to continually maintain both its market share in customer deposits and the spread of net interest margin. The Bank managed to maintain a positive growth in net interest income and margin compared with that of the same period last year through interest rate and liquidity management in the money market operations and increases in advances to customers and investments in the capital markets.

## **Securities Dealing**

Affected by the gradually tightening measures introduced by the Central Government to finetune the economy as well as the European debt crisis, the Hong Kong stock market experienced a prolonged decline in the number of transactions and total funds raised through initial public offerings in early 2010. However, Chong Hing Securities Limited ("Chong Hing Securities"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, managed to achieve satisfactory results against such a lackluster market. In January this year, Chong Hing Securities launched "Chong Hing Mobile Securities Services", a mobile securities trading platform compatible with all mobile networks and various smartphone systems in Hong Kong. The platform enables customers to deal with their securities investments anytime, anywhere. With the launch of a well-executed marketing campaign, the service was positively received by the customers. Compared with that of the same period last year, the number of users of electronic securities trading services rose by more than 20% for the first half of the year. For the rest of the year, provided the China, US and European stock markets restabilise, Chong Hing Securities can look forward to continually growing its business by benefiting from the securities turnover in the Hong Kong market, which is expected to pick up gradually as capital flows back.

## Others

#### Insurance Business

Chong Hing Insurance Company Limited ("Chong Hing Insurance"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank, further expanded its commercial and individual insurance businesses, offering comprehensive coverage to customers. The insurance business grew steadily for the first half of the year, with satisfactory increase in premium income. Chong Hing Insurance will continue to adopt a more proactive marketing strategy in a bid to achieve even better results.

# **Corporate Responsibility**

In order to practise the preaching of serving as a "community bank" and providing a comprehensive range of high quality banking services to the local community, the Bank continued to optimise its service network. In June 2010, the branch at Tin Tsz Estate in Tin Shui Wai was relocated to Kingswood Ginza in the same district so as to provide a better service environment and a more convenient outlet for a larger population in that district. Apart from the headquarters in Central, the number of local branches stands at 51.

In recognition of the Bank's commitment to community services, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service awarded the Bank with the "Caring Company" logo for the third year in a row.

# **Corporate Governance**

We are aware of the importance that complying with the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements and maintaining good corporate governance standards are imperative to the effective and efficient operation of the Bank. We have, therefore, deployed considerable resources, as well as adopted and implemented relevant measures, to ensure that the relevant statutory and regulatory requirements with regard to such matters as anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing controls, not to mention the enhanced complaint handling procedures concerning investment products, are complied with and that a high standard of corporate governance practices is maintained.

# Economic Outlook

In early 2009, the National Development and Reform Commission published the "Outline of the Plan for the Reform and Development of the Pearl River Delta" ("Outline"), which for the first time elevated Guangdong-Hong Kong cooperation to the level of national development. In April this year, the Hong Kong Government and the Guangdong Provincial Government entered into a "Framework Agreement on Hong Kong / Guangdong Cooperation" ("Framework Agreement"), which embodies the policy guidelines in the Outline. The Framework Agreement aims to create a new world-class economic zone, with Hong Kong taking the lead with its financial systems to be supported by financial resources and services in the Pearl River Delta cities. Specific financial initiatives include increasing the participants of pilot scheme for cross-border trade settlement in renminbi to include more regions, banks and industries and supporting the establishment of cross-boundary subsidiaries for financial institutions from Hong Kong and Guangdong. Major tasks in the coming years include exploring specific arrangements for the issuance of renminbi bonds in Hong Kong by Guangdong enterprises, advancing the pilot scheme for cross-border trade settlement in renminbi, and encouraging more Guangdong enterprises to list in Hong Kong.

In May this year, Supplement VII to the "Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement" was signed. The two governments entered into agreement regarding 35 market liberalisation as well as trade and investment facilitation measures in 19 sectors. The banking sector of Hong Kong is again at the receiving end of benefits. A Hong Kong bank's operating institution in mainland China can apply to conduct renminbi business if it has been operating for more than two years and profitable for one year before the application. Moreover, a Hong Kong bank that has maintained a representative office in mainland China for more than one year can apply to set up a wholly foreign-funded bank or a foreign bank branch. As such, we at the Bank are well-positioned to have our representative offices there upgraded at the opportune time to further harness our share of cross-border business.

In July this year, the People's Bank of China ("PBoC") and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority ("HKMA") signed a supplementary memorandum of cooperation on the expansion of the renminbi trade settlement scheme. The PBoC and Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, the renminbi clearing bank, also signed a revised "Settlement Agreement on the Clearing of Renminbi Businesses". Under the new arrangements, individuals and corporations can conduct renminbi transfers through the banks; HKMA allows the banks to open renminbi deposit accounts for all corporate clients while lifting the restriction on the maximum amount of exchange from Hong Kong dollar to renminbi by corporations; and the banks can also conduct interbank lending and exchange of renminbi. Apart from facilitating the development of more renminbi financial products, the new arrangements also encourage the growth of renminbi deposits in Hong Kong, thereby promoting the territory's development as renminbi businesses' offshore centre.

Recently, the economy of Hong Kong has shown marked improvement. Financial measures of the Central and the Hong Kong Governments are also conducive to the sustained development of the banking sector. The Bank will seize the moment to maximise return for its shareholders, while at the same time fulfilling its calling as a community bank by providing the public with enhanced services.

# Sincere Acknowledgements

I, on behalf of your board, would like to express my heartfelt thanks to our many customers and shareholders for their trust and support, to all my fellow directors for their wise stewardship, and to the management and the staff for their commitment and dedication. We will continue to leverage on these much-cherished strengths to keep honing our reputation as a caring financial institution serving our community, while taking advantage of opportunities, both local and overseas, that crop up from time to time to sustain our long-term growth in the interest of our stakeholders.

# **REVIEW OF INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

This interim financial information is unaudited, but has been reviewed by Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagements 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the Bank's Audit Committee.

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

As of the date of this interim report (namely, 11 August 2010), the seven executive directors of the Bank are Dr Liu Lit Mo (Chairman), Mr Liu Lit Chi (Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer), Mr Don Tit Shing Liu (Executive Director & Deputy Chief Executive Officer), Mr Lau Wai Man (Executive Director & Deputy Chief Executive Officer), Mr Vilfred Chun Ning Liu, Mr Tsang Chiu Wing and Mr Wong Har Kar; the seven non-executive directors are Mr Timothy George Freshwater, Mr Wang Xiaoming, Mr Andrew Liu, Mr Hidemitsu Otsuka, Mr Christopher Kwun Shing Liu, Mr Alfred Cheuk Yu Chow and Mr Meng Qinghui; and the four independent non-executive directors are Dr Robin Yau Hing Chan, Mr Wanchai Chiranakhorn, Mr Cheng Yuk Wo and Mr Andrew Chiu Cheung Ma.

By Order of the Board Liu Lit Mo Chairman

11 August 2010