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(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

The holding company of Dah Sing Bank, Limited

(Stock Code: 2356)

PROPOSALS FOR
GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES
RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
MANDATE TO GRANT OPTIONS AND ALLOT AND
ISSUE SHARES UPON EXERCISE OF OPTIONS
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited to be held at 20th Floor, Island Place Tower, 510 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 31 May 2016 at 3:30 p.m. is set out on pages 11 to 14 of this circular.

Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy to the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the said annual general meeting or any adjournments thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the said annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at

20th Floor, Island Place Tower, 510 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 31 May 2016 at 3:30 p.m. or any adjournment thereof, notice of which is set out on

pages 11 to 14 of this circular

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company adopted from

time to time

"Board" the board of Directors of the Company

"Chairman" the chairman of the Company

"Companies Ordinance" the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the Laws of

Hong Kong)

"Company" or "DSBG" Dah Sing Banking Group Limited, a company incorporated

in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance, the ordinary shares of which are listed on the main board of the Stock Exchange (Stock code: 2356)

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Latest Practicable Date" 20 April 2016, being the latest practicable date prior to the

printing of this circular for ascertaining certain information

contained in this circular

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"New Share Option Scheme" the new share option scheme adopted by the Company on

27 May 2014

"Old Share Option Scheme" the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 12

June 2004 and terminated on 27 May 2014

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the

Laws of Hong Kong)

DEFINITIONS		
"Shareholder(s)"	holder(s) of the Share(s) of the Company	
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) in the share capital of the Company	
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited	

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## Executive Directors:

David Shou-Yeh Wong (Chairman)
Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong) (Vice Chairman)
Harold Tsu-Hing Wong
(Managing Director and Chief Executive)
Gary Pak-Ling Wang

# Non-Executive Director:

Shoji Hirai

# Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Robert Tsai-To Sze Andrew Kwan-Yuen Leung Seng-Lee Chan Yuen-Tin Ng Registered Office:

36th Floor Dah Sing Financial Centre 108 Gloucester Road Hong Kong

27 April 2016

To Shareholders, and for information only, the option holders of the Old Share Option Scheme

Dear Sir/Madam.

PROPOSALS FOR
GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES
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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide Shareholders with information reasonably necessary to enable them to make an informed decision in respect of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM relating to, inter alia, (i) the proposed general mandate to issue shares in the capital of the Company; (ii) the re-election of Directors; and (iii) the proposed mandate to grant options and allot and issue shares upon exercise of options.

# 2. GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

Approval is being sought from Shareholders at the AGM by way of an ordinary resolution for a general mandate to allot and issue shares in the capital of the Company under section 141 of the Companies Ordinance and pursuant to the Listing Rules, in order to ensure flexibility and discretion to the Directors of the Company in the event it becomes desirable to issue any shares of the Company, representing up to 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of the passing of the resolution in relation to such general mandate, during the course of the period up to the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company or the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held or the revocation or variation of the authority by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first. The Board wishes to state that it has no present intention to issue Shares in the Company pursuant to such mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the total number of issued Shares comprised 1,401,971,828 Shares. Assuming that there is no change in the total number of issued Shares between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM on Tuesday, 31 May 2016, the Company would be allowed under the general mandate to issue Shares up to 280,394,365 Shares, representing 20% of the total number of issued Shares at the date of the AGM.

## 3. RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

At the AGM to be held on Tuesday, 31 May 2016, Messrs. Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong), Gary Pak-Ling Wang and Yuen-Tin Ng shall retire by rotation in accordance with Article 107 of the Articles of Association.

All of the above retiring Directors, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election. Particulars of aforesaid retiring Directors offering for re-election at the AGM are set out in the **Appendix** to this circular.

