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Attention: ATTY. JOSEPH B. EVANGELISTA
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Gentlemen,

We are pleased to furnish your good office with a copy of China Bank's latest news release, "China Bank raises P30 billion from retail bonds".

For your information and guidance.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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China Bank raises P30 billion from retail bonds

China Banking Corporation (China Bank) successfully raised P30 billion as investors gobbled up its maiden issue of peso fixed rate bonds. The bonds were listed on the Philippine Dealing & Exchange Corp. (PDEX) on July 10, 2019.

"We are very grateful for the overwhelming market response which reflects our clients' confidence in China Bank's fundamental strength and future prospects," said China Bank President William C. Whang, noting that the issue was six times oversubscribed.

China Bank upsized the amount to P30 billion from the initial target of P5 billion to accommodate strong investor demand. This is one of the largest corporate bond issuances on a single issuance in the market to-date—a testament to the Bank's placement capabilities, solid client support and strong distribution reach.

"The success of a bond issue of this size in accessing the capital markets -- following the successful two rounds of LTNCD that we issued in the previous years -- is likewise a testament to the institutional strength of China Bank, as reflected in the investment grade credit rating given to China Bank in 2017 and recently affirmed by Moody's", Whang added.

The China Bank bonds, due January 2021, carry an annual interest rate of 5.70%, which will be paid monthly.

This bond issue forms part of the Bank's planned P75-billion fund raising program for the next three years to support its expansion and strategic initiatives. The Bank is also looking at following this with the issuance of up to P20 billion worth of peso-denominated Long Term Negotiable Certificates of Time Deposits (LTNCD) in the fourth quarter of the year, subject to BSP approval and favorable market conditions.

Last year, China Bank raised P10.25 billion via LTNCD.

China Bank, founded in 1920, is one of the largest private universal banks in the Philippines providing a full range of banking products and services to corporate, commercial, and retail customers through 621 branches and 973 ATMs to date (including the 162 branches and 167 ATMs of China Bank Savings). It also offers a wide range of allied financial services through its subsidiaries China Bank Capital Corp., China Bank Securities Corp., Chinabank Insurance Brokers Inc., and Manulife China Bank Life Assurance Corp. Visit www.chinabank.ph for more information.

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