



ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2015 INTERIM RESULTS

The Directors of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited (the “Company”) are pleased to present the interim results and condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively the “Group”) for the six months ended 30 June 2015. The unaudited profit attributable to shareholders after non-controlling interests for the six months ended 30 June 2015 was HK\$1,073.9 million.

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The unaudited 2015 interim condensed consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard No. 34 “Interim Financial Reporting” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (“HKICPA”).

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$'000	Note	2015	2014	Variance %
Interest income		2,658,943	2,556,068	
Interest expense		(916,166)	(938,708)	
Net interest income	3	1,742,777	1,617,360	7.8
Fee and commission income		592,302	485,144	
Fee and commission expense		(110,035)	(116,963)	
Net fee and commission income	4	482,267	368,181	31.0
Net trading income	5	111,740	457,942	
Net insurance premium and other income		900,194	1,212,069	
Other operating income	6	35,877	36,565	
Operating income		3,272,855	3,692,117	(11.4)
Net insurance claims and expenses		(664,910)	(1,323,534)	
Total operating income net of insurance claims		2,607,945	2,368,583	10.1
Operating expenses	7	(1,226,906)	(1,124,092)	9.1
Operating profit before impairment losses		1,381,039	1,244,491	11.0
Loan impairment losses	8	(193,164)	(224,567)	(14.0)
Operating profit after impairment losses		1,187,875	1,019,924	16.5
Net loss on disposal of other fixed assets		(342)	(478)	
Net gain on disposal of investments in securities	9	15,375	16,055	
Provision for loss on dilution of interest in an associate	10	(32,000)	-	
Share of results of an associate		388,861	356,361	
Share of results of jointly controlled entities		10,117	8,356	
Profit before taxation		1,569,886	1,400,218	12.1
Taxation	11	(179,013)	(120,149)	
Profit for the period		1,390,873	1,280,069	8.7
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests		(316,989)	(267,238)	
Profit attributable to Shareholders of the Company		1,073,884	1,012,831	6.0
Interim dividend		107,224	100,523	
Earnings per share				
Basic	12	HK\$3.20	HK\$3.18	
Diluted	12	HK\$3.20	HK\$3.18	

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$'000	2015	2014
Profit for the period	1,390,873	1,280,069
Other comprehensive income		
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to the consolidated income statement:		
Investments in securities		
Fair value gains on available-for-sale securities recognised in equity	155,521	277,903
Fair value (gain)/ loss realised and transferred to income statement upon:		
- Disposal of available-for-sale securities	(15,375)	(20,711)
- Disposal of held-to-maturity securities and investments in securities included in the loans and receivables category which were previously reclassified from the available-for-sale category	-	3,756
Deferred income tax on movements in investment revaluation reserve	(17,964)	(13,665)
	<u>122,182</u>	<u>247,283</u>
Exchange differences arising on translation of the financial statements of foreign entities	4,577	(30,170)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	<u>126,759</u>	<u>217,113</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	1,517,632	1,497,182
Attributable to:		
Non-controlling interests	346,394	316,872
Shareholders of the Company	<u>1,171,238</u>	<u>1,180,310</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	1,517,632	1,497,182

UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

HK\$'000	Note	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
ASSETS			
Cash and balances with banks		11,455,620	15,063,006
Placements with banks maturing between one and twelve months		9,583,472	5,626,019
Trading securities	13	6,857,374	7,082,517
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	13	10,466,483	9,627,563
Derivative financial instruments		692,952	831,566
Advances and other accounts	14	120,656,188	118,593,929
Available-for-sale securities	15	24,779,051	23,724,503
Held-to-maturity securities	16	10,748,999	11,047,201
Investment in an associate		4,104,523	3,746,918
Investments in jointly controlled entities		75,811	65,694
Goodwill		950,992	950,992
Intangible assets		83,500	84,519
Premises and other fixed assets		2,040,330	2,074,058
Investment properties		786,703	786,703
Current income tax assets		3,821	3,995
Deferred income tax assets		84,156	80,591
Value of in-force long-term life assurance business		1,990,974	2,018,068
Total assets		205,360,949	201,407,842
LIABILITIES			
Deposits from banks		3,135,332	1,572,467
Derivative financial instruments		1,035,577	1,217,118
Trading liabilities		5,758,820	5,597,614
Deposits from customers		140,381,414	140,916,635
Certificates of deposit issued		7,458,739	6,109,777
Subordinated notes		5,363,615	5,391,357
Other accounts and accruals		6,135,939	5,971,301
Current income tax liabilities		344,005	213,984
Deferred income tax liabilities		112,580	94,398
Liabilities to policyholders under long-term insurance contracts		10,407,526	10,205,811
Total liabilities		180,133,547	177,290,462
EQUITY			
Non-controlling interests		5,329,524	5,071,933
Equity attributable to the Company's shareholders			
Share capital		4,248,559	4,248,559
Other reserves (including retained earnings)		15,542,095	14,478,567
Proposed dividend		107,224	318,321
Shareholders' funds	18	19,897,878	19,045,447
Total equity		25,227,402	24,117,380
Total equity and liabilities		205,360,949	201,407,842

Note:

1. General information

Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (together the “Group”) provide banking, insurance, financial and other related services in Hong Kong, Macau, and the People’s Republic of China.

2. Unaudited financial statements and accounting policies

The information set out in this interim results announcement does not constitute statutory financial statements.

Certain financial information in this interim results announcement is extracted from the statutory financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014 (the “2014 financial statements”) which have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies as required by section 662(3) of, and Part 3 of Schedule 6 to, the New Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) (“NCO”) and the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (“HKMA”).

The auditor’s report on the 2014 financial statements was unqualified; did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditor drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying its report; and did not contain a statement under section 406(2), 407(2) or (3) of the predecessor Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32).

Basis of preparation and accounting policies

Except as described below, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of the 2015 interim condensed consolidated financial statements are consistent with those used and described in the Group’s annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

The New Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622)

Section 436 of the NCO requires that when the statutory financial statements of a company for a financial year are made available to others, they must be accompanied by the auditor’s report on those financial statements. When a company makes “non-statutory financial statements” available to others, they must not be accompanied by the auditor’s report on any related statutory financial statements. Instead, they must be accompanied by a special statement under section 436(3). On this basis, the required statement has been specified in the first sentence of this note.

