A NEW CHAPTER, OUR SHARED FUTURE 2016 INTERIM RESULTS REACH A NEW HIGH

In the first half of 2016, the Group continued to implement its strategic goal of Serving Society, Delivering Excellence and development strategy. We saw steady growth in operational performance, as we continued to drive innovation to capture business opportunities. Profit attributable to the equity holders increased by 219.2% year-on-year to HK\$42,731 million, a record high since our listing. Customer advances and deposits maintained relatively fast growth. Key financial ratios stayed at healthy levels with robust increase in total capital ratio. The Board has declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.545 per share¹ and a special dividend of HK\$0.710 per share¹ out of the gain on the disposal of all the issued shares of Nanyang Commercial Bank ("NCB").

The Group made breakthrough in its business development. Through our branch network transformation, we proactively expanded our wealth management business targeting mid-to-high end personal customers while developing the SME business. We also expedited the development of Internet finance, technological innovation and diversified business platforms. We advanced the transformation of BOCHK from a local bank into a regional bank. We enlarged our corporate customer base and extended the reach of our products and services, through collaboration with the Southeast Asian institutions of our parent bank, Bank of China, as well as mergers and integration. The Group consistently and strictly adheres to prudent and comprehensive risk management to support its solid and sustainable business development.

Looking ahead, the Group will continue to ride on its competitive edge to expand local business and promote regional expansion. We will also enhance our business capabilities for sustainable development. We will firmly grasp the opportunities arising from the accelerated reform and opening up of the Mainland. These opportunities include the demand for infrastructure-related investment and financing driven by the national Belt and Road Initiative, cross-country investment and M&A projects brought by Mainland enterprises going global, RMB's inclusion in the SDR, the introduction of Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect, and the removal of quota limits on Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect. 2017 will mark the centenary of the Group's presence in Hong Kong. As a bank deeply rooted in Hong Kong, we will continue to provide high quality financial services to customers and society, create sustainable value for stakeholders, and make a greater contribution to the development of Hong Kong as an international financial centre as well as its long-term prosperity and stability.

Highlights of 2016 Interim Results			
	30 June 2016	(Restated²) 30 June 2015	Change
For the period	HK\$'m	HK\$'m	+/(-)%
Net operating income before impairment allowances (continuing operations) Operating profit before impairment allowances (continuing operations) Profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company Earnings per share (HK\$) Return on average total assets (%)	20,745 14,925 42,731 4.0416 2.30	20,730 15,227 13,387 1.2662 1.22	0.1 (2.0) 219.2 219.2
Return on average shareholders' equity (%)	25.90 30 June 2016	14.78 31 December 2015	Change
At period/year end	HK\$'m	HK\$'m	+/(-)%
Total assets Deposits from customers Advances to customers Classified or impaired loan ratio (%)	2,364,232 1,474,329 989,208 0.25	2,367,864 1,407,560 890,243 0.24	(0.2) 4.7 11.1

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

Notes:

- The interim dividend and special dividend will be payable on Monday, 3 October 2016 to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Members of the Company on Monday, 26 September 2016.
- As a result of the Group's disposal of NCB, operating results of NCB are reported as "Discontinued Operations".
 The information for the first half of 2015 has been restated for comparison.

BOC Hong Kong (Holdings) Limited ("The Company") is a leading listed commercial banking group in Hong Kong, holding the entire equity interest of Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited ("BOCHK"), its principal operating subsidiary. We offer a comprehensive range of financial products and services to personal, corporate and institutional customers through our most extensive local branch network and diverse service platforms. BOCHK is one of the three note-issuing banks and the Clearing Bank for Renminbi business in Hong Kong. The Company is a subsidiary of Bank of China Limited (HK Stock Code: "3988") which holds an approximately 66.06% equity interest in the Company.

