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China 21st Century Education Group Limited

中國21世紀教育集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1598)

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GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES
AND REPURCHASE SHARES;
DECLARATION AND PAYMENT OF A FINAL DIVIDEND;
RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS;
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AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

A notice convening the annual general meeting of China 21st Century Education Group Limited to be held at 15/F, South Tower, Zhonghai Plaza, 8 Guanghua Dongli, Chaoyang District, Beijing, the PRC on Friday, 30 June 2023 at 10:00 a.m. is set out on pages 56 to 61 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the annual general meeting is also enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (www.hkexnews.hk). Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting (i.e. by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28 June 2023) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude Shareholders from attending and voting at the meeting or any adjournment thereof if they so wish and in such event, the proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

28 April 2023

DEFINITIONS

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

“Amendments”	the amendments and restatement of the Articles of Association to, among others, (i) bring the Articles of Association in line with amendments made to the Listing Rules and applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; (ii) provide flexibility to the Company in relation to the conduct of general meetings; and (iii) make certain housekeeping amendments to the Articles of Association for the purpose of clarifying existing practice and making consequential amendments in line with the other amendments to the Articles of Association
“Annual General Meeting”	the annual general meeting of the Company to be held at 15/F, South Tower, Zhonghai Plaza, 8 Guanghua Dongli, Chaoyang District, Beijing, the PRC on Friday, 30 June 2023 at 10:00 a.m. or any adjournment thereof, the notice of which is set out on pages 56 to 61 of this circular
“Articles of Association”	the articles of association of the Company, as amended from time to time
“Board”	the board of Directors
“Cayman Companies Act”	the Companies Act, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
“Company”	China 21st Century Education Group Limited (中國21世紀教育集團有限公司), an exempted company incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands with limited liability on 20 September 2016
“Director(s)”	the director(s) of the Company
“Extension Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors to the effect that the total number of Shares which may be allotted and issued under the General Mandate may be increased by an additional number representing such number of Shares actually repurchased under the Repurchase Mandate
“General Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to exercise the power of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new Shares not exceeding 20% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting the General Mandate

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“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars and cents respectively, the lawful currency for the time being of Hong Kong
“Hong Kong”	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC
“Latest Practicable Date”	20 April 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained in this circular
“Listing Date”	29 May 2018, the date on which dealings in the Shares commenced on the Stock Exchange
“Listing Rules”	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange
“New Articles of Association”	the second amended and restated articles of association of the Company incorporating the changes set out in Appendix III to this circular proposed to be approved and adopted by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting
“PRC”	the People’s Republic of China excluding for the purpose of this circular, Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan
“Repurchase Mandate”	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate
“Securities and Futures Ordinance”	the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time
“Share(s)”	ordinary share(s) of nominal value of HK\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company
“Share Award Plan”	the share award plan adopted by the Company on 14 October 2020
“Share Option Scheme”	the share option scheme adopted by the Company on 4 May 2018
“Shareholder(s)”	the holder(s) of the Share(s)
“Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited



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Executive Directors:

Mr. Li Yunong (*Chairman*)
Ms. Liu Hongwei
Mr. Ren Caiyin
Ms. Yang Li
Mr. Li Yasheng

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Independent non-executive Directors:

Mr. Guo Litian
Mr. Yao Zhijun
Mr. Wan Joseph Jason

Corporate headquarters:

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Beijing, the PRC

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Hong Kong

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To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

**PROPOSALS FOR
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide Shareholders with the notice of Annual General Meeting and the following proposals to be put forward at the Annual General Meeting: (i) the grant to the Directors of the General Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the Extension Mandate; (ii) the declaration and payment of a final dividend; (iii) the re-election of the retiring Directors; and (iv) the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association and the adoption of the New Articles of Association.

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GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

In order to ensure greater flexibility and give discretion to the Directors in the event that it becomes desirable for the Company to issue new Shares, approval is to be sought from the Shareholders, pursuant to the Listing Rules, for the General Mandate to issue Shares. An ordinary resolution no. 5(A) will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to grant the General Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with new shares in the share capital of the Company up to 20% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of the passing of the resolution in relation to the General Mandate. As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 1,161,204,000 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the above ordinary resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to issue a maximum of 232,240,800 Shares pursuant to the General Mandate.

In addition, subject to a separate approval of the ordinary resolution no. 5(C), the number of Shares purchased by the Company under ordinary resolution no. 5(B), if approved by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, will also be added to extend the 20% limit of the General Mandate as mentioned in the ordinary resolution no. 5(A) provided that such additional number shall not exceed 10% of the issued Shares as at the date of the passing of the General Mandate and Repurchase Mandate.

