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**中銀香港(控股)有限公司**

**BOC HONG KONG (HOLDINGS) LIMITED**

*(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*

**(the “Company”, Stock Code: 2388)**

### **CLARIFICATION ANNOUNCEMENT**

This announcement is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (“**Listing Rules**”) and the Inside Information Provisions under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (“**SFO**”).

The board of directors of the Company (the “**Board**”) notes there are recent press articles regarding potential acquisitions of certain banking businesses by the Company in various countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (“**ASEAN**”), namely, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. The Board wishes to announce that the Company is reviewing the business strategies for the banking operations of the Company in such ASEAN countries and evaluating the strategic value and viability of participating in the restructuring of the banking operations of Bank of China Limited (“**Bank of China**”) in such ASEAN countries which may be restructured and transferred to the Company (the “**Potential Restructuring**”), and has commenced discussion with Bank of China in respect of the Potential Restructuring.

The Board wishes to emphasize that, save as disclosed above and in the joint announcement dated 21 May 2015 issued by Bank of China and the Company, no binding agreement with respect to any acquisition or corporate restructuring transaction has been entered into as at the date of this announcement. The Potential Restructuring will also be subject to approvals from relevant regulatory authorities. The Company will make further announcement(s) in compliance with the Listing Rules and/or the SFO as and when appropriate or required.

Save as disclosed above, the Board is not aware of any information which must be announced to avoid a false market in the securities of the Company or of any inside information that is required to be disclosed or is not exempted from disclosure under Part XIVA of the SFO.

**As the Company may or may not undertake any such acquisition or corporate restructuring transaction and even if it decides to do so, such acquisition or corporate**

**restructuring transaction may or may not proceed to completion for various reasons. Accordingly, shareholders and potential investors of the Company are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company.**

By order of the Board of  
BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited  
CHAN Chun Ying  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 6 June 2016

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. TIAN Guoli\* (Chairman), Mr. CHEN Siqing\* (Vice Chairman), Mr. YUE Yi (Vice Chairman and Chief Executive), Mr. REN Deqi\*, Mr. GAO Yingxin\*, Mr. XU Luode\*, Mr. LI Jiuzhong, Madam CHENG Eva\*\*, Dr. CHOI Koon Shum\*\*, Mr. KOH Beng Seng\*\* and Mr. TUNG Savio Wai-Hok\*\*.*

\* *Non-executive Directors*

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