

## **Fraudulent Website Notification**

**New York, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016** – The Bank of East Asia, Limited, New York Branch ("BEANY" or the "Branch") would like to alert all customers and the general public that the Bank has no affiliation whatsoever with a fraudulent email from an individual called Mr. Edward Kong who claims to be the employee of the Bank of East Asia in New York, requesting customers to register (<u>http://www.bea-ny.com/html/en/index.html</u>) and input their account information to perform transfer instructions. Recipients of this email are strongly urged to delete the message and not to reply to the email or follow the instructions stated therein.

BEANY would like to remind its customers that they can access the Branch's internet-based services safely and securely via the Branch's homepage at <u>www.hkbea-beany.com</u>. In any case, the Branch would not request customers to log in via email.

The Branch has reported the above incident to the Federal Bureau of Investigation -Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), and will take any action deemed necessary and appropriate to protect the reputation of the Branch and the interests of its customers and the general public.

Should customers have any queries, they may call the Branch's Customer Service Hotline on (212) 219-8288. For customers who have provided sensitive customer information or have conducted transactions through the above e-mail message, please contact the Branch immediately through the above hotline and report the case to the police.

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