In addition, a new “business review report” has to be included in the “Report of the Directors” in annual reports which is an analytical and forward looking review of the Company or Group. The change will be effective for annual periods beginning on or after 3 March 2014. The Group will include a “Management Discussion and Analysis” in its annual report for the Group’s performance during the financial year of 2015 and the material factors driving its results and financial position, which will form part of or supplement the “Review of Operations” to meet the new requirement for its 2015 annual report.

2. Unaudited financial statements and accounting policies (Continued)

The New Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622) (Continued)

Further, the requirements of Part 9 “Accounts and Audit” of the NCO have come into effect for financial year commencing on or after 3 March 2014 in accordance with section 358 of the NCO. Disclosures previously required under Schedule 10 of the predecessor Hong Kong Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32) that overlap with the accounting standard have been removed. The Company’s balance sheet is no longer required to be presented as a primary statement. On the other hand, more extensive disclosures are required on the benefits and interests of directors. The Group will provide the relevant additional disclosures when it prepares the 2015 annual report.

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements are presented in thousands of Hong Kong dollars (HK\$’000), unless otherwise stated, and were approved by the Board of Directors for issue on 26 August 2015.

These interim condensed consolidated financial statements have not been audited.

3. Net interest income

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$’000	2015	2014
Interest income		
Cash and balances with banks	170,425	175,925
Investments in securities	471,301	505,225
Advances and other accounts	2,017,217	1,874,918
	2,658,943	2,556,068
Interest expense		
Deposits from banks/ Deposits from customers	777,490	805,973
Certificates of deposit issued	41,659	35,402
Issued debt securities	-	3,494
Subordinated notes	96,344	90,239
Others	673	3,600
	916,166	938,708
Included within interest income		
Interest income on financial assets not at fair value through profit or loss	2,528,987	2,406,054
Included within interest expense		
Interest expenses on financial liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss	914,244	935,670

For the six months ended 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2014, there was no interest income recognised on impaired assets.

4. Net fee and commission income

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$'000	2015	2014
Fee and commission income		
Fee and commission income from financial assets and liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss		
- Credit related fees and commissions	69,833	50,507
- Trade finance	59,710	41,741
- Credit card	146,418	148,194
Other fee and commission income		
- Securities brokerage	81,582	40,696
- Retail investment and wealth management services	116,512	81,080
- Bank services and handling fees	31,884	34,070
- Other fees	86,363	88,856
	<u>592,302</u>	<u>485,144</u>
Fee and commission expense		
Fee and commission expense from financial assets and liabilities not at fair value through profit or loss		
- Handling fees and commission	103,497	110,223
- Other fees paid	6,538	6,740
	<u>110,035</u>	<u>116,963</u>
	<u>482,267</u>	<u>368,181</u>

The Group provides custody, trustee, corporate administration, and investment management services to third parties. Those assets that are held in a fiduciary capacity are not included in these financial statements.

5. Net trading income

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$'000	2015	2014
Dividend income from financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
- Listed investments	29,602	28,492
- Unlisted investments	2,405	4,123
Net gain arising from dealing in foreign currencies	92,860	68,624
Net loss on trading securities	(17,519)	(7,693)
Net gain from derivatives entered into for trading purpose	30,693	19,742
Net loss arising from financial instruments subject to fair value hedge	(9,094)	(11,315)
Net (loss)/ gain arising from financial instruments designated at fair value through profit or loss	<u>(17,207)</u>	<u>355,969</u>
	<u>111,740</u>	<u>457,942</u>

6. Other operating income

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$'000	2015	2014
Dividend income from investments in available-for-sale securities		
- Listed investments	7,913	9,105
- Unlisted investments	4,525	4,047
Gross rental income from investment properties	13,206	11,924
Other rental income	6,361	5,391
Others	3,872	6,098
	<u>35,877</u>	<u>36,565</u>

7. Operating expenses

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$'000	2015	2014
Employee compensation and benefit expenses (including directors' remuneration)	797,997	707,795
Premises and other fixed assets expenses, excluding depreciation	145,919	138,413
Depreciation	85,128	75,126
Advertising and promotion costs	48,122	52,618
Printing, stationery and postage	17,580	19,964
Amortisation expenses of intangible assets	1,020	1,855
Others	131,140	128,321
	<u>1,226,906</u>	<u>1,124,092</u>

8. Loan impairment losses

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$'000	2015	2014
Net charge of impairment losses on advances and other accounts		
- Individually assessed	70,605	129,124
- Collectively assessed	122,559	95,443
	<u>193,164</u>	<u>224,567</u>
Of which		
- new and additional allowances (including amounts directly written off in the period)	262,383	255,222
- releases	(47,349)	(12,044)
- recoveries	(21,870)	(18,611)
	<u>193,164</u>	<u>224,567</u>

9. Net gain on disposal of investments in securities

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$'000	2015	2014
Net gain on disposal of available-for-sale securities	15,375	20,711
Net loss on disposal of investments in securities included in the loans and receivables category	-	(4,656)
	<u>15,375</u>	<u>16,055</u>

10. Provision for loss on dilution of interest in an associate

On 24 June 2015, the Group's associate, Bank of Chongqing ("BOCQ"), announced that it had entered into a subscription agreement (the "Share Placement") pursuant to which it has conditionally agreed to allot and issue a total of 810 million new H shares of BOCQ to certain parties unrelated to the Group at a subscription price of HK\$7.65 per share.

The completion of the Share Placement is subject to, amongst other things, approval by BOCQ's shareholders and the relevant regulatory authorities. Based on the terms of the Share Placement announced by BOCQ, the Group's interest in BOCQ will be diluted from the existing 16.95% shareholding to 13.05% after the completion of the Share Placement, and a loss will need to be recognised on the deemed disposal of a portion of the Group's interest in BOCQ.

