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Chong Hing Bank Announces 2018 Interim Results

Chong Hing Bank Limited (“Chong Hing Bank” or the “Bank”; stock code: 01111) announced its interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2018. The Bank’s core businesses and overall financial position remained strong, asset quality was sound, and profitability was enhanced.

The Bank’s 2018 interim results are highlighted as follows:

- Operating profit before impairment allowances amounted to HK\$1,045 million, representing an improvement of 49.7% from the corresponding period in 2017.
- Profit attributable to equity owners amounted to HK\$854 million, representing an increase of 66.9% from the corresponding period in 2017.
- Return on shareholders’ equity of 10.10% and earnings per share of HK\$1.19.
- Net interest income at HK\$1,360 million was 22.1% higher than same period last year. Net interest margin at 1.72%, 18 basis points more than the corresponding period in previous year.
- Capital adequacy ratio and liquidity maintenance ratio are above the relevant statutory requirements.

The major financial ratios for the first half of 2018 are as follows:

- Return on shareholders’ equity: 10.10% (annualised)
- Average liquidity maintenance ratio: 43.58%
- Total capital ratio: 17.39% as of 30 June 2018
- Tier 1 capital ratio: 13.23% as of 30 June 2018
- Loan to deposit ratio: 73.77% as of 30 June 2018

- An interim cash dividend of HK\$0.17 per share is declared for the six months ended 30 June 2018.

Mr Zong Jianxin, Chief Executive of Chong Hing Bank, said, ‘Chong Hing Bank has been committed to offering meticulous and professional services to its customers for 70 years. To grasp development opportunities presented by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area initiative, the Bank actively expands its businesses in the Mainland and offer differentiated cross-border products and services. In addition, the Bank has commissioned a dedicated office to conduct a strategic study on the Greater Bay Area in order to develop professional service solutions for cross-border customers. In view of the emerging Fintech trend, the Bank dedicates its best efforts to the development of digital banking, and strengthens the building of e-payment channels, as well as optimising e-banking and offering more convenient banking services for customers in the Mainland and Hong Kong.’

Mr Zhang Zhaoxing, Chairman of Chong Hing Bank, said, ‘The year 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of Chong Hing Bank. During this important milestone year, Chong Hing Bank has continued to promote its five-year strategic plan and strengthen management reforms, thereby achieving significant progress in terms of business expansion, operational efficiency, and service quality. Chong Hing Bank strives to achieve its corporate vision of becoming “an integrated commercial bank with cross-border expertise”, relying on the customer base and industrial professional expertise of Yuexiu Group, with the aim of establishing an efficient cross-border synergy, and focusing on the target customer groups in the Bay Area, to provide one-stop integrated financial services. Chong Hing Bank also endeavours to expand its business in the national market, making full use of the advantages of national licenses to create presence in major areas of economic development, so as to establish a nationwide integrated banking business in the long run.’

For details of the 2018 interim results, please refer to the Bank’s announcement.

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About Chong Hing Bank

Chong Hing Bank Limited (formerly known as “Liu Chong Hing Bank Limited”) was founded in 1948. The Bank has been listed on the mainboard of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong (Stock code: 01111) since 1994 and currently operates a network of 39 branches in Hong Kong. Together with its subsidiaries (Chong Hing Securities Limited and Chong Hing Insurance Company Limited), the Bank offers a wide range of banking services to individual and corporate customers, which include HKD and foreign currency deposits, credit, wealth management, investment, securities, insurance and other commercial banking products. Besides, the Bank joined hands with a number of local financial institutions and is one of the founding members of BCT group which provides a full range of mandatory provident fund services to customers. The Bank has branches in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Shantou and Macau, sub-branches in Guangzhou Tianhe, Foshan, Nansha and Hengqin, and representative offices in Shanghai and San Francisco.

Chong Hing Bank has been a member of Yuexiu Group since 14 February 2014. Yuexiu Group was established in Hong Kong in 1985. As at the end of 2017, Yuexiu Group had total assets of about RMB480 billion, making it one of the leading state-owned enterprise groups in Guangzhou in terms of economic efficiency.

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