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ICBC (Asia) and Belgian Bank's First Joint Charity Event

Hong Kong, 25 May 2005 – Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited [ICBC (Asia)] and Belgian Bank will co-organise their first fund raising activity since ICBC (Asia) assumed chairmanship of the Caritas-Hong Kong Fund Raising Committee earlier this year.

A charity dance performance, entitled “Classical Retrospective”, to benefit the Caritas-Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Dance Company will be held on Friday, 27 May 2005 at the Grand Theatre of Hong Kong Cultural Centre.

At the same time, in honour of the 100th Anniversary of China's film industry, the Hong Kong Dance Company is dedicating this performance to the memory of Zhou Xuan who was Shanghai's “Golden Voice” in the 1930s.

“Given the acquisition of Belgian Bank, ICBC (Asia) has taken over the role in chairing the Caritas – Hong Kong Fund Raising Committee this year,” said Mr Stanley Wong, Director and Deputy General Manager of ICBC (Asia). “For many years, Belgian Bank has spearheaded a number of important fund raising activities. Once our integration is completed, we will continue to work closely with Caritas-Hong Kong to further identify more opportunities and ways in which we can encourage meaningful contributions to less privileged people in Hong Kong and work towards the development of our local community.”

Performed by the Hong Kong Dance Company, “Classical Retrospective” comprises two timeless Chinese classics, “The Story of Zhou Xuan” and “Suppressed Romance”. These are the Hong Kong Dance Company's most admired productions, presented with new stage design and musical arrangements. As a highlight of the performance, Ye Xuan, a prominent local actress, will be portraying Zhou Xuan.

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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