ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Ping Yue has resigned as a Non-executive Director of the Company and the Bank.

The Directors of the Company hereby announce that due to his retirement, Mr. Ping Yue has resigned as a Non-executive Director of the Company and Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Bank"), the principal operating subsidiary of the Company. The Directors are grateful to Mr. Ping for his contribution to the Group during his tenure of office and wish him a happy retirement.

By Order of the Board

Jason C. W. Yeung

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 3 February 2004