REPURCHASE MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

In addition, an ordinary resolution no. 5(B) will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to grant the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares representing up to 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of the passing of the resolution in relation to the Repurchase Mandate. As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 1,161,204,000 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the above resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 116,120,400 Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

An explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules in connection with the Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular. This explanatory statement contains all information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

FINAL DIVIDEND

As stated in the announcement of the Company dated 30 March 2023 relating to the annual results of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022, the Board recommended the payment of a final dividend of HK\$0.80 cents per ordinary Share (the “**Final Dividend**”) to the Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Monday, 24 July 2023. The Final Dividend is subject to approval by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting

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and a resolution will be proposed to the Shareholders for voting at the Annual General Meeting. Upon approval by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, the Final Dividend will be paid on 31 July 2023.

RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

According to Article 84(1) of the Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement at an annual general meeting at least once every three years. Accordingly, Mr. Li Yunong, Mr. Li Yasheng and Mr. Guo Litian shall retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election as Directors thereat.

To ensure a balance of skills, experience and diversity of perspectives appropriate to the requirements of the business of the Group among members of the Board, the nomination of Directors for appointment or re-appointment at the Annual General Meeting were made by the nomination committee of the Board in accordance with the nomination policy adopted by the Company and the selection criteria as set out in the board diversity policy of the Company (including but not limited to gender, age, cultural and educational background, professional experience, skills, knowledge and length of service).

The nomination committee of the Board had nominated the retiring Directors to the Board for the Board to make recommendation to the Shareholders for re-election at the Annual General Meeting, having reviewed the composition of the Board and having regard to the retiring Directors' professional experience, skills, knowledge and/or length of service, their commitment to their respective roles and functions, and their respective contributions brought and continued to be brought to the Group.

On the re-election of Mr. Guo Litian as an independent non-executive Director, the nomination committee of the Board considered, and the Board shared the same views, that at all times during the period of directorship with the Company, Mr. Guo has properly discharged his duties and responsibilities as an independent non-executive Director and has made positive contribution to the development to the Company through independent, constructive and informed comments and participation at the business and other affairs relating to the Group. In addition, the Company received confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules from Mr. Guo. In this regard, the Board is satisfied that Mr. Guo is a person of integrity and stature and believes that his re-election and continued appointment will contribute to the Board's diversity with his years of experience and expertise in teaching management of public universities and allow the Board as well as the Company to continuously benefit from the sharing of his invaluable experience, contribution and participation. Therefore, the Board recommends the re-election of Mr. Guo as an independent non-executive Director at the Annual General Meeting.

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Details of the above named Directors who are subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix I to this circular in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Pursuant to the Consultation Conclusions on Listing Regime for Overseas Issuers published by the Stock Exchange in November 2021, the Listing Rules have been amended with effect from 1 January 2022 which requires, among others, listed issuers to adopt a uniform set of 14 “Core Standards” for shareholder protections for issuers.

Furthermore, the Company proposes to modernise and provide flexibility to the Company in relation to the conduct of general meetings. As such, the Board proposes the Amendments for the purposes of, among others, (i) bring the Articles of Association in line with amendments made to the Listing Rules and applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; (ii) provide flexibility to the Company in relation to the conduct of general meetings; and (iii) make certain housekeeping amendments to the Articles of Association for the purpose of clarifying existing practice and making consequential amendments in line with the Amendments, subject to the passing of the special resolutions, with effect from the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting. Details of the proposed Amendments are set out in Appendix III of this circular.

The Company has been advised by its legal adviser as to Hong Kong laws that the proposed Amendments conform to the requirements of the Listing Rules and by its legal adviser as to Cayman Islands laws that the proposed Amendments do not contravene the laws of the Cayman Islands. The Company also confirms that there is nothing unusual about the proposed Amendments to the Articles of Association for a company listed on the Stock Exchange.

The Board proposes to put forward to the Shareholders for approval at the Annual General Meeting special resolutions to approve the proposed Amendments and the adoption of the New Articles of Association. The proposed Amendments and the adoption of the New Articles of Association are subject to the passing of such special resolutions.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 27 June 2023 to Friday, 30 June 2023, both days inclusive, in order to determine the identity of the Shareholders who are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, during which period no share transfers will be registered. The record date for determining the eligibility to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting is Friday, 30 June 2023. To be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company’s Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 26 June 2023.