At the extraordinary general meeting of BOCQ's shareholders held on 11 August 2015, BOCQ received approval from its shareholders for the Share Placement and fulfilled one of the conditions precedent for the completion of the Share Placement. Based on this and other information publicly available about BOCQ, the Group assesses that it is probable that the Share Placement will be completed before the end of the year and considers it appropriate for a provision for the estimated loss on deemed disposal of HK\$32 million to be recognised in the Group's financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2015.

11. Taxation

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2014: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profit for the period. Taxation on overseas profits has been calculated on the estimated assessable profit for the period at the rates of taxation prevailing in the countries in which the Group operates.

Deferred taxation is calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the year when the liability is settled or the asset is realised.

For the six months ended 30 June

HK\$'000	2015	2014
Current income tax		
- Hong Kong profits tax	156,758	119,189
- Overseas taxation	20,646	17,745
- Under/ (over)-provision in prior periods	4,918	(4,149)
Deferred income tax		
- Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(3,309)	(13,446)
- Utilisation of tax losses	-	810
Taxation	<u>179,013</u>	<u>120,149</u>

12. Basic and diluted earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2015 is based on earnings of HK\$1,073,884,000 and the weighted average number of 335,075,100 ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2015 is based on earnings of HK\$1,073,884,000 and the weighted average number of 335,285,729 ordinary shares in issue during the period after adjusting for the effect of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2014 is based on earnings of HK\$1,012,831,000 and the weighted average number of 318,127,387 ordinary shares in issue during the period.

The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2014 is based on earnings of HK\$1,012,831,000 and the weighted average number of 318,191,077 ordinary shares in issue during the period after adjusting for the effects of all dilutive potential ordinary shares.

13. Trading securities and financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss

HK\$'000	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
Trading securities:		
Debt securities:		
- Listed in Hong Kong	154,439	243,944
- Unlisted	<u>6,492,273</u>	<u>6,606,418</u>
	<u>6,646,712</u>	<u>6,850,362</u>
Equity securities:		
- Listed in Hong Kong	69,914	73,651
- Listed outside Hong Kong	134,662	152,044
- Unlisted, interests in investment funds	<u>6,086</u>	<u>6,460</u>
	<u>210,662</u>	<u>232,155</u>
Total trading securities	<u>6,857,374</u>	<u>7,082,517</u>

13. Trading securities and financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss (Continued)

	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
Financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss:		
Debt securities:		
- Listed in Hong Kong	969,114	949,787
- Listed outside Hong Kong	2,973,398	3,055,237
- Unlisted	2,971,046	2,662,318
	<u>6,913,558</u>	<u>6,667,342</u>
Equity securities:		
- Listed in Hong Kong	814,254	564,620
- Listed outside Hong Kong	1,358,041	1,286,724
- Unlisted	1,380,630	1,108,877
	<u>3,552,925</u>	<u>2,960,221</u>
Total financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	<u>10,466,483</u>	<u>9,627,563</u>
Total trading securities and financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss	<u>17,323,857</u>	<u>16,710,080</u>
Included within debt securities are:		
- Government bonds included in trading securities	6,646,464	6,850,117
- Other government bonds	464,480	905,012
- Other debt securities	6,449,326	5,762,575
	<u>13,560,270</u>	<u>13,517,704</u>

As at 30 June 2015 and 31 December 2014, there were no certificates of deposit held included in the above balances of trading or fair value debt securities.

Trading securities and financial assets designated at fair value through profit or loss are analysed by categories of issuers as follows:

	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
- Central governments and central banks	7,110,944	7,755,129
- Public sector entities	8,340	8,386
- Banks and other financial institutions	1,372,313	1,002,089
- Corporate entities	8,832,260	7,944,476
	<u>17,323,857</u>	<u>16,710,080</u>

14. Advances and other accounts

HK\$'000	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
Gross advances to customers	108,230,826	105,230,046
Trade bills	6,885,566	7,384,057
Other assets		
- Other accounts receivable and prepayments	6,132,860	6,514,742
	121,249,252	119,128,845
Less: impairment allowances		
- Individually assessed	(284,917)	(238,250)
- Collectively assessed	(308,147)	(296,666)
	(593,064)	(534,916)
Advances and other accounts	120,656,188	118,593,929

14. Advances and other accounts (Continued)

- (a) Gross advances to customers by industry sector classified according to the usage of loans and analysed by percentage covered by collateral

	As at 30 Jun 2015		As at 31 Dec 2014	
	Outstanding balance	% of gross advances covered by collateral	Outstanding balance	% of gross advances covered by collateral
Loans for use in Hong Kong				
Industrial, commercial and financial				
- Property development	1,808,902	68.2	1,741,185	67.7
- Property investment	16,554,376	97.1	15,752,867	98.9
- Financial concerns	1,085,554	32.6	821,938	62.1
- Stockbrokers	1,615,256	65.2	133,234	55.0
- Wholesale and retail trade	4,251,362	89.9	4,497,466	90.1
- Manufacturing	2,860,878	91.1	2,971,483	91.3
- Transport and transport equipment	3,921,172	92.7	4,612,041	94.2
- Recreational activities	259,275	53.6	277,832	55.9
- Information technology	78,453	89.9	22,938	67.1
- Others	5,606,534	78.0	5,036,198	84.4
	38,041,762	87.7	35,867,182	91.6
Individuals				
- Loans for the purchase of flats in Home Ownership Scheme, Private Sector Participation Scheme and Tenants Purchase Scheme	916,049	100.0	962,720	100.0
- Loans for the purchase of other residential properties	20,395,240	100.0	19,451,578	100.0
- Credit card advances	3,999,955	-	3,838,208	-
- Others	8,846,048	37.4	8,355,472	35.3
	34,157,292	72.1	32,607,978	71.7
Loans for use in Hong Kong	72,199,054	80.3	68,475,160	82.1
Trade finance (Note (1))	7,139,589	67.8	6,517,342	62.8
Loans for use outside Hong Kong (Note (2))	28,892,183	69.8	30,237,544	64.8
	108,230,826	76.7	105,230,046	76.0

Note:

- (1) Trade finance shown above represents loans covering finance of imports to Hong Kong, exports and re-exports from Hong Kong and merchandising trade classified with reference to the relevant guidelines issued by the HKMA.

