

30 April 2012

HANG SENG BANK FIRST INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR 2012

The Board of Hang Seng Bank Limited has declared a first interim dividend in respect of the year ending 31 December 2012 of HK\$1.10 per share.

The Board of Directors of Hang Seng Bank Limited (the 'Bank') today declared a first interim dividend in respect of the year ending 31 December 2012 of HK\$1.10 per share, which will be payable on Thursday, 31 May 2012, to shareholders whose names appear on the Register of Shareholders of the Bank on Thursday, 17 May 2012.

The dividend as declared should not be taken as an indication of the level of profit or dividend for the full year of the Bank.

Register of Shareholders

The Register of Shareholders of the Bank will be closed for one day on Thursday, 17 May 2012, during which no transfer of shares can be registered. To qualify for the first interim dividend for 2012, all transfers, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Bank's registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30pm on Wednesday, 16 May 2012. Shares of the Bank will be traded ex-dividend as from Tuesday, 15 May 2012.

Results for First Half of 2012

The results of the Bank for the first half of 2012 will be announced on Monday, 30 July 2012.

Proposed Timetables for the Second, Third and Fourth Interim Dividends for 2012

The proposed timetables for the second, third and fourth interim dividends in respect of the year ending 31 December 2012 are:

Second Interim Dividend for 2012

Announcement date	30 July 2012
Book close and record date	15 August 2012
Payment date	30 August 2012

Third Interim Dividend for 2012

Announcement date	9 October 2012
Book close and record date	26 October 2012
Payment date	13 November 2012

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Fourth Interim Dividend for 2012

Announcement date	4 March 2013
Book close and record date	20 March 2013
Payment date	3 April 2013

Directors

As at the date hereof, the Board of Directors of the Bank comprises Dr Raymond K F Ch'ien* (Chairman), Mrs Margaret Leung (Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive), Ms Rose W M Lee# (Chief Executive Designate), Dr John C C Chan*, Dr Marvin K T Cheung*, Ms L Y Chiang*, Mr Andrew H C Fung, Ms Anita Y M Fung#, Dr Fred Zulu Hu*, Mr Jenkin Hui*, Ms Sarah C Legg#, Dr Eric K C Li*, Dr Vincent H S Lo#, Mrs Dorothy K Y P Sit#, Mr Richard Y S Tang*, Mr Peter T S Wong# and Mr Michael W K Wu*.

* Independent Non-executive Directors

Non-executive Directors

By Order of the Board
C C Li
Secretary

Hong Kong, 30 April 2012

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Note to editors:

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