致南洋商業銀行有限公司全體成員

(於香港註冊成立的有限公司)

審計意見

本核數師(以下簡稱「我們」)審計了載於第53頁至第235頁南洋商業銀行有限公司(「貴銀行」)及其附屬公司(統稱「貴集團」)的綜合財務報表,包括於2016年12月31日的綜合資產負債表與截至該日止年度的綜合收益表、綜合全面收益表、綜合權益變動表和綜合現金流量表,以及綜合財務報表附註,包括主要會計政策。

我們認為,上述綜合財務報表已經根據香港會計師公會頒佈的《香港財務報告準則》,真實而中肯地反映了貴集團於2016年12月31日的財務狀況以及截至該日止年度的財務表現和現金流量,並已符合香港《公司條例》妥為編製。

形成審計意見的基礎

我們按照香港會計師公會頒佈的《香港審計準則》的規定執行了審計工作。審計報告的「核數師對合併財務報表審計的責任」部分進一步闡述了我們在這些準則下的責任。按照香港會計師職業道德準則理事會發佈的香港職業會計師道德守則,我們獨立於集團,並已按照香港職業會計師道德守則履行了職業道德方面的其他責任。我們相信,我們獲取的審計證據是充分、適當的,為發表審計意見提供了基礎。

To the members of Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

OPINION

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Nanyang Commercial Bank, Limited (the "Bank") and its subsidiaries (the "Group") set out on pages 53 to 235, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2016, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2016, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("HKICPA") and have been properly prepared in compliance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Hong Kong Standards on Auditing ("HKSAs") issued by the HKICPA. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the HKICPA's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the "Code"), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

年度報表涵蓋的其他信息

貴銀行董事對其他信息負責。其他信息包括年度報表 中涵蓋的信息。

我們對綜合財務報表的審計意見並不涵蓋其他信息, 我們也不對其他信息發表任何形式的鑒證結論。

結合我們對綜合財務報表的審計,我們的責任是閱讀 其他信息,在此過程中,考慮其他信息是否與財務報 表或我們在審計過程中瞭解的情況存在重大不一致 或者似乎存在重大錯報。基於我們已經執行的工作, 如果我們確定其他信息存在重大錯報,我們必須報告 該事實。在這方面,我們無可報告事項。

董事對綜合財務報表的責任

貴銀行董事根據香港會計師公會頒佈的《香港財務報告準則》及香港《公司條例》編製綜合財務報表,以使其真實而中肯列報,並確定貴銀行董事認為必要的內部控制,以使其編製的綜合財務報表不存在由於欺詐或錯誤而導致的重大錯誤陳述。

在編制綜合財務報表時,貴銀行董事負責評估集團的持續經營能力、披露與持續經營有關的事項(如適用),並運用持續經營假設,除非管理層計劃清算銀行、停止運營或別無其他現實的選擇。

稽核委員會協助貴銀行董事負責監督集團的財務報告流程。

OTHER INFORMATION INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

The directors of the Bank are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors of the Bank are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with HKFRSs issued by the HKICPA and the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for such internal control as the directors of the Bank determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the directors of the Bank are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors of the Bank either intend to liquidate the Bank or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors of the Bank are assisted by the Audit Committee in discharging their responsibilities for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

核數師對合併財務報表審計的責任

我們的目標是對綜合財務報表整體是否不存在由於 舞弊或錯誤導致的重大錯報獲取合理保證,並出具包 含審計意見的審計報告。我們按照香港《公司條例》 第405條,僅向全體成員(作為一個整體)報告,除此 之外本報告別無其他目的。我們不會就本報告的內容 向任何其他人士負上或承擔任何責任。

合理保證是高水準的保證,但並不能保證按照香港審計準則執行的審計在某一重大錯報存在時總能發現。 錯報可能由舞弊或錯誤所導致,如果合理預期錯報單 獨或匯總起來可能影響財務報表使用者依據合併財 務報表作出的經濟決策,則錯報是重大的。

在按照香港審計準則執行審計的過程中,我們運用了 職業判斷,保持了職業懷疑。我們同時:

- 識別和評估由於舞弊或錯誤導致的綜合財務 報表重大錯報風險;對這些風險有針對性地設 計和實施審計程式;獲取充分、適當的審計證 據·作為發表審計意見的基礎。由於舞弊可能 涉及串通、偽造、故意遺漏、虚假陳述或淩駕 於內部控制之上,未能發現由於舞弊導致的重 大錯報的風險高於未能發現由於錯誤導致的 重大錯報的風險。
- 瞭解與審計相關的內部控制,以設計恰當的審 計程式,但目的並非對集團內部控制的有效性 發表意見。

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Our report is made solely to you, as a body, in accordance with section 405 of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, and for no other purpose. We do not assume responsibility towards or accept liability to any other person for the contents of this report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with HKSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with HKSAs, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.

核數師對合併財務報表審計的責任

- 評價管理層選用會計政策的恰當性和作出會 計估計及相關披露的合理性。
- 對管理層使用持續經營假設的恰當性得出結論。同時,基於所獲取的審計證據,對是否存在與事項或情況相關的重大不確定性,從而可能導致對集團的持續經營能力產生重大疑慮作出結論。如果我們得出結論認為存在重大不確定性,審計準則要求我們在審計報告中提請報告使用者注意綜合財務報表中的相關披露:如果披露不充分,我們應當發表非無保留意見。我們的結論基於審計報告日可獲得的資訊。然而,未來的事項或情況可能導致集團不能持續經營。
- 評價綜合財務報表的總體列報、結構和內容 (包括披露),並評價綜合財務報表是否公允 反映交易和事項。
- 就集團內實體或業務活動的財務資訊獲取充分、適當的審計證據,以對合併財務報表發表意見。我們負責指導、監督和執行集團審計。 我們對審計意見承擔全部責任。

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content
 of the consolidated financial statements, including the
 disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial
 statements represent the underlying transactions and events
 in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

核數師對合併財務報表審計的責任

除其他事項外,我們與稽核委員會就計劃的審計範圍、時間安排和重大審計發現(包括我們在審計中識別的值得關注的內部控制缺陷)進行溝通。

我們還向審計委員會提供一份確定我們已遵守相關獨立性和道德要求的聲明,並與他們溝通所有可能影響我們獨立性的關係、其相關保護措施和其他可能影響我們獨立性的事項。

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執業會計師

香港 2017年3月28日

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Cont'd)

We communicate with the Audit Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the Audit Committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Ernst & Young

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong 28 March 2017