Trade finance loans not involving Hong Kong (including trade finance extended by the overseas subsidiary banks of Dah Sing Bank, Limited ("DSB")) totalling HK\$640,386,000 (31 December 2014: HK\$618,230,000) are classified under Loans for use outside Hong Kong.

- (2) Loans for use outside Hong Kong include loans extended to customers located in Hong Kong with the finance used outside Hong Kong.

14. Advances and other accounts (Continued)

- (a) Gross advances to customers by industry sector classified according to the usage of loans and analysed by percentage covered by collateral (Continued)

For each industry sector reported above with loan balance constituting 10% or more of the total balance of advances to customers, the attributable amount of impaired loans, overdue loans, and individually and collectively assessed loan impairment allowances are as follows:

	As at 30 Jun 2015				
	Outstanding balance	Impaired loans	Gross advances overdue for over 3 months	Individually assessed impairment allowances	Collectively assessed impairment allowances
Loans for use in Hong Kong					
Industrial, commercial and financial					
- Property investment	16,554,376	36,094	18,850	-	13,604
Individuals					
- Loans for the purchase of other residential properties	20,395,240	4,434	15,621	-	1,176
Loans for use outside Hong Kong	<u>28,892,183</u>	<u>278,228</u>	<u>337,370</u>	<u>186,034</u>	<u>161,334</u>
	As at 31 Dec 2014				
	Outstanding balance	Impaired loans	Gross advances overdue for over 3 months	Individually assessed impairment allowances	Collectively assessed impairment allowances
Loans for use in Hong Kong					
Industrial, commercial and financial					
- Property investment	15,752,867	-	-	-	12,357
Individuals					
- Loans for the purchase of other residential properties	19,451,578	-	-	-	1,074
Loans for use outside Hong Kong	<u>30,237,544</u>	<u>217,649</u>	<u>172,414</u>	<u>135,109</u>	<u>169,999</u>

14. Advances and other accounts (Continued)

(b) Mainland activities exposures

The analysis of Mainland activities exposures is based on the categories of non-bank counterparties and the type of direct exposures defined by the HKMA under the Banking (Disclosure) Rules with reference to the HKMA Return of Mainland activities, which includes the Mainland activities exposures extended by DSB and its Mainland subsidiary bank only.

As at 30 June 2015	On-balance sheet exposure	Off-balance sheet exposure	Total exposures
1. Central government, central government-owned entities and their subsidiaries and joint ventures (“JV”s)	6,433,053	189,831	6,622,884
2. Local governments, local government-owned entities and their subsidiaries and JVs	2,497,919	228,863	2,726,782
3. PRC nationals residing in Mainland China or other entities incorporated in Mainland China and their subsidiaries and JVs	8,147,625	1,508,590	9,656,215
4. Other entities of central government not reported in item 1 above	807,943	-	807,943
5. Other entities of local governments not reported in item 2 above	117,170	15,279	132,449
6. PRC nationals residing outside Mainland China or entities incorporated outside Mainland China where the credits are granted for use in Mainland China	10,254,867	248,183	10,503,050
7. Other counterparties where the exposures are considered to be non-bank Mainland China exposures	6,423	-	6,423
	28,265,000	2,190,746	30,455,746
Total assets of DSB and its Mainland subsidiary bank after provision	175,175,797		
On-balance sheet exposures as percentage of total assets	16.14%		

14. Advances and other accounts (Continued)
(b) Mainland activities exposures (Continued)

As at 31 December 2014	On-balance sheet exposure	Off-balance sheet exposure	Total exposures
1. Central government, central government-owned entities and their subsidiaries and JVs	8,356,840	57,758	8,414,598
2. Local governments, local government-owned entities and their subsidiaries and JVs	2,686,695	50,814	2,737,509
3. PRC nationals residing in Mainland China or other entities incorporated in Mainland China and their subsidiaries and JVs	8,665,363	1,791,678	10,457,041
4. Other entities of central government not reported in item 1 above	123,365	-	123,365
5. Other entities of local governments not reported in item 2 above	-	-	-
6. PRC nationals residing outside Mainland China or entities incorporated outside Mainland China where the credits are granted for use in Mainland China	7,457,039	222,237	7,679,276
7. Other counterparties where the exposures are considered to be non-bank Mainland China exposures	-	-	-
	<u>27,289,302</u>	<u>2,122,487</u>	<u>29,411,789</u>
Total assets of DSB and its Mainland subsidiary bank after provision	<u>172,905,559</u>		
On-balance sheet exposures as percentage of total assets	<u>15.78%</u>		

Note:

The balances of exposures reported above include gross advances and other balances of claims on the customers.

14. Advances and other accounts (Continued)

(c) Analysis of gross advances to customers and overdue loans by geographical area

Advances to customers by geographical area are classified according to the location of the counterparties after taking into account the transfer of risk. In general, risk transfer applies when an advance is guaranteed by a party located in an area which is different from that of the counterparty.

The following table analyses gross advances to customers, individually impaired advances to customers, overdue advances to customers, and individually and collectively assessed impairment allowances by geographical area.

As at 30 June 2015

	Gross advances to customers	Individually impaired advances to customers	Overdue advances to customers	Individually assessed impairment allowances	Collectively assessed impairment allowances
Hong Kong	87,048,569	369,853	278,148	154,310	167,808
China	7,892,671	138,872	186,901	97,925	90,930
Macau	11,749,124	21,048	25,647	12,139	38,823
Others	1,540,462	71	71	28	4,166
	108,230,826	529,844	490,767	264,402	301,727

As at 31 December 2014

	Gross advances to customers	Individually impaired advances to customers	Overdue advances to customers	Individually assessed impairment allowances	Collectively assessed impairment allowances
Hong Kong	83,856,418	217,196	251,710	123,521	144,074
China	8,278,746	110,874	44,674	81,114	98,321
Macau	11,435,277	20,153	25,442	13,045	44,671
Others	1,659,605	64	64	64	4,003
	105,230,046	348,287	321,890	217,744	291,069

14. Advances and other accounts (Continued)

(d) Impaired, overdue and rescheduled assets

(i) Impaired loans

	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
Impaired loans and advances		
- Individually impaired (Note (1))	529,844	348,287
- Collectively impaired (Note (2))	19,503	20,179
	<u>549,347</u>	<u>368,466</u>
Impairment allowances made		
- Individually assessed (Note (3))	(264,402)	(217,744)
- Collectively assessed (Note (2))	(17,809)	(18,578)
	<u>(282,211)</u>	<u>(236,322)</u>
	<u>267,136</u>	<u>132,144</u>
Fair value of collaterals held*	<u>309,002</u>	<u>169,394</u>
Impaired loans and advances as a % of total loans and advances to customers	<u>0.51%</u>	<u>0.35%</u>

* Fair value of collateral is determined at the lower of the market value of collateral and outstanding loan balance.

