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Form 6-K June 24, 2004

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 June 2004

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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Yes No X

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CONSUMMATION OF SMALL-SCALE SHARE EXCHANGE

In June 22, 2004, we acquired 108,438,628 shares of common stock of Chohung Bank that we previously did not own through a small scale share swap pursuant to Korean laws. As a result, our share ownership in Chohung Bank increased to 100%. In connection with this share swap, we issued 14,682,590 new shares of our common stock to the existing shareholders of Chohung Bank in exchange for the shares of Chohung Bank's common stock, of which 8,985,567 shares of our common stock was acquired by Chohung Bank pursuant to the exercise of dissenters' rights by certain shareholders of Chohung Bank. Following this transaction, the total number of shares of our common stock increased to 309,083,890 shares. Under the Financial Holding Company Act of Korea, the voting rights relating to the 8,985,567 shares of our common stock currently held by Chohung Bank in

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treasury are restricted. The newly issued 14,682,590 shares of our common stock are expected to be listed on the Korea Stock Exchange in July 2004.

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/ Byung Jae Cho

Name: Byung Jae Cho

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Date : June 24, 2004