Any Shareholder who wishes to nominate a person to stand for election as a Director of the Company at the AGM must lodge with the Company at its registered office at 36th Floor, Dah Sing Financial Centre, 108 Gloucester Road, Hong Kong for the attention of the Company Secretary within the period commencing from the day after the despatch of the notice of the AGM and ending no later than 7 days prior to the date of the AGM, (i) his written nomination of the candidate, (ii) written confirmation from the nominated candidate of his willingness to be elected as a Director, and (iii) the details of such nominated candidate as required under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules for publication by the Company. You may further visit websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and Dah Sing Bank (www.dahsing.com) respectively for more specific details.

# 4. MANDATE TO GRANT OPTIONS AND ALLOT AND ISSUE SHARES UPON EXERCISE OF OPTIONS

Under section 141 of the Companies Ordinance, directors of a company shall not, without shareholders' prior approval in general meeting, allot new shares or grant rights to subscribe for, or to convert any security into, shares in the company.

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to grant the Directors an unconditional mandate to authorise them, during the Relevant Period (as defined below), (a) to grant options under the New Share Option Scheme and (b) to allot and issue Shares pursuant to the exercise of options which are granted under the New Share Option Scheme and options which have been granted under the Old Share Option Scheme (the "Issue Mandate"), and after the Relevant Period, the Directors will be authorised to allot and issue Shares pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the Issue Mandate during the Relevant Period. The Issue Mandate will commence from the date of passing such resolution and will end on (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by Companies Ordinance to be held; or (iii) the revocation or variation given by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting, whichever is the earliest (the "Relevant Period").

#### 5. CLOSURE OF THE REGISTER OF SHAREHOLDERS

For determining Shareholders' right to attend and vote at the AGM:

Closure dates of Register of Shareholders 27 May 2016 (Friday) (both days inclusive) to 31 May 2016 (Tuesday)

Latest time to lodge transfers 4:30 p.m. on 26 May 2016 (Thursday)

Record date 31 May 2016 (Tuesday)

AGM 31 May 2016 (Tuesday)

For determining Shareholders' entitlement to receive the proposed final dividend\*:

Closure dates of Register of Shareholders 7 June 2016 (Tuesday) (both days inclusive) to 10 June 2016 (Friday)

Latest time to lodge transfers 4:30 p.m. on 6 June 2016 (Monday)

Record date 10 June 2016 (Friday)

Proposed final dividend payment date 20 June 2016 (Monday)

(\*subject to Shareholders' approval at the AGM)

During the periods of the closure of Register of Shareholders, no share transfers will be registered. For registration, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong before the relevant latest time to lodge transfers.

Notice of the foregoing were given on Wednesday, 23 March 2016 when the Company's annual results in respect of the year ended 31 December 2015 were announced.

# 6. FORM OF PROXY

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with the Annual Report and audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2015. Related form of proxy can also be downloaded from Dah Sing Bank's website (www.dahsing.com) or the Stock Exchange's website (www.hkexnews.hk). Whether or not you intend to be present at the AGM, you are requested to complete and return the form of proxy to the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong in accordance with the instructions printed thereon not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM should you so wish. Should you attend and vote at the AGM in person, the form of proxy lodged with the Company is to be regarded as revoked.

# 7. VOTING BY POLL AT THE AGM

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all resolutions set out in the notice convening the general meeting shall be decided by poll. The Chairman of the AGM will demand a poll on each of the resolutions set out in the notice of the AGM in accordance with Article 65 of the Articles of Association.

Article 72 of the Articles of Association provides that on a poll, every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every Share held by that Shareholder. An explanation of the detailed procedures of conducting a poll will be provided to the Shareholders at the AGM.

# 8. RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the proposals referred to above are in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Board recommends the Shareholders to vote in favour of all resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

# 9. GENERAL INFORMATION

Your attention is drawn to the additional information set out in the **Appendix** (Particulars of Directors subject to Re-election) to this circular.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board of
Dah Sing Banking Group Limited
David Shou-Yeh Wong
Chairman

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, the particulars of the Directors who will retire at the AGM according to the Articles of Association and who propose to be re-elected at the AGM are provided below.