Note:

- (1) Individually impaired loans are defined as those loans having objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (a "loss event") and that loss event has an impact on the estimated cash flows of the loans that can be reliably estimated.
- (2) Collectively impaired loans and advances refer to those unsecured loans and advances assessed for impairment on a collective basis and which have become overdue for more than 90 days as at the reporting date. The collective impairment allowance for these impaired loans, which is a part of the overall collective impairment allowances, is shown above.
- (3) The above individual impairment allowances were made after taking into account the value of collaterals in respect of such advances as at 30 June/ 31 December.

14. Advances and other accounts (Continued)

(d) Impaired, overdue and rescheduled assets (Continued)

(ii) Gross amount of overdue loans

	As at 30 Jun 2015		As at 31 Dec 2014	
	Gross amount of overdue loans	% of total	Gross amount of overdue loans	% of total
Gross advances to customers which have been overdue for:				
- six months or less but over three months	172,365	0.16	97,112	0.09
- one year or less but over six months	146,910	0.13	39,052	0.04
- over one year	171,492	0.16	185,726	0.18
	<u>490,767</u>	<u>0.45</u>	<u>321,890</u>	<u>0.31</u>
Market value of securities held against the secured overdue advances	<u>489,887</u>		<u>233,734</u>	
Secured overdue advances	271,832		160,454	
Unsecured overdue advances	<u>218,935</u>		<u>161,436</u>	
Individual impairment allowances	<u>223,919</u>		<u>146,562</u>	

Collateral and securities held against impaired or overdue loans are principally represented by charges over cash and deposits, mortgages over properties and charges over other fixed assets such as equipment.

(iii) Rescheduled advances net of amounts included in overdue advances shown above

	As at 30 Jun 2015	% of total	As at 31 Dec 2014	% of total
Advances to customers	<u>210,038</u>	0.19	<u>171,817</u>	0.16
Impairment allowances	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	

(e) Trade bills

As at 30 June 2015, there were no trade bills that were overdue for more than three months or impaired (31 December 2014: Nil).

14. Advances and other accounts (Continued)

(f) Repossessed collateral

Reposessed collateral held is as follows:

	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
Nature of assets		
Reposessed properties	75,757	69,680
Others	<u>2,984</u>	<u>315</u>
	<u>78,741</u>	<u>69,995</u>

(g) Credit commitments and contingent liabilities analysed by percentage covered by collateral

	As at 30 Jun 2015		As at 31 Dec 2014	
	Contract amount	% covered by collateral	Contract amount	% covered by collateral
Financial guarantees and other credit related contingent liabilities	1,572,206	22.1	1,487,700	17.1
Loan commitments and other credit related commitments	<u>71,139,139</u>	9.8	<u>69,193,856</u>	9.5
	<u>72,711,345</u>	10.1	<u>70,681,556</u>	9.6

15. Available-for-sale securities

HK\$'000	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
Debt securities:		
- Listed in Hong Kong	14,117,975	11,929,660
- Listed outside Hong Kong	8,876,368	9,151,353
- Unlisted	1,030,373	1,920,824
	<u>24,024,716</u>	<u>23,001,837</u>
Equity securities:		
- Listed in Hong Kong	367,361	342,366
- Listed outside Hong Kong	83,990	83,297
- Unlisted	302,984	297,003
	<u>754,335</u>	<u>722,666</u>
Total available-for-sale securities	<u>24,779,051</u>	<u>23,724,503</u>

Note:

As at 30 June 2015 and 31 December 2014, the Group had impairment of HK\$15 million recognised against those available-for-sale debt securities that were reclassified in 2014 from the loans and receivables category. Please refer to Note 17(a) for details relating to the reclassification.

As at 30 June 2015 and 31 December 2014, there were no certificates of deposit held included in the above balances of investments in debt securities.

	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
Available-for-sale securities are analysed by categories of issuers as follows:		
- Central governments and central banks	2,503,950	2,535,358
- Public sector entities	515,432	198,916
- Banks and other financial institutions	4,912,432	5,187,382
- Corporate entities	16,844,709	15,800,319
- Others	2,528	2,528
	<u>24,779,051</u>	<u>23,724,503</u>

16. Held-to-maturity securities

HK\$'000	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
Debt securities:		
- Listed in Hong Kong	2,245,675	2,255,635
- Listed outside Hong Kong	4,993,722	5,234,147
- Unlisted	3,509,602	3,557,419
	10,748,999	11,047,201
Market value of listed securities	7,297,928	7,519,030
Included within debt securities are:		
- Certificates of deposit held	2,023,900	1,947,377
- Other debt securities	8,725,099	9,099,824
	10,748,999	11,047,201
Held-to-maturity securities are analysed by categories of issuers as follows:		
- Central governments and central banks	1,083,948	1,219,264
- Public sector entities	19,721	19,923
- Banks and other financial institutions	4,917,160	4,993,341
- Corporate entities	4,728,170	4,814,673
	10,748,999	11,047,201

17. Reclassification of financial assets

The Group did not reclassify any financial assets in the six months ended 30 June 2015.

In the six months ended 30 June 2014, the Group made the following reclassification of financial assets.

- (a) Reclassification of investments in securities included in the loans and receivables category to the available-for-sale category

On 5 June 2014, the Group reclassified all investments in securities included in the loans and receivable category that qualified for recognition as available-for-sale out of the loans and receivables category.

