

## RECORD HIGH INTERIM PROFIT AND DIVIDEND

### *Highlights of 2007 Interim Results*

- Profit attributable to shareholders of HK\$7,466 million, up 5.3%
- Operating profit before loan impairment allowances of HK\$8,642 million, up 14.5%
- Earnings per share of HK\$0.7062, up 5.3%
- Return on average shareholders' funds at 17.32%, and return on average total assets at 1.57%
- Interim dividend of HK\$0.428 per share, up 6.7%
- Classified and impaired loan ratio at historic low of 0.41%, down 0.16 percentage point from end-2006
- Total advances to customers and deposits from customers grew 13.2% and 15.9%, respectively, compared to end 2006
- Total assets of HK\$1,047,095 million, up 12.7% from end-2006

"The Group achieved record highs in its half-yearly financial performance with good progress on all major businesses. Our strategic focus is to drive higher growth with an emphasis on high-margin businesses, to maintain the Group's lead in core areas, and to better equip ourselves for new business opportunities and longer-term growth. During the period, we have established a strong momentum for loan growth, and maintained our market leadership in syndication loan, retail banking, mortgage lending and RMB banking business in Hong Kong. We have also been actively growing our business and building a stronger presence in the Mainland.

In the remainder of the year and years ahead, we believe that business opportunities should continue to abound in both the Hong Kong and Mainland markets. We will continue to expand our product platform to provide our customers with quality services and products. We are also moving ahead at full speed for the incorporation work of Nanyang Commercial Bank (China) Limited to ensure that our Mainland operation will be adequately prepared for new business opportunities. We remain in a good position to deliver higher value to our shareholders and customers."

Xiao Gang, *Chairman*

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