# 1. Mr. Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong)

Vice Chairman

Mr. Wong, aged 63, was appointed as the Managing Director of the Company in 2004 and promoted as Vice Chairman in April 2011. He was appointed as Director of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited ("DSFH") in 1993 and promoted as its Managing Director in January 2002. He joined Dah Sing Bank, Limited, a key operating subsidiary of the Company, in 1977 and has served and managed various departments before appointed as a Director in 1989 and was promoted as its Managing Director in 2000 and Vice Chairman in April 2011. He ceased to be a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of both the Company and DSFH in September 2014. Mr. Wong is the Chairman of Dah Sing Bank (China) Limited and a director of various major subsidiaries of the Group. He is a Director of Great Wall Life Insurance Company Limited, and a Non-Executive Director and Vice Chairman of Bank of Chongqing Co., Ltd. (listed in Hong Kong) in which the Group has a 14.66% equity interest. Mr. Wong is an Associate of The Institute of Bankers (U.K.) and a Founder Member of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers and The International Retail Banking Council of the U.K.. Mr. Wong has over 35 years of experience in banking.

Mr. Wong has not entered into any service contract with the Company. His salary package is covered by a contract of employment which was determined with reference to the remuneration policy of the Group, the pay levels of comparable positions of peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses as well as the individual performance and contributions to the Group's overall performance. The total emolument of Mr. Wong for the year ended 31 December 2015 was HK\$12,000,000 (all inclusive). Although Mr. Wong, being an executive director, has not been appointed for a specific term, he is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

Mr. Wong is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wong was not interested in any shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

## 2. Mr. Gary Pak-Ling Wang

Executive Director

Mr. Wang, aged 55, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company in 2004. He joined Dah Sing Bank, Limited ("DSB"), a key operating subsidiary of the Company, as the Group Financial Controller in 1995 and was promoted as a Director in 1997, responsible for the overall financial management and control, operations and IT functions of the Group for a number of years. Mr. Wang was promoted as the Managing Director and Chief Executive of DSB in May 2011. He is also a Director of Dah Sing Financial

Holdings Limited, Banco Comercial de Macau, S.A., Dah Sing Bank (China) Limited and Dah Sing Life Assurance Company Limited. Mr. Wang is a qualified accountant, a Fellow of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants of the U.K. and a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Wang has over 25 years of experience in financial management and banking.

Mr. Wang has not entered into any service contract with the Company. His salary package is covered by a contract of employment which was determined with reference to the remuneration policy of the Group, the pay levels of comparable positions of peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses as well as the individual performance and contributions to the Group's overall performance. The total emolument of Mr. Wang for the year ended 31 December 2015 was HK\$17,974,000 (all inclusive). Although Mr. Wang, being an executive director, has not been appointed for a specific term, he is subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company.

Mr. Wang is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Wang was granted options to subscribe for, and hence was interested in 3,634,909 Shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

# 3. Mr. Yuen-Tin Ng

Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr. Ng, aged 64, was appointed as an Independent Non-Executive Director and a member of the Audit Committee of the Company in April 2012. He is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of Dah Sing Bank, Limited ("DSB") and Dah Sing Bank (China) Limited ("DSB China") (the Company's banking subsidiaries), appointed in October 2012 and February 2013 respectively. He has served as a member of the Risk Management and Compliance Committee of DSB since May 2013. He was appointed as a member of the Audit Committee, Connected Transactions Control Committee and Risk Committee of DSB China in February 2013. He was further appointed as the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee of DSB China in September 2015. Mr. Ng is also an Independent Non-Executive Director of Chinney Alliance Group Limited, a public company listed in Hong Kong. Mr. Ng is an Associate of The Chartered Institute of Bankers (UK) and a Fellow and an honorary advisor of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers. Mr. Ng has 40 years of extensive experience in banking and financial industry with a focus on the corporate and institutional banking business management for the last 12 years prior to his retirement from Hang Seng Bank Limited in 2011.

