

To: Finance Editor

For Immediate Release

### **ICBC (Asia) Alerts Members of the Public and Customers to a Fraudulent Email**

22 May 2013, Hong Kong – Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited (“the Bank”) would like to alert members of the public and customers to a fraudulent email purported to ask the recipient(s) to give confirmation as regards remittance related matters (“Remittance Confirmation”). Such fraudulent email may have contained attached file(s) with unknown content.

The Bank alerts members of the public that the abovesaid email was neither issued nor authorized by the Bank. The Bank has never asked customers or any other person to give the Remittance Confirmation. Please be warned not to give any Remittance Confirmation or to open any attachment thereto.

The Bank has already reported the case to the Hong Kong Monetary Authority and the Hong Kong Police Force accordingly.

For enquiry or upon receiving any suspected fraudulent email, please contact our customer service hotline at (852) 218 95588 as soon as possible.

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#### **Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited**

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Asia) Limited (“ICBC (Asia)”) is a licensed bank incorporated in Hong Kong. It has 56 branches, 20 “Elite Club” Wealth Management Centres and 4 commercial business centres in Hong Kong. It is principally engaged in banking, financial and other financial related services with focus on retail banking, commercial banking as well as corporate banking business. Chinese Mercantile Bank and ICBC (Asia) Investment Management Company Limited, the wholly-owned subsidiaries of ICBC (Asia), are specialized in the RMB services in Mainland China and the investment management businesses with a focus on Asia respectively. ICBC (Asia) is the flagship of Hong Kong banking business of Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Limited, the largest commercial bank in Mainland China (in terms of

total assets). On 15 June 2012, Fitch Ratings affirmed A/F1 Long-Term/Short-Term Issuer Default Rating with stable outlook, “A-” Subordinated Notes Rating and “1” Support Rating assigned to ICBC (Asia). On 15 June 2012, ICBC (Asia)’s A2/Prime-1 Long-Term/Short-Term Deposit Ratings and C- Bank Financial Strength Rating assigned by Moody’s Investors Service were affirmed while the outlook on all ratings is stable.