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招商銀行股份有限公司

CHINA MERCHANTS BANK CO., LTD.

(A joint stock company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock code: 03968)

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE APPROVAL FROM THE CBRC ON THE RIGHTS ISSUE PLAN

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China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd. (the “Company”) has recently received “The Approval of The Rights Issue Plan of China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.” (Document Yin Jian Fu [2011] No. 395) from the China Banking Regulatory Commission (the “CBRC”), pursuant to which, the CBRC has in principle agreed upon the Company’s plan for rights issue of its A and H shares and issued a regulatory letter of opinions. The CBRC is of the view that the rights issue in domestic and overseas capital markets will facilitate the improvement of the Company’s core competitiveness and its long-term healthy development.

The Company will continue to apply to the relevant domestic and offshore regulatory authorities including the China Securities Regulatory Commission and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited to process the application procedures in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

By order of the Board
China Merchants Bank Co., Ltd.
Lan Qi Seng Sze Ka Mee Natalia
Joint Company Secretaries

17 October 2011

As at the date of this announcement, the executive directors of the Company are Ma Weihua, Zhang Guanghua and Li Hao; the non-executive directors of the Company are Fu Yuning, Wei Jiafu, Li Yinquan, Fu Gangfeng, Hong Xiaoyuan, Sun Yueying, Wang Daxiong and Fu Junyuan; and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Yi Xiqun, Wong Kwai Lam, Yan Lan, Chow Kwong Fai, Edward, Liu Yongzhang and Liu Hongxia.