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Mr. Ng has not entered into any service contract with the Company nor is he appointed for a specific term, but he is still subject to retirement by rotation and is eligible for re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company. Mr. Ng is entitled to a director's fee of HK\$370,000 per annum (with effect from 1 April 2015) from the Company, which was determined with reference to the levels of director fees paid by peer institutions in banking and financial related businesses and the number of board committee(s) he serves as a member and the time involved in carrying out duties and responsibilities for the Group.

Mr. Ng is not related to any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Ng was not interested in any shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed above, none of the retiring Directors to be re-elected have any information which is required to be disclosed under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules, nor are there any other matters relating to the re-election of the retiring Directors that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders of the Company.

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting ("AGM") of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited (the "Company") will be held at 20th Floor, Island Place Tower, 510 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 31 May 2016 at 3:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

# As ordinary businesses:

- 1. To receive and adopt the audited financial statements together with the Report of the Directors and Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31 December 2015.
- 2. To declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2015.
- 3. To re-elect Directors
  - (a) Mr. Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong)
  - (b) Mr. Gary Pak-Ling Wang
  - (c) Mr. Yuen-Tin Ng
- 4. To fix the fees of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2015.
- 5. To appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors of the Company and to authorize the Directors to fix their remuneration.

# As special businesses:

As special businesses, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modifications the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

# 6. "THAT:

(a) subject to the following provisions of this resolution and pursuant to section 141 of the Companies Ordinance, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot,

issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company ("Shares") and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorize the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options, which might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the total number of Shares allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (ii) the exercise of options under any share option scheme or similar arrangement adopted by the Company for the grant or issue to the employees and directors of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or other eligible participants specified thereunder of options to subscribe for or rights to acquire shares of the Company; or (iii) an issue of shares upon the exercise of the subscription rights attaching to any warrants which may be issued by the Company; or (iv) an issue of shares of the Company as scrip dividend or similar arrangement in accordance with the articles of association of the Company; or (v) pursuant to any existing specific authority, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of Shares of the Company in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Companies Ordinance to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to the holders of shares on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory outside Hong Kong)."

## 7. "**THAT**:

- (a) subject to the Companies Ordinance (Chapter 622 of the laws of Hong Kong), the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and the terms and conditions of the new share option scheme of the Company adopted on 27 May 2014 ("New Share Option Scheme"), a mandate be and is hereby unconditionally given to the Directors to exercise all the powers of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) (i) to grant options under the New Share Option Scheme and (ii) to allot and issue shares of the Company pursuant to the exercise of options which are granted under the New Share Option Scheme and options which have been granted under the old share option scheme adopted on 12 June 2004 (the "Issue Mandate"), and after the Relevant Period, to allot and issue shares of the Company pursuant to the exercise of options granted under the Issue Mandate during the Relevant Period; and
- (b) for the purpose of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by Companies Ordinance to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting."

By Order of the Board

Dah Sing Banking Group Limited

Doris Wai Nar Wong

Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 27 April 2016

Notes:

- (a) A member entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint one or, under particular case, more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf. A proxy needs not be a member of the Company.
- (b) Where there are joint registered holders of any share, any one of such persons may vote at the AGM, either personally or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he were solely entitled thereto, but if more than one of such joint holders is present at the AGM personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company shall, in respect of such share, be entitled alone to vote in respect thereof.
- (c) A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed.

- (d) In order to be valid, the instrument appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed must be lodged at the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the AGM (or the adjourned meeting as the case may be).
- (e) Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjourned meeting, if he so wishes. If such member attends and votes at the AGM, his form of proxy is to be regarded as revoked.
- (f) Particulars of the Directors to be re-elected or elected (as the case may be) at the AGM are set out in the Appendix to this circular of which this notice forms part.
- (g) The translation into Chinese language of this notice is for reference only. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.
- (h) If Typhoon Signal no. 8 or above, or a "black" rainstorm warning is expected to be hoisted any time after 12 noon on the AGM date, the AGM will be postponed. The Company will publish an announcement on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and Dah Sing Bank (www.dahsing.com) to notify members of the date, time and place of the rescheduled meeting.