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(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance) (Stock Code: 0440)

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting ("AGM") of Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at 20th Floor, Island Place Tower, 510 King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong on Tuesday, 27 May 2014 at 4:45 p.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing (with or without modifications) the following ordinary resolutions of the Company:

### 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 2013.
- 2. To declare a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2013.
- 3. To re-elect Directors
  - (a) Mr. Gary Pak-Ling Wang
  - (b) Mr. John Wai-Wai Chow
  - (c) Mr. Takashi Morimura
  - (d) Mr. Blair Chilton Pickerell
- 4. To fix the fees of the Directors for the year ended 31 December 2013.
- 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 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 paragraph (b) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and recognized by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange ("Listing Rules") or any other applicable stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the total number of the Shares which the Company is authorized to repurchase pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issued as at the date of the passing of this resolution and the authority pursuant to paragraph (a) of this resolution shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) 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."

- 8. "THAT conditional upon resolutions numbered 6 and 7 set out in this notice of annual general meeting being duly passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company pursuant to resolution numbered 6 set out in this notice of annual general meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition to the total number of Shares which may be allotted, issued and dealt with by the Directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the total number of Shares repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution numbered 7 set out in this notice of annual general meeting, provided that such an amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of Shares in issued as at the date of the passing of this resolution."
- 9. "THAT:-
  - (a) subject to the Companies Ordinance, the Listing Rules and the terms and conditions of the share option scheme adopted by the shareholders of the Company on 28 April 2005 (the "DSFH 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) to grant options under the DSFH Share Option Scheme and to allot and issue shares of the Company pursuant to the exercise of share options which are granted pursuant to this resolution (the "Issue Mandate"), and after the Relevant Period to allot and issue shares of the Company pursuant to the exercise of share options granted under the Issue Mandate during the Relevant Period;
  - (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 of the Company in general meeting."

#### 10. "THAT:-

- (a) subject to and conditional upon the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting approval of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the new shares of Dah Sing Banking Group Limited ("DSBG") (not exceeding 5% of the total number of shares of DSBG in issue as at the date of the passing of this resolution) which may fall to be allotted and issued upon the exercise of the options to be granted under the new share option scheme of DSBG ("DSBG New Share Option Scheme"), the rules of which are contained in the document marked "A" produced to the meeting and signed by the chairman of the meeting for identification purpose, the DSBG New Share Option Scheme be and is hereby approved; and
- (b) subject to and conditional upon the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of DSBG approving the termination of the existing share option scheme of DSBG adopted on 12 June 2004 ("DSBG Existing Share Option Scheme"), the DSBG Existing Share Option Scheme be and is hereby terminated with effect from the conclusion of the annual general meeting of DSBG."
- 11. As a special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modifications the following resolution as special resolution of the Company:

#### **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

"THAT the articles of association of the Company in the form of the document marked "B" produced to this meeting and, for the purpose of identification, signed by the chairman of this meeting, which restates the articles of association of the Company to reflect all of the proposed amendments (including the abolition of the memorandum of association and the removal of the objects clause) referred to in Appendix D of the circular of the Company dated 23 April 2014, be and are hereby approved and adopted as the new articles of association of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing memorandum and articles of association of the Company with effect from the end of this meeting."

By Order of the Board Dah Sing Financial Holdings Limited Doris Wai Nar Wong Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 23 April 2014

#### 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) 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).
- (d) Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending and voting in person at the AGM, if he so wishes. If such member attends and votes at the AGM, his form of proxy is to be regarded as revoked.
- (e) Details of all the Directors to be re-elected or elected (as the case may be) at the AGM are set out in the Appendix B to the circular of the Company dated 23 April 2014.
- (f) The translation into Chinese language of this announcement is for reference only. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.
- (g) 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.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of the Company comprises Messrs. David Shou-Yeh Wong (Chairman), Hon-Hing Wong (Derek Wong) (Managing Director and Chief Executive), Gary Pak-Ling Wang and Nicholas John Mayhew as Executive Directors; Messrs. Takashi Morimura (Muneo Kurauchi as alternate), Hidekazu Horikoshi and John Wai-Wai Chow as Non-Executive Directors; Messrs. Robert Tsai-To Sze, Lon Dounn, Seiji Nakamura, Blair Chilton Pickerell and Dr. Yuan Shu as Independent Non-Executive Directors.