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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 For the Month of February 2010 SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO., LTD.

(Translation of registrant s name into English)
120, 2-Ga, Taepyung-Ro, Jung-Gu, Seoul 100-102, Korea
(Address of principal executive offices)
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Shinhan Financial Group 120, 2-Ga, Taepyungro, Jung Gu, Seoul 100-102, Korea

February 26, 2010

To Shareholders:

Convocation Notice of the 9th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Notice is hereby given that the 9th Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Group will be held as described hereunder and your attendance is cordially requested.

Description

Date and Time March 24, 2010 10 A.M., Seoul time.
 Venue Auditorium, 20th floor, Shinhan Bank,

120, 2Ga, Taepyung-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, Korea

3. Agenda

1) Approval of Financial Statements (balance sheets, income statements and statements of appropriation of retained earnings) for the fiscal year 2009 (January 1, 2009~ December 31, 2009)

2) Approval of Revision to Articles of Incorporation

3) Approval of Director Remuneration Limit

4) Appointment of Directors (10 Directors)

4-1) Director Candidate: Eung Chan Ra

4-2) Director Candidate: Shee Yul Ryoo

4-3) Director Candidate: Byung-Il Kim

4-4) Director Candidate: Yo Koo Kim

4-5) Director Candidate: Hui Mook Kim

4-6) Director Candidate: Ke Sup Yun

- 4-7) Director Candidate: Sung Bin Chun
- 4-8) Director Candidate: Haeng Nam Chung
- 4-9) Director Candidate: Yoji Hirakawa
- 4-10) Director Candidate: Philippe Aguignier
- 5) Appointment of Audit Committee Members (3 members)
- 5-1) Committee Member Candidate : Yo Koo Kim
- 5-2) Committee Member Candidate: Ke Sup Yun
- 5-3) Committee Member Candidate: Sung Bin Chun

Reference Document for the Exercise of Voting Right

- 1. Number of Voting Rights Held by All Shareholders: 474,199,587 shares
 - * The total number of our outstanding common stock is 474,199,587 shares as of December 31, 2009 all of which are valid shares for voting.

2. Agenda Items and Reference Materials Thereof:

Agenda Item No. 1 Approval of Financial Statements

(balance sheets, income statements and statements of appropriation of retained earnings for fiscal year 2009 [January 1, 2009 ~ December 31, 2009])

Please refer to Appendix 1 for financial statements of Shinhan Financial Group

Total dividend amount proposed by BOD

- 1) Common Stock: KRW 189,680 million
- 2) Preferred Stock: KRW 238,180 million
- 3) Total: KRW 427,860 million

Agenda Item No. 2 Approval of Revision to Articles of Incorporation

Shinhan Financial Group proposes to revise its Articles of Incorporation in response to the recent enactment of the Code of Best Practice for Outside Directors of Financial Institutions promulgated by the Korea Federation of Banks that is aimed at improving the corporate governance, independence and expertise of the members of the Board of Directors of financial institutions.

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Article 1 ~ 35 (omitted)

Article 36 (Election of Director)

- (1) (omitted)
- (2) Outside Directors shall be recommended by the Outside Director Recommendation Committee pursuant to Article <u>46</u> and elected at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

Article 37 (Term of Director)

- (1) The term of office of the Director shall be determined at the General Meeting of Shareholders to the extent not exceeding three years, and the Director may be re-appointed. Provided that, the term of office of the Outside Director appointed as a specialist at the General Meeting of Shareholders shall be one year.
- (2) (omitted)

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Article 1~35 (same as existing)

Article 36 (Election of Director)

- (1) (same as existing)
- (2) Outside Directors shall be recommended by the Outside Director Recommendation Committee pursuant to Article <u>47</u> and elected at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

Article 37 (Term of Director)

- (1) The term of office of the Director shall be determined at the General Meeting of Shareholders to the extent not exceeding three years, and the Director may be re-appointed. Provided that, the term of office of the Outside Director shall be no more than two years, or no more than one year when being re-appointed, and the outside director shall not serve consecutive terms in excess of five years.
- (2) (same as existing)

Article 38 (Eligibility of Outside Director)