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The register of members of the Company will also be closed from Monday, 17 July 2023 to Monday, 24 July 2023, both days inclusive, in order to determine the entitlement of the Shareholders to receive the Final Dividend, during which period no share transfers will be registered. The record date for the entitlement to the proposed Final Dividend is Monday, 24 July 2023. To qualify for the Final Dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 14 July 2023.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 56 to 61 of this circular is the notice of Annual General Meeting at which, *inter alia*, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to the Shareholders to consider and approve (i) the grant to the Directors of the General Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the Extension Mandate; (ii) the declaration and payment of the Final Dividend; and (iii) the re-election of the retiring Directors, and special resolutions will be proposed to the Shareholders to consider and approve the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association and the adoption of the New Articles of Association.

FORM OF PROXY

A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk). Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the meeting (i.e. by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28 June 2023) or any adjournment thereof.

Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof should you so wish and in such event, the proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

VOTING BY WAY OF POLL

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and Article 66 of the Articles of Association, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman of the Annual General Meeting, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Accordingly, each of the resolutions set out in the notice of Annual General Meeting will be taken by way of poll.

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On a poll, every Shareholder present in person or by proxy or in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative, shall have one vote for every fully paid Share of which he/she/it is the holder. A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote needs not use all his/her/its votes or cast all the votes he/she/it uses in the same way.

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this circular and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement herein misleading.

RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed ordinary resolutions for (i) the granting to the Directors of the General Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate and the Extension Mandate; (ii) the declaration and payment of the Final Dividend; and (iii) the re-election of the retiring Directors, and the proposed special resolutions for the proposed amendments to the Articles of Association and the adoption of the New Articles of Association are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Your attention is also drawn to the additional information set out in the appendices to this circular.

Yours faithfully,
By order of the Board
China 21st Century Education Group Limited
Li Yunong
Chairman

The following are the particulars of the retiring Directors (as required by the Listing Rules) proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the following Directors, save as disclosed herein, had any interest in Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Save as disclosed herein, none of the following Director holds any position with the Company or any other member of the Group, nor has any directorships in other listed public companies in the last three years. In addition, save as disclosed herein, none of the following Director has any relationship with any other Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

Save as disclosed herein, there is no other matter in relation to the following Directors that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information relating to the following Directors which is required to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

Executive Directors

Mr. Li Yunong (李雨濃) (formerly known as Li Desong (李德頌)), aged 58, is one of the controlling shareholders and founders of the Group. Mr. Li was appointed as the chairman of the Board and an executive Director in January 2017 and has served as the chairman of Shijiazhuang Institute of Technology* (石家莊理工職業學院) since May 2003, mainly responsible for the overall formulation of business strategies and development guidance of the Group. Mr. Li has more than 24 years of experience in the education industry.

Mr. Li served as a teacher in Hebei Institute of Physical Education* (河北體育學院) from July 1985 to October 1990 and he was engaged as a scriptwriter in Shijiazhuang Institute of Art* (石家莊藝術研究所) from November 1990 to October 1994. Mr. Li has been serving as the art director in the Hebei Youth Television Culture and Art Center* (河北青年電視藝術中心) from November 1994. Since January 2004, Mr. Li has been acting as the chairman of Lionful Investment Holding Co., Ltd. (新聯合投資控股有限公司).

Mr. Li graduated from Hebei University (河北大學) in Baoding City, Hebei Province, the PRC, with a bachelor's degree in economics in July 1985 and Tsinghua University (清華大學) in Beijing, the PRC, with a master's degree in business administration for senior management in January 2006. Mr. Li is the father of Mr. Li Yasheng (an executive Director).

Mr. Li has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from the Listing Date and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other. He is not entitled to receive any fee in relation to his position as an executive Director but is entitled to basic salaries, bonuses and benefits for his management positions in the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Li was deemed to be interested in an aggregate of 758,046,000 Shares, representing approximately 65.28% of the total number of issued Shares. Out of such 758,046,000 Shares, (i) 754,590,000 Shares were held by Sainange Holdings Company Limited, which was wholly-owned by Leonus Holdings Limited, and the entire issued Shares of which was controlled by HSBC International Trustee Limited, being the trustee of a trust founded by Mr. Li (the "**Family Trust**"). Mr. Li, as the founder of the Family Trust, is therefore deemed to be interested in such 754,590,000 Shares by virtue of the Securities and Futures Ordinance; (ii) 1,902,000 Shares represent the underlying shares of the outstanding share options granted to Mr. Li under the Share Option Scheme; (iii) 666,000 Shares represent the vested award shares granted to Mr. Li under the Share Award Plan; and (iv) 888,000 Shares represent the unvested award shares granted to Mr. Li under the Share Award Plan.

