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Fraudulent Website Notification

New York, 15th December, 2011 – The Bank of East Asia (“BEA”) would like to alert all customers and the general public that the BEA Group has no affiliation whatsoever with the internet website operating under the URL www.hkbeany.com.

All BEA internet-based services may be accessed safely and securely through the Bank’s homepage at www.hkbea.com (for customers in Hong Kong), www.hkbea-beany.com (for customers of BEA’s New York Branch), or www.hkbea-beausa.com (for customers of The Bank of East Asia (U.S.A.) N.A., a subsidiary of BEA).

Customers and members of the general public are strongly advised never to click on any URL or hyperlink embedded in an email to access BEA’s services or information. Customers should always ensure that they are accessing the proper BEA website before entering login information. BEA never asks customers to provide login information and passwords by email, phone, or any other means.

BEA has reported the existence of the fraudulent website to the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency and the federal Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), and will take further action deemed necessary and appropriate to protect the reputation of the Bank and the interests of its customers and the general public.

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