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Wing Hang Bank Extends Branch Opening Hours

(15 August 2006, Hong Kong) Wing Hang Bank (“WHB”) announces that it will extend business hours on weekdays for half an hour and will provide wealth management services at 3 selected branches on weekends. The new arrangement will provide customers with greater flexibility and convenience after the implementation of 5-day clearing week from 4 September, 2006. Details of new arrangement are as follows:

- **Extension of branch opening hours on weekdays** – All WHB branches will extend their opening hours from 9:00am to 5:30pm, as compared with the current 9:00am to 5:00pm opening hours*. The cut-off times for cheque deposits made over the counter at all WHB branches located on the Hong Kong Island will be extended from 5:00pm to 5:30pm on Mondays to Fridays, whereas such extension applies only on Fridays for other WHB branches.
- **Extension of branch opening hours for selected branches on weekends** – All WHB branches will operate from 9:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays*. Three branches: Johnston Road Branch, Tseung Kwan O Branch and Tuen Mun Branch will extend their opening hours from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturdays and will also open from 1:00pm to 5:00pm on Sundays to provide wealth management services to customers.

Mr. Stephen Wong, Deputy General Manager and the Head of Retail Banking Division said, “We have conducted a survey to find out the needs of our customers on branch opening hours. We learnt that our customers preferred extension of branch opening hours on weekdays. Thus, we have made this new arrangement. In addition, we have selected 3 branches to provide wealth management services on Saturday and Sunday afternoons on a trial basis.”

WHB now has 38 branches and 3 wealth management centers in Hong Kong. The 4th wealth management center will open at Eton Tower in Causeway Bay in late August 2006.

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*Remarks: Cheung Sha Wan Branch will open from 8:30am.