Mr. Li Yasheng (李亞晟), aged 27, was appointed as an executive Director in March 2021, is responsible for promoting the implementation of major events of the Group in line with its business strategy. Mr. Li joined the Group in 2017, and served as the investment director of the strategic investment department from December 2017 to December 2019 and an assistant to the president of the Company from January 2020 to November 2020.

Mr. Li graduated from New York University Leonard N. Stern School of Business with a bachelor's degree in finance and market management in 2017. He also graduated from the Cornell-Tsinghua Dual Degree Finance MBA program jointly offered by PBC School of Finance, Tsinghua University and S.C. Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell University, with an MBA degree in October 2022. Mr. Li is the son of Mr. Li Yunong (a controlling shareholder of the Company and an executive Director).

Mr. Li has entered into a service contract with the Company for a fixed term of three years commencing from 31 March 2021 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other. He is entitled to receive an annual director's fee of RMB720,000, which is determined with reference to his roles and responsibilities, the performance of the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Li was deemed to be interested in an aggregate of 1,323,900 Shares, representing approximately 0.11% of the total number of issued Shares, out of which (i) 633,000 Shares represent the underlying shares of the outstanding share options granted to Mr. Li under the Share Option Scheme; (ii) 296,100 Shares represent the vested award shares granted to Mr. Li under the Share Award Plan; and (iii) 394,800 Shares represent the unvested award shares granted to Mr. Li under the Share Award Plan.

Independent non-executive Director

Mr. Guo Litian (郭立田), aged 72, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director in January 2017 and is responsible for providing independent opinion and judgment to the Board.

Prior to joining the Group, Mr. Guo successively served in Hebei University of Economics and Business (河北經貿大學) as the dean of accounting college, the secretary of party committee and the dean of economics and management college, and the director of disciplinary construction and degree management office from June 1998 to May 2008. Mr. Guo served as a supervisor to postgraduate students in Hebei University of Economics and Business from May 2008 until he retired in March 2016.

Mr. Guo graduated from Hebei College of Finance and Trade* (河北財貿學院) (currently known as Hebei University of Economics and Business (河北經貿大學)) in Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, the PRC, with a bachelor's degree in economics in July 1982. He obtained the title of professor (specialized in business administration) by the Title Reform Leading Group Office of Hebei Province* (河北省職稱改革領導小組辦公室) in August 1997 and was awarded as a Brilliant Accounting Worker in Hebei Province (河北省優秀會計工作者) by the Finance Department of Hebei Province* (河北省財政廳) in August 2005.

Mr. Guo has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for an initial fixed term of one year commencing from the Listing Date and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing by served by either party on the other. He is entitled to receive an annual director's fee of RMB72,000, which is determined with reference to his roles and responsibilities, the performance of the Company and the prevailing market conditions.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Guo has no interests in the Shares which are required to be disclosed pursuant to Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

The following is an explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules in connection with the proposed Repurchase Mandate.

SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the total number of Shares in issue was 1,161,204,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 116,120,400 Shares which represent 10% of the total number of issued Shares during the period ending on the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by Cayman Companies Act or the Articles of Association; or (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by a resolution of the Shareholders in general meeting prior to the next annual general meeting of the Company.

REASONS AND FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole to seek a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase its Shares on the Stock Exchange. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value per Share and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a repurchase will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Repurchases of Shares will be financed out of funds legally available for the purpose and in accordance with the Articles of Association, the Cayman Companies Act and the Listing Rules. The Cayman Companies Act provides that the amount of capital repaid in connection with a share repurchase may be paid out of the profits of the Company or the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purposes of the repurchase or out of capital subject to and in accordance with the Cayman Companies Act. The amount of premium payable on repurchase may only be paid out of either the profits of the Company or out of the share premium account before or at the time the Shares are repurchased in the manner provided for in the Cayman Companies Act.

GENERAL INFORMATION

To the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, none of the Directors nor any of their close associates, as defined in the Listing Rules, currently intend to sell any Shares to the Company or its subsidiaries, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the Articles of Association.

No core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he or she has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised.

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, as far as the Directors are aware, the following persons had an interest or short position in Shares or underlying Shares which would be required to be disclosed to the Company and the Stock Exchange under the provisions of Divisions 2 and 3 of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, or, directly or indirectly, be interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital carrying rights to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company or any of its subsidiaries:

Name of Shareholders	Nature of Interest	Number of Shares