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ICBC (Asia) and Belgian Bank Co-launch 3 Attractive Offers on Local Securities Trading

Hong Kong, 13 April 2005 – Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited [ICBC (Asia)] and Belgian Bank co-launched 3 attractive offers on local securities trading that allow investors to trade local stocks at minimal costs.

From 7 April until 6 June (the “Promotion Period”), new securities service customers of ICBC (Asia) and Belgian Bank will enjoy a number of attractive benefits:

- 0.1% commission for all trades in the first three months from the account opening date
- waiver of deposit fees
- waiver of semi-annual custodian fee

In addition, customers travelling in Mainland China will be able to access their securities accounts anytime, anywhere via roaming service by calling “95588”. This service provides a simple and convenient way to manage day-to-day trading without incurring long distance charges.

The co-launch marks the beginning of collaboration between the two banks to maximize benefits to their customers.

Interested parties should call ICBC (Asia) Customer Hotline at 3471 8688 or Belgian Bank Phone Banking at 3122 1668 or visit the following websites www.icbcasia.com or www.belgianbank.com.hk.

About Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited

ICBC (Asia) is a full licensed bank incorporated in Hong Kong with its shares listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (stock code: 0349). ICBC (Asia) has 20 branches and one wealth management center in Hong Kong. ICBC (Asia) is principally engaged in banking, financial and financial related services with focus on commercial, retail banking business as well as corporate banking business. ICBC (Asia) is the flagship of ICBC Group's banking business in Hong Kong. It became the sixth largest bank (in terms of total assets) among listed banks operation in Hong Kong, after its acquisition of Belgian Bank (formerly Fortis Bank Asia HK). On 16 April 2004, ICBC (Asia) was assigned A2/Prime-1 long-term/short-term deposit ratings and D Bank Financial Strength Rating (BFSR) by Moody's Investors Service.

About Belgian Bank

Belgian Bank, formerly known as Fortis Bank Asia HK, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICBC (Asia). Belgian Bank established its first branch in Hong Kong in 1935 and today, it has a network of 22 retail branches and five dedicated commercial business centres.

Belgian Bank provides a wide range of products and services, including general banking, credit card, consumer finance, investment and insurance services. Belgian Bank also puts a strong focus on providing one-stop financial advisory services. Its Personal Banking service offers professional financial planning services to customers through a dedicated team of advisors and investment strategists.

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