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“The Development of Banks in Shanghai and Hong Kong” Exhibition Completed Attracted Over 130,000 Visitors

27 May 2008, Hong Kong - “The Development of Banks in Shanghai and Hong Kong” exhibition, jointly presented by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited (“ICBC”) and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”), completed successfully on 26 May 2008. Over 130,000 visitors attended the exhibition in the previous six months.

“The Development of Banks in Shanghai and Hong Kong” exhibition was open to the public since 28 November 2007. The exhibits include over 300 thoroughly selected items from the ICBC Shanghai Bank Museum, together with artefacts from the Hong Kong Museum of History under LCSD and treasures borrowed from other organizations that enriched the contents of the Hong Kong section. The collection of exhibits from different decades illustrated the development of banking industries in Shanghai and Hong Kong and also the cooperative relationship between the two cities in the past century.

The organizers arranged a variety of educational activities to advocate the exhibition, including forum, inter-school quiz competition, lectures and workshops. In addition, 366 group visits were organized for the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, the New Territories School Heads Association, the Hong Kong Island School Heads Association and students from primary schools, secondary schools and universities. Docent services were also provided to enable the participants to have in-depth understanding of the exhibits. Moreover, the exquisite exhibition catalogue, which published the image of over 500 exhibits and nearly 100 historical photos, is a valuable source book for the readers.

Mr. Stanley Wong, Director and Deputy General Manager of ICBC (Asia), stated: “The ICBC Shanghai Bank Museum is the first of its kind in China and it collects over 20,000 artefacts. A number of exhibits from ICBC Shanghai Bank Museum were gems of the crown while some others were displayed for the first time. Together with those artefacts from the Hong Kong Museum of History which are seldom shown for public viewing, they formed a thorough and significant exhibition. The exhibition would not be made possible without the support rendered

by the HKSAR government. Looking for the future, we expect to make this meaningful exhibition worldwide to allow more people to realize the history and culture of financial industry of China.”

Mr. Wong also said the transformation of Hong Kong from a fishing port to an international financial hub over the past 100 years was mainly due to the efforts of predecessors. It is expected that the exhibits would arouse our awareness both to learn from the past experiences and to conceive the directions for future. Initiatives including further cooperation with the major financial cities of China and exploration of other new financial markets may strengthen the position of Hong Kong being the major financial hub.

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