The fair value and carrying value of these financial assets at the date of reclassification were HK\$828,504,000 and HK\$873,550,000 respectively. The fair value loss of HK\$45,046,000 generated upon the reclassification had been taken to other comprehensive income.

- (b) Reclassification of certain available-for-sale securities as held-to-maturity securities

On 26 June 2014, the Group reclassified certain available-for-sale debt securities with a total market value at the time of reclassification of HK\$4,378,815,000 as held-to-maturity securities, reflecting a change in the Group's intention on holding these securities to maturity.

18. Shareholders' funds

HK\$'000	As at 30 Jun 2015	As at 31 Dec 2014
Share capital	4,248,559	4,248,559
Premises revaluation reserve	226,122	226,122
Investment revaluation reserve	307,254	213,316
Exchange reserve	214,296	210,881
Capital reserve	18,871	19,535
General reserve	484,289	484,289
Reserve for share-based compensation	5,915	5,736
Retained earnings	14,392,572	13,637,009
	19,897,878	19,045,447
Proposed dividend included in retained earnings	107,224	318,321

DSB as a locally incorporated bank in Hong Kong is required to maintain minimum impairment provisions in excess of those required under HKFRS in the form of regulatory reserve. The regulatory reserve is maintained to satisfy the provisions of the Hong Kong Banking Ordinance and local regulatory requirements for prudential supervision purposes. The regulatory reserve restricts the amount of reserves which can be distributed to shareholders. Movements in the regulatory reserve are made directly through equity reserve and in consultation with the HKMA.

As at 30 June 2015, DSB has earmarked a regulatory reserve of HK\$1,522,112,000 (31 December 2014: HK\$1,481,245,000) first against its consolidated general reserve; and for any excess amount, the balance is earmarked against its consolidated retained earnings.

19. Operating segment reporting

Segment reporting by the Group is prepared in accordance with HKFRS 8 “Operating Segments”. Information reported to the chief operating decision maker, including the Chief Executive and other Executive Committee members, for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment, is determined on the basis of banking business and insurance business. For banking business, operating performances are analysed by business activities for local banking business, and on business entity basis for overseas banking business. For insurance business, resources allocation and performance evaluation are based on insurance business entity basis.

Considering the customer groups, products and services of local businesses, the economic environment and regulations, the Group splits the operating segments of the Group into the following reportable segments:

- Personal banking business includes the acceptance of deposits from individual customers and the extension of residential mortgage lending, personal loans, overdraft and credit card services, the provision of insurance sales and investment services.
- Commercial banking business includes the acceptance of deposits from and the advance of loans and working capital finance to commercial, industrial and institutional customers, and the provision of trade financing.
- Treasury activities are mainly the provision of foreign exchange services and centralised cash management for deposit taking and lending, interest rate risk management, management of investment in securities and the overall funding of the Group.
- Overseas banking businesses include personal banking, commercial banking business activities provided by overseas subsidiaries in Macau and China, and the Group’s interest in a commercial bank in China.
- Insurance business includes the Group’s life assurance and general insurance businesses. Through the Group’s wholly-owned subsidiaries in Hong Kong and 96% owned subsidiaries in Macau, the Group offers a variety of life and general insurance products and services.
- Others include results of operations not directly identified under other reportable segments, corporate investments and debt funding (including subordinated notes).

For the purpose of segment reporting, revenue derived from customers, products and services directly identifiable with individual segments are reported directly under respective segments, while revenue and funding cost arising from inter-segment funding operation and funding resources are allocated to segments by way of transfer pricing mechanism with reference to market interest rates. Transactions within segments are priced based on similar terms offered to or transacted with external parties. Inter-segment income or expenses are eliminated on consolidation. Certain comparative amounts have been revised to conform to the change in funds transfer pricing mechanism and certain income reallocation adopted in 2015.

All direct costs incurred by different segments are grouped under respective segments. Indirect costs and support functions’ costs are allocated to various segments and products based on effort and time spent as well as segments’ operating income depending on the nature of costs incurred. Costs related to corporate activities that cannot be reasonably allocated to segments, products and support functions are grouped under Others as unallocated corporate expenses.

19. Operating segment reporting (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2015

HK\$'000	Personal Banking	Commercial Banking	Treasury	Overseas Banking	Insurance Business	Others	Inter- segment	Total
Net interest income/ (expenses)	661,831	550,376	147,864	261,691	147,966	(26,951)	-	1,742,777
Non-interest income/ (expenses)	338,239	136,596	125,327	67,296	135,719	82,654	(20,663)	865,168
Total operating income net of insurance claims	1,000,070	686,972	273,191	328,987	283,685	55,703	(20,663)	2,607,945
Operating expenses	(599,114)	(187,869)	(71,525)	(235,166)	(137,255)	(16,640)	20,663	(1,226,906)
Operating profit before impairment losses	400,956	499,103	201,666	93,821	146,430	39,063	-	1,381,039
Loan impairment losses	(114,497)	(51,425)	-	(27,242)	-	-	-	(193,164)
Operating profit after impairment losses	286,459	447,678	201,666	66,579	146,430	39,063	-	1,187,875
Net (loss)/ gain on disposal of other fixed assets	(319)	(7)	(4)	11	6	(29)	-	(342)
Net gain on disposal of investments in securities	-	-	5,779	-	7,992	1,604	-	15,375
Provision for loss on dilution of interest in an associate	-	-	-	(32,000)	-	-	-	(32,000)
Share of results of an associate	-	-	-	388,861	-	-	-	388,861
Share of results of jointly controlled entities	-	-	-	-	-	10,117	-	10,117
Profit before taxation	286,140	447,671	207,441	423,451	154,428	50,755	-	1,569,886
Taxation expenses	(47,213)	(73,865)	(34,228)	(11,233)	(8,184)	(4,290)	-	(179,013)
Profit after taxation	238,927	373,806	173,213	412,218	146,244	46,465	-	1,390,873
For the six months ended 30 June 2015								
Depreciation and amortisation	29,210	6,010	3,370	21,251	7,529	18,778	-	86,148
At 30 June 2015								
Segment assets	43,122,259	55,967,720	57,162,369	32,077,029	18,130,492	4,462,573	(5,561,493)	205,360,949
Segment liabilities	80,493,238	35,539,359	15,770,566	23,679,545	13,901,776	16,310,556	(5,561,493)	180,133,547

