



中銀香港(控股)有限公司

BOC HONG KONG (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

(Stock Code: 2388)

GROWTH OF CORE BUSINESSES BRINGS ABOUT SATISFACTORY HALF-YEAR RESULTS

Highlights of 2004 Interim Results

- **Profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$5,581 million, up 85.29%**
- **Earnings per share of HK\$0.5279, up 85.29%**
- **Return on average shareholders' funds was 18.19%, up 7.63 percentage points**
- **Interim dividend of HK\$0.32 per share, up 64.10%, payable on September 23, 2004 (Thursday)**

"During the first half of 2004, most of the Group's core businesses performed well on the back of economic recovery in Hong Kong. As a result, the Group achieved strong growth in attributable profit. We believe Hong Kong will witness further recovery in the second half of 2004 which favours the growth of our local business while our presence and capabilities in the Mainland will give us a leading edge in advancing the Group's China-related business. Notwithstanding the recent internal challenge we face, the Group remains a solid institution and committed to serving the best interests of shareholders, customers and staff. We embrace the principles of good corporate governance and will continue to be highly transparent regarding corporate matters."

Xiao Gang, Chairman

BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited is a leading commercial banking group in Hong Kong offering a comprehensive range of financial products and services to retail and corporate customers. Our extensive branch network in Hong Kong and the Mainland of China allows us to meet the cross-border financial service needs of Hong Kong and Mainland customers.

For detailed information of the interim results, please visit www.bochkholdings.com