- (1) The Company must appoint an individual who has extensive expertise or practical experience in related areas such as finance, economy, business management, law, accounting and media, and falls under one of the following:
- 1. Professional manager (an individual who is or was an executive or higher, or is or was at an equivalent position, of a company that receives external audit according to the Act on External Audit of Stock Companies or a corresponding foreign law. However, an individual who has worked for five or more years at a company of a size prescribed by the Outside Director Recommendation Committee shall be regarded as a professional manager, even if such company does not meet the above eligibility requirement):
- 2. Lawyer or certified public accountant who has five or more years of experience in the work relevant to the respective qualification;
- 3. Individual who has a Master s degree or higher in finance, economics, business management, law or accounting and has five or more years of experience as a researcher or full-time lecturer or higher in the

respective field at a research institution or a university;
4. Individual who has served in a financial company for ten or more years;

5. Individual who has worked for five or more years as an executive, or ten or more years as an executive or employee, in the financial or accounting related area of a listed corporation (a listed corporation pursuant to the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act); 6. Individual who has five or more years of experience in the work related to finance or accounting, or supervision thereof, in the central government, local government, public institution pursuant to the Act on the Management of Public Institutions, Financial Supervisory Service, Korea Exchange pursuant to the Financial Investment Services and Capital Markets Act, or a financial investment services institution (not including financial investment related group) pursuant to Article 9, Paragraph 17 of the same Act);

7. Individual who has experience in the work related to 4

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finance or accounting at an institution subject to inspection (including equivalent foreign financial institution) pursuant to Article 38 of the Act on the Establishment, etc. of Financial Services Commission; or

- 8. Any other individual with extensive expertise or practical experience who is recognized by the Outside Director Recommendation Committee as having qualifications corresponding to Subparagraphs 1 through 7 above.
- (2) Any person falling under any of the following subparagraphs cannot become an Outside Director of the Company or shall lose his/her position as the Outside Director if he/she becomes falling under any of the following subparagraphs:
- 1. A person who is prohibited from being appointed as the Outside Director under the Financial Holding Companies Act or its related laws and regulations; or 2. A person holding the position of the outside director, non-standing director or non-standing auditor with another company carrying on financial business which is not an affiliate of the Company.

Article 38 ~ 42 (omitted)

Article $39 \sim 43$ (same as existing Article $38 \sim 42$)

Article 43 (Chairman of the Meeting of the Board of Directors)

Article <u>44</u> (Chairman of the Meeting of the Board of Directors)

The Chairman of the Meeting of the Board of Directors shall be the person entitled to convene the Meeting pursuant to Article 42.

- (1) The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be elected every year among the Outside Directors by a resolution of the Board of Directors.
- (2) Notwithstanding Paragraph (1), the Board of Directors may appoint a person who is not an Outside Director as the Chairman of the Board of Directors and in such event besides the Chairman of the Board of Directors, a Senior Outside Director representing the Outside Directors shall be appointed by a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Article 44 ~ 45 (omitted)

Article 46 (Committees)

Article $45 \sim 46$ (same as existing Article $44 \sim 45$)

(1) (omitted)

(1) (same as existing)

Article 47 (Committees)

(2) (omitted)

- (2) (same as existing)
- (3) Articles <u>42</u>, <u>44</u> and <u>45</u> shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with respect to the committees.
- (3) Articles $\underline{43}$, $\underline{45}$ and $\underline{46}$ shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with respect to the committees

Article $47 \sim 59$ (omitted) Article $48 \sim \underline{60}$ (same as existing Article $47 \sim 59$)

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Article 1 (Effective Date)

These Articles of Incorporation shall become effective

as of March 24, 2010.

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Agenda Item No.3 Approval of Director Remuneration Limit

Limitation on the aggregate compensation to the directors: KRW 8.5 billion for the year 2010.

For your reference, this limitation for the year 2009 was KRW 8.5 billion.

Agenda Item No. 4 Appointment of Directors

The following is the list of director candidates.

