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Growing with Stronger Foundations

Highlights of 2003 Annual Results

- Profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$7,963 million, up 17.33%
- Earnings per share of HK\$0.7532, up 17.34%
- Final dividend of HK\$0.32 per share subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting on May 21, 2004 (Friday), to be payable on May 25, 2004 (Tuesday)
- Total dividend of HK\$0.515 per share for the year, up 29.40%
- Total assets of HK\$762,587 million, up 3.68%

"In 2003, we continued to grow with stronger foundations, demonstrating our commitment to maximise shareholder value and enhance corporate governance. We also made much progress in becoming our customers' premier bank wherever we are. The Group's financial results attest to our growing diversified business and strengthened capabilities in all areas. We believe 2004 will be full of new business opportunities as the market environment in Hong Kong improves and the economy of the Mainland remains vibrant. We are well positioned to take advantage of these opportunities."

— Xiao Gang, Chairman

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