19. Operating segment reporting (Continued)

For the six months ended 30 June 2014 (Restated)

	Personal Banking	Commercial Banking	Treasury	Overseas Banking	Insurance Business	Others	Inter- segment	Total
Net interest income/ (expenses)	600,961	466,268	159,539	276,184	145,181	(30,773)	-	1,617,360
Non-interest income/ (expenses)	245,878	107,384	89,703	59,316	216,536	54,830	(22,424)	751,223
Total operating income net of insurance claims	846,839	573,652	249,242	335,500	361,717	24,057	(22,424)	2,368,583
Operating expenses	(541,649)	(167,395)	(67,704)	(232,188)	(125,003)	(12,577)	22,424	(1,124,092)
Operating profit before impairment losses	305,190	406,257	181,538	103,312	236,714	11,480	-	1,244,491
Loan impairment losses	(92,985)	(27,717)	-	(103,865)	-	-	-	(224,567)
Operating profit/ (loss) after impairment losses	212,205	378,540	181,538	(553)	236,714	11,480	-	1,019,924
Net (loss)/ gain on disposal of other fixed assets	(92)	-	-	-	(520)	134	-	(478)
Net gain on disposal of investments in securities	-	-	14,115	-	-	1,940	-	16,055
Share of results of an associate	-	-	-	356,361	-	-	-	356,361
Share of results of jointly controlled entities	-	-	-	-	-	8,356	-	8,356
Profit before taxation	212,113	378,540	195,653	355,808	236,194	21,910	-	1,400,218
Taxation (expenses)/ credit	(33,539)	(62,459)	(32,283)	10,870	(7,563)	4,825	-	(120,149)
Profit after taxation	178,574	316,081	163,370	366,678	228,631	26,735	-	1,280,069
For the six months ended 30 June 2014								
Depreciation and amortisation	23,099	4,677	2,944	21,280	5,988	18,993	-	76,981
At 31 December 2014								
Segment assets	41,988,779	54,596,171	55,550,630	33,581,542	17,982,755	4,343,972	(6,636,007)	201,407,842
Segment liabilities	78,375,819	36,248,907	15,126,832	25,631,700	13,905,896	14,637,315	(6,636,007)	177,290,462

19. Operating segment reporting (Continued)

More than 90% of the revenues from external customers were contributed from banking subsidiaries in Hong Kong, Macau and People's Republic of China, with major products and services including deposit taking, extension of credit, asset-based finance, securities investment services offered to customers.

The following tables provide information by geographical area, which was determined with reference to the domicile of the legal entities within the Group with business dealing and relationship with, and services to external customers.

HK\$'000	Hong Kong and Others	Macau	Inter- segment elimination	Total
For the six months ended 30 June 2015				
Total operating income net of insurance claims	2,375,336	233,167	(558)	2,607,945
Profit before taxation	1,444,441	125,445	-	1,569,886
At 30 June 2015				
Total assets	187,938,913	18,651,606	(1,229,570)	205,360,949
Total liabilities	165,259,637	16,103,480	(1,229,570)	180,133,547
Intangible assets and goodwill	318,667	715,825	-	1,034,492
Contingent liabilities and commitments	77,390,270	1,947,555	-	79,337,825
For the six months ended 30 June 2014				
Total operating income net of insurance claims	2,155,002	214,031	(450)	2,368,583
Profit before taxation	1,287,468	112,750	-	1,400,218
At 31 December 2014				
Total assets	184,313,204	18,361,316	(1,266,678)	201,407,842
Total liabilities	162,631,043	15,926,097	(1,266,678)	177,290,462
Intangible assets and goodwill	318,667	716,844	-	1,035,511
Contingent liabilities and commitments	74,864,593	1,937,500	-	76,802,093

FINANCIAL RATIOS

	Six months ended 30 Jun 2015	Six months ended 30 Jun 2014
Net interest income/operating income	66.8%	68.3%
Cost to income ratio	47.0%	47.5%
Return on average total assets (annualised)	1.1%	1.1%
Return on average shareholders' funds (annualised)	11.1%	11.5%
Net interest margin	1.76%	1.79%

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of HK\$0.32 per share for 2015 payable on or about Thursday, 24 September 2015 to shareholders whose names are on the Register of Shareholders at the close of business on Friday, 18 September 2015.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS

The Register of Shareholders will be closed from Monday, 14 September 2015 to Friday, 18 September 2015, both days inclusive. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 11 September 2015.

CORPORATE AND BUSINESS OVERVIEW

HIGHLIGHTS

Global economic growth remained relatively lackluster in the first half of the year. Local market conditions in Hong Kong were also relatively subdued, with weakness in trade and the local retail sector experienced. Mainland China also experienced relatively slower economic growth, whilst the downturn in Macau was more severe, particularly in the gaming sector. Equity market volatility in the Hong Kong and China markets was pronounced, and the market awaits potential changes in US interest rates in the second half of the year. Local market liquidity conditions remained benign, against a market backdrop of modest loan growth.

Against this relatively challenging background, we are pleased to announce that our profit attributable to shareholders for the first half of 2015 increased by 6% to HK\$1,074 million. The increase in profit was driven mainly by our Banking Group's wholly owned operations in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Macau, which in aggregate reported an increase in Banking Group's operating profit after impairment losses of 33% to HK\$1,044 million. Our associated company, Bank of Chongqing ("BOCQ"), performed well over the period, bringing to us a 9% growth in its contribution to our profit. Our insurance businesses delivered weaker results, mainly due to a much lower gains from the investment portfolio.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

The key business trends in our Banking Group during the first half of the year were strong fee and commission income growth, modest loan growth and a steady net interest margin. Our net fee and commission income, mainly from our banking operations, was up by 31%, with strong performances from our wealth management business, including our local Hong Kong broking business, as well as from FX and other treasury products for both our retail and commercial customers. The much lower trading income during the period was driven principally by mark-to-market losses in our insurance bond portfolio due to a rise in longer term interest rates during the period. Net insurance premium and other income dropped, mainly due to a modest decrease in the value of inforce policies of our long-term life business with the rising interest rates, which also led to the decrease in actuarial reserves for the liabilities to policyholders, and in turn a significant reduction in the insurance claims and expenses.