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No.	Candidate Name	Term(Year)	New Appointment	Outside Director
4-1	Eung Chan Ra	3		
4-2	Shee Yul Ryoo	1	O	
4-3	Byung-Il Kim	1	O	O
4-4	Yo Koo Kim	1		O
4-5	Hui Mook Kim	1	O	O
4-6	Ke Sup Yun	1		O
4-7	Sung Bin Chun	1		O
4-8	Haeng Nam Chung	1		O
4-9	Yoji Hirakawa	1	O	O
4-10	Philippe Aguignier	1	O	O

* For the personal profiles of the candidates, please refer to

Appendix 2.

Please refer to Shinhan Financial Group s or Korea Federation of Banks official web-site for more information on nominated candidates, required by Article 10 of Code of Best Practice for Outside Directors of Financial Institutions.

Agenda Item No. 5 Appointment of Audit Committee Members (3 members)

Among the nominated outside director candidates, Yo Koo Kim, Ke Sup Yun, and Sung Bin Chun were recommended as candidates of Audit Committee Members for 2010 through the resolution of the Audit Committee Member Recommendation Committee.

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No.	Candidate Name	Term(Year)	New Appointment	Outside Director
5-1	Yo Koo Kim	1	O	O
5-2	Ke Sup Yun	1	O	O
5-3	Sung Bin Chun	1		O
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Appendix 1. Financial Statements of Shinhan Financial Group 1) Balance Sheets

Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd

Non-Consolidated Balance Sheets December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 (In millions of KRW)

	As of December 31,2009		As of December 31,2008	
Assets				
I. Cash and Due from Banks		429,825		670,815
1. Due from Banks		429,825		670,815
II. Securities		25,035,976		22,734,582
1. Equity Method Investment Securities		25,035,976		22,734,582
III. Loans		1,567,125		2,397,950
Allowance for Loan Losses		(7,875)		(12,050)
1. Loans in Won		1,575,000		2,410,000
IV. Premises and Equipment		1,191		1,473
1. Vehicles		,	171	,
Accumulated Depreciation			(152)	19
2. Equipment	1,673		1,599	
Accumulated Depreciation	(1,410)	263	(1,396)	203
3. Others	3,169		3,150	
Accumulated Depreciation	(2,241)	928	(1,899)	1,251
V. Other Assets	(=,= : -)	86,589	(-,)	108,746
Allowance for Losses		(375)		(176)
1. Guarantee Deposits		8,974		9,982
2. Software		2,493		764
3. Accounts Receivable		51,358		19,938
4. Accrued Income		8,738		14,160
5. Advance Payments		10		1,242
6. Prepaid Expenses		11,567		59,012
7. Sundry Assets		3,824		3,824
Total Assets		27,120,706		25,913,566
Total Assets		27,120,700		23,713,300
Liabilities				
I. Borrowings		6,267,318		8,233,633
1. Borrowings in Won		674,000		1,155,300
2. Debentures in Won	5,400,00		7,090,000	
Discounts	(8,263)	5,391,737	(11,667)	7,078,333
3. Debentures in Foreign Currency	202,051			
Discounts	(470)	201,581		
II. Other Liabilities		125,027		74,050
1. Taxes Withheld		2,516		3,509
2. Dividends Payable		2,631		2,678
3. Accounts Payable		5,056		1,936
4. Accrued Expenses		98,875		56,113
5. Unearned Revenues		122		8,853
6. Accrued Severance Benefits	3,741		2,492	

Deposits with Insurance Company for Severance				
Benefits	(2,300)	1,441	(1,531)	961
7. Derivative Liabilities		14,386		
Total Liabilities		6,392,345		8,307,683
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Stockholders Equity		
I. Capital Stock	2,852,473	2,462,473
1.Common Stock	2,370,998	1,980,998
2. Preferred Stock	481,475	481,475
II. Capital Surplus	9,924,852	9,032,572
1. Paid-in Capital in excess of Par Value	9,533,986	8,648,726
2. Other Capital Surplus	390,866	383,846
III. Capital Adjustment	(417,142)	(432,887)
1. Other	(417,142)	(432,887)
IV. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	1,182,573	242,331
1. Unrealized Gain on Equity Method Accounted		
Investments	1,194,264	267,762
2. Unrealized Loss on Equity Method Accounted		
Investments	(7,414)	(25,431)
3. Valuation Loss on Derivatives	(4,277)	
V. Retained Earnings	7,185,605	6,301,394
1. Legal Reserve	1,021,878	819,838
2. Unappropriated Retained Earnings	6,163,727	5,481,556
Total Stockholders Equity	20,728,361	17,605,883
Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity	27,120,706	25,913,566
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2) Income Statements

