

25<sup>th</sup> March, 2003

By Fax (25090775)

Mrs. Justina Lam  
Clerk to the House Committee,  
Legislative Council Building,  
8 Jackson Road,  
Central,  
Hong Kong.

Dear Mrs. Lam

**Re: The Bank of East Asia, Limited (Merger of Subsidiaries) Bill**

I write to seek your assistance for the above Bill to be included in the upcoming House Committee meeting which is to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2003.

In accordance with Rule 54(5) of the Rules of Procedure of the Legislative Council, notice to resume the Second Reading debate on the above bill at the Legislative Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2003 should be given 12 clear days' notice. Due to limited time constraint, may I seek Members' support for the 12 clear days notice to be waived by the President. The proposed effective merger date of the subsidiaries, i.e. East Asia Finance Company Limited and East Asia Credit Company Limited into The Bank of East Asia, Limited is 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2003. Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

Ng Leung Sing  
Member