Loan growth was modest at 2.9%, but with a stable net interest margin, and a relatively higher loan balance at the start of 2015 compared with 2014, due to stronger loan growth in the prior year, net interest income recorded a respectable rate of growth of 7.8%.

Operating expenses were well controlled with growth over the first half of 2014 of 9.1%, well below the growth in income over the same period. Despite the relatively challenging economic conditions described above, overall credit quality remained benign, with a slight drop in total impairment charges compared with the same period in the prior year.

Bank of Chongqing announced in late June 2015 its conditional agreement with a number of prospective investors on a share placement transaction seeking to raise new equity via issuing new H shares by way of a placing (the "Placing"). The proposed new share issue and the share placement transaction were approved by BOCQ shareholders in a recent shareholders' meeting. BOCQ is proceeding to procure the other required regulatory approvals to allow the Placing to complete. The Group is not party to the Placing and the Group's interest in BOCQ will be diluted from the existing 16.95% to 13.05% when the Placing is completed, which will cause a recognition of a deemed disposal of part of the Group's shareholding in BOCQ. With the issue price of the Placing being lower than the net asset value per share of BOCQ, the dilution in the Group's interest in BOCQ will result in a loss in the carrying value of the Group's investment in BOCQ. As it is currently anticipated that the Placing will be completed, a provision of HK\$32 million for the estimated loss on the reduction in the shareholding interest held by the Group in BOCQ has been recognised in our results in the period.

There were no other material exceptional items during the first half of the year.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (Continued)

Return on assets stood at prior period level of 1.1% whilst ROE declined from 11.5% to 11.1%. Cost to income ratio was down slightly from 47.5% to 47.0%

As at 30 June 2015, Dah Sing Bank's Common Equity Tier 1 ratio was 11.7%, up by 0.3% compared with the end of last year, driven by slower asset growth coupled with higher retained earnings, as no additional capital raising was undertaken during the period. Its total capital adequacy ratio was 16.2%, broadly similar to 16.3% as at the end of last year despite positive impact as mentioned above, mainly due to the phase out of a portion of the non-Basel III compliant subordinated debts as eligible Tier 2 capital base under the regulatory capital transitional arrangement.

PROSPECTS

Although performance in the first half of the year was robust, despite volatile market conditions, we remain cautious about the outlook for the remaining part of the year. Equity market conditions have been highly volatile, with substantial decreases in both the Mainland China and Hong Kong stock markets in recent weeks. The depreciation of RMB announced by the People's Bank of China on 11 August has caused increased market volatility on RMB currency trading which may have wider implications on the broader economy. Global economic growth remains sluggish, and growth in our key markets of Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China is also relatively slow, with no signs of material improvement in the near term.

That being said, the outlook for credit quality is relatively stable, and despite earlier concerns over a potentially more rapid credit deterioration in the broader economy, particularly relating to Mainland credit exposure, current credit performance is acceptable. In Hong Kong and Macau, credit quality remains benign.

Loan and deposit growth in the first half of the year was relatively modest, and we do not expect this to change substantially in the second half of the year. From a risk perspective, the slower market loan growth has resulted in improvements in liquidity conditions, and somewhat lower funding costs, although we remain vigilant about the potential risks of interest rate rises by the US Federal Reserve before the end of the year.

Overall, therefore we are of the view that the outlook remains broadly stable, but with some risks to the downside. We continue to maintain capital and liquidity at appropriate levels given both current regulations and current market conditions, and expect to maintain a relatively conservative position on both measures in the second half of the year.

Over a more medium term timeframe we continue to see opportunities to expand our range of products and services to our customers, and expand our business operations. Whilst we have identified certain risks, as set out above, we do not currently expect these risks to be so severe that we need to change our medium term outlook significantly.

COMPLIANCE WITH THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

During the six months ended 30 June 2015, the Company has complied with all the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code (“CG Code”) contained in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules, with the exception of code provision A.4.1.

Pursuant to code provision A.4.1 of the CG Code, non-executive directors should be appointed for a specific term, subject to re-election. The Non-Executive Directors of the Company are not appointed for a specific term, but are subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings in accordance with the provisions of the Company’s Articles of Association.

CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

The Company has adopted its own code of conduct for directors’ securities dealing (“Directors’ Dealing Code”) on terms no less exacting than the prevailing required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (“Model Code”) under Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules. Following specific enquiry, the Directors of the Company confirmed that they had complied with the required standard set out in the Model Code and the Directors’ Dealing Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2015.

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial information in this interim results announcement is unaudited and does not constitute statutory financial statements.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee has reviewed with Management the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group and discussed internal controls and financial reporting matters including a review of the unaudited interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2015.

REMUNERATION AND STAFF DEVELOPMENT

There have been no material changes to the information disclosed in the Company’s 2014 Annual Report in respect of the remuneration of employees, remuneration policies and training schemes.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF SECURITIES

There was no purchase, sale or redemption by the Company, or any of its subsidiaries, of listed securities of the Company during the six months ended 30 June 2015.

INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT

Copies of this announcement may be obtained from the Company Secretarial Division of the Group at 36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong, or download from Dah Sing Bank's website at <<http://www.dahsing.com>>.

The 2015 Interim Report of the Group containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be published on the websites of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and Dah Sing Bank in due course. Printed copies of the 2015 Interim Report will be sent to shareholders before the end of September 2015.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Messrs. David Shou-Yeh Wong (Chairman), Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong) (Managing Director and Chief Executive), Gary Pak-Ling Wang and Nicholas John Mayhew as Executive Directors; Messrs. Takashi Morimura (Eiichi Yoshikawa as alternate), Toshihide Motoshita and John Wai-Wai Chow as Non-Executive Directors; Messrs. Robert Tsai-To Sze, Lon Dounn, Seiji Nakamura and Blair Chilton Pickerell as Independent Non-Executive Directors.

By Order of the Board

Doris W. N. Wong

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, Wednesday, 26 August 2015