Shinhan Financial Group Co., Ltd

Non-Consolidated Statements of Income Year ended December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 (In millions of KRW)

	For the year ended December 31, 2009		For the year ended December 31, 2008	
I. Operating Revenues		1,800,354		2,455,917
(1) Gain from Equity Method Accounted Investments(2) Interest Income		1,511,064 138,472		2,184,643 135,503
1. Interest on Due from Banks	18,584	100,2	18,589	100,000
2. Interest on Loans	119,888		116,914	
(3) Royalty		136,025		135,771
(4) Gain on Foreign Currency Transaction		10,818		
(5) Reversal of Allowance for Possible Loan Losses		3,975		
II. Operating Expenses		504,176		442,907
(1) Loss from Equity Method Accounted				
Investments		244		5,328
(2) Interest Expenses		421,627		390,602
1. Interest on Borrowings	64,518		32,402	
2. Interest on Debentures	357,109		358,200	
(3) Loss on Foreign Currency Transaction				13
(4) Commission Expenses		340		291
(5) Administrative Expenses		71,147		46,673
1. Salaries	26,479		3,857	
2. Retirement Benefits	1,425		632	
3. Employee Benefits	1,797		1,545	
4. Rent	1,164		1,085	
5. Entertainment	1,387		918	
6. Depreciation	460		514	
7. Amortization on Intangible Assets	433		297	
8. Bad Debt Expense			5,151	
9. Taxes and Dues	609		439	
10. Advertising	18,788		15,168	
11.Commissions	15,570		14,422	
12. Other expenses	3,035		2,645	
(6) Loss on Derivatives		10,818		
III. Operating Income		1,296,178		2,013,010
IV. Non-Operating Income		11,131		999
(1) Gain on Disposition of Equity Method				
Accounted Investments	10,509			
(1) Gain on Sale of Premises and Equipment	40			
(2) Other	582		999	
V. Non-Operating Expenses		1,030		34

(1) Loss on Sale of Premises and Equipment	2		
(1) Contribution	631		34
(2) Other	397		
VI. Income Before Income Tax Expenses		1,306,279	2,013,975
VII. Income Tax Benefits		-13	-6,423
VIII. Net Income for Year		1,306,292	2,020,398
IX. Earning per Share			
(1) Basic Earnings per Share		KRW 2,305	KRW 4,240
(2) Diluted Earnings per Share		KRW 2,292	KRW 4,156
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3) Statements of Appropriations of Retained Earnings

Non-Consolidated Statements of Appropriations of Retained Earnings (Draft)

Year ended December 31, 2009 and December 31, 2008 (In millions of KRW)

I. Unappropriated Retained Earnings	Year ended December 31, 2009 6,163,727		Year ended December 31, 2008 5,481,556	
1. Unappropriated Retained Earnings carried over				
from prior years	4,861,736		3,440,577	
2. Change in Retained Earnings of subsidiaries	(4,301)		20,589	
3. Redemption of Preferred Stock			(8)	
4. Net Income for Period	1,306,292		2,020,398	
II. Appropriation of Retained Earnings		741,283		619,820
1. Legal Reserve	130,629		202,040	
2. Voluntary Reserve	182,794		172,793	
3. Dividends	427,860		244,987	
1) Cash Dividends on Common Stock	189,680			
Dividend per share: KRW 400 for 2009				
KRW 0 for 2008				
2) Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock	238,180		244,987	
Dividend per share				
Series 4:				
KRW 730.674 (14.6135%) for 2008				
Series 5:				
KRW 730.674 (14.6135%) for 2009				
KRW 730.674 (14.6135%) for 2008				
Series 8:				
KRW 11,790 (235.8%) for 2009				
KRW 11,790 (235.8%) for 2008				
Series 10:				
KRW 7,000 (140%) for 2009				
KRW 7,000 (140%) for 2008				
Series 11:				
KRW 1,878.695 (37.5739%) for 2009				
KRW 1,878,695 (37.5739%) for 2008				
III. Unappropriated Retained Earnings carried				
over to subsequent year		5,422,444		4,861,736
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Appendix 2. Personal Profiles: Candidates for Directors and Audit Committee Members 1. Eung Chan Ra

