SHINHAN FINANCIAL GROUP CO LTD Form 6-K February 21, 2013

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

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 2013

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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Exhibit 99.1

Shinhan Financial Group s Board made a resolution to merge Shinhan Savings Bank and Yehanbyoul Savings Bank.

On February 21, 2013, Shinhan Financial Group(hereafter $\,$ SFG $\,$) $\,$ s Board made a resolution to merge Shinhan Savings Bank and Yehanbyoul Savings Bank as follows:

- 1. Existing legal entity: Yehanbyoul Savings Bank
- 2. Name of the merged institution: Shinhan Savings Bank
 Shinhan Savings Bank and Yehanbyoul Savings Bank are our wholly-owned subsidiaries of SFG and the merger schedule may be subject to change due to Financial Services Commission s approval procedure.

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/ Jung Kee Min Name: Jung Kee Min Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 21, 2013