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## ANNOUNCEMENT

## **Resignation of Chairman and Non-executive Director**

The Board hereby announces the resignation of Mr. Xiao Gang(肖鋼先生) as Chairman and Non-executive Director of the Company and the Bank with effect from 17 March 2013.

Due to the need of the state financial work, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "**Board**") hereby announces the resignation of Mr. Xiao Gang (肖鋼先生) as Chairman and Non-executive Director of the Company and its principal operating subsidiary, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited (the "**Bank**"), with effect from 17 March 2013.

Mr. Xiao has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and there are no matters with respect to his resignation that need to be brought to the attention of the Company's shareholders.

The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude and the highest respect to Mr. Xiao for his excellent contributions to the Company and the Bank in all aspects and wish him every success in his new endeavour.

By Order of the Board CHAN Chun Ying Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 17 March 2013

As at the date of this announcement and following the above-mentioned resignation of Chairman, the Board comprises Mr. LI Lihui\* (Vice Chairman), Mr. HE Guangbei (Vice Chairman and Chief Executive), Mr. LI Zaohang\*, Mr. ZHOU Zaiqun\*, Mr. CHEN Siqing\*, Mr. GAO Yingxin, Dr. FUNG Victor Kwok King\*\*, Mr. KOH Beng Seng\*\*, Mr. NING Gaoning\*\*, Mr. SHAN Weijian\*\*, Mr. TUNG Chee Chen\*\* and Mr. TUNG Savio Wai-Hok\*\*.

- \* Non-executive Directors
- \*\* Independent Non-executive Directors