

2008 Event Highlights

January

- Launched the "Speed Remittance" services with ICBC in China.
- Achieved the award of "The Highest Growth Rate 2007 in Merchant Purchase Volume – Hong Kong" from MasterCard Worldwide.

February

 Awarded the "5 Years Plus Caring Company" status by The Hong Kong Council of Social Service.

March

- Acted as one of the mandated coordinating arrangers of the HK\$6 billion syndication loan to Wheelock and Company Limited.
- Hosted an Investment Seminar on "Cross Border Financial Investment Opportunities".
- Signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Aoyuan Group to provide mortgage financing service to buyers of its project named 「南國奧林匹克花園」 located in Panyu.

April

- Launched Xplore Visa Platinum Card.
- Launched the "Account Opening Witness" service in cooperation with designated branches of ICBC for those customers who want to open Renminbi account in Mainland China.
- Launched a joint promotion with Chinese Estates Holdings Limited for its project named "MOD 595" by offering a special mortgage loan plan to selected buyers.
- Lined up with the Longhu Group to provide mortgage financing service to buyers of a prestigious villa project named 「北京灧瀾山莊園」 located in Beijing.

May

- Acted as one of the mandated coordinating arrangers of the HK\$2,954 million syndicated loan to The Champion REIT for the acquisition of the Langham Place.
- Opened the new Aberdeen Branch with Securities Investment Centre.
- Sponsored Caritas Folk Song Concert.

- "The Development of Banks in Shanghai and Hong Kong" exhibition was completed successfully on 26 May 2008. Over 130,000 visitors attend the exhibition in the previous six months.
- In order to aid the Sichuan earthquake victims and reconstruction of the affected areas, our staff and customers raised a donation of over HK\$2 million and sent via Hong Kong Red Cross to the victims.

June

- Joined hands with Zurich Insurance Group (Hong Kong) to launch "Zurich Dual Currency Card".
- Signed an agreement with the Sun Hung Kai Properties Group to provide special mortgage loan plans to buyers of its project named "Harbour Place".
- Lined up with the Shui On Group to provide mortgage financing service to buyers of its highend project named「翠湖天地嘉苑」, situated near Xin Tian Di in Shanghai.
- Sponsored a concert of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra for which a number of underprivileged people from several charity organizations were invited to attend the concert.

July

- Sponsored and officiated the Caritas TV Show.
- Launched Dual Currency Visa Platinum Card and Platinum MasterCard.
- Relocated the Jordan Branch to a premier location with the opening of an "Elite Club" Wealth Management Centre.

August

• Relocated the Tsim Sha Tsui Branch to a premier location with the opening of an "Elite Club" Wealth Management Center.

September

- Acted as one of the mandated coordinating arrangers of the HK\$20.38 billion syndicated loan to Hong Kong Telecommunications.
- Acted as a coordinating arranger of the US\$1.18 billion syndicated loan to finance the second phase of the China-Kazakhstan Natural Gas Pipe Line.
- Opened the new Ngau Tau Kok Branch with Securities Investment Centre.

October

- Act as one of the mandated coordinating arrangers of the HK\$2.2 billion syndicated loan to the Shanghai Industrial Investment (Holding) Co. Ltd.
- Launched "Elite Club" Platinum MasterCard.

• Sponsored the reconstruction of a primary school in mountainous area of Yunnan Province. The new school building enabled the children to study in a safe environment and at a permanent site. In late October, our staff and the volunteers of "Sowers Action" staff and the volunteers of "Sowers Action" to understand more about their learning and living conditions.

November

 Actively participated in the Caritas Raffle Ticket Sales and Bazaar by all level of staff, in order to raise funds for Cartias – Hong Kong.

December

- Launched a thematic advertisement for promoting our reliable image with the support from ICBC.
- Signed a Cooperation Agreement with the Agile Group to provide mortgage financing service to buyers of its project named「雅居樂新城」 located in Zhongshan.