Date of Birth: November 25, 1938

Current Position: Chairman, Shinhan Financial Group

Education: Seonrin Commercial High School

Main Work Experience:

1991 President, Shinhan Bank1999 Vice Chairman, Shinhan Bank

2001 Chairman, Shinhan Financial Group (present)

2. Shee Yul Ryoo (New Candidate) Date of Birth: September 5, 1938

<u>Current Position</u>: Advisor, Shin & Kim Law Firm <u>Education</u>: LLB, Seoul National University

Main Work Experience:

1997 President, Korea First Bank

1999 Chairman, Korea Federation of Banks

3. Byung-Il Kim (New Candidate) Date of Birth: September 1, 1945

<u>Current Position</u>: President, Korea Studies Advisement Center <u>Education</u>: MA in Government Affairs, Seoul National University

Main Work Experience:

2002 Member, Monetary Policy Committee, Bank of Korea

2004 Minister, Ministry of Planning & Budget

4. Yo Koo Kim

Date of Birth: March 23, 1950

Current Position: CEO, Sanyo Hanbai Co., Ltd.

Education: BA in Industrial & Systems Engineering, Aoyama Gakuin University

Main Work Experience:

2000 Director, Sanyo Hanbai Co., Ltd.

2007 Standing Director, Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Aichi Province

5. Hui Mook Kim (New Candidate)

Date of Birth: August 17, 1957

Current Position: Managing Director, Sankei Transportation Co., Ltd.

Education: BA in Economics, Seikei University

Main Work Experience:

1981 Director, Ikebukuro Transportation Co., Ltd. (present)

2009 Auditor, Jeil Sports Center (present)

6. Ke Sup Yun

Date of Birth: May 20, 1945

<u>Current Position</u>: Professor, College of Business Administration, Seoul National University <u>Education</u>: Ph.D. Graduate School of Business Administration, Seoul National University

Main Work Experience:

1999 Dean, College of Business Administration, Seoul National University

2001 Chairman, Seoul Economist Club (present)

Mr. Ke Sup Yun has been serving as an Outside Director for Shinyoung Securities from May 2008. Prior to Shinhan Financial Group s FY 2009 General Meeting of Shareholders, Mr. Yun plans to resign the Outside Director seat of Shinyoung Securities.

7. Sung Bin Chun

Date of Birth: January 21, 1953

Current Position: Professor, College of Business Administration, Sogang University

Education:

BA in English Literature, Sogang University, Seoul

Ph.D. in Accounting at Berkley University, USA

Main Work Experience:

2007 Dean, Sogang Business School, Sogang University

2009 Vice Chairman, Korea Academic Society of Business Administration

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8. Haeng Nam Chung

Date of Birth: March 15, 1941

Current Position: Advisor, Korea Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Japan

Education: Tomishima Middle School

Main Work Experience:

2001 Chairman, ABIC Group (present)

2001 Director, Asuka Credit Cooperative (present)

2005 Advisor, Korea Chamber of Commerce & Industry in Japan (present)

9. Yoji Hirakawa (New Candidate) Date of Birth: February 13, 1953

<u>Current Position</u>: President & CEO, Sun East Place Corporation <u>Education</u>: BA in Business Administration, Ritsumeikan University

Main Work Experience:

1996 Director, Sun East Place Corporation

2008 CEO, D-Link Corporation

10. Philippe Aguignier (New Candidate)

Date of Birth: September 26, 1957

Current Position: Head of BNP Paribas Asia Retail Banking

Education: Ph.D in Far Eastern Studies, Universite Paris III (Inalco)

Main Work Experience:

2002 Head, BNP Paribas Group Investor Relations and Financial Information

2006 Vice-President, Bank of Nanjing, and Head of Retail Banking for China, BNP Paribas

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO., LTD.

By /s/ Buhmsoo Choi

Name: Buhmsoo Choi

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 26, 2010