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ICBC (Asia)

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ICBC (Asia)'s Statement on Suspicious Fraudulent Website

Hong Kong, 19 October 2005 – It has come to the attention of ICBC (Asia) the existence of an internet website operating under the URL “<http://www.incombc.com>”. The website looks very similar to the previous edition of ICBC (Asia) website (remark: ICBC (Asia) launched new website design on 10 October 2005 while the website address remains unchanged).

ICBC (Asia) would like to inform its customers and the public that ICBC (Asia) has no affiliation whatsoever to the suspicious fraudulent website.

Customers of the Bank and members of the public are strongly advised to type “<http://www.icbcasia.com>” into browser address bar or use their own pre-set favourites/bookmarks to access to the ICBC (Asia) website for utilising the ICBC (Asia) internet banking services. Customers should never divulge their log-in information and passwords to any third party under any circumstances.

The Bank has reported the existence of the website to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the police for further investigation and action.

If customers are concerned that they may have revealed their security details to the suspicious fraudulent website, they are recommended to call ICBC (Asia)'s 24-hour customer service hotline at (852) 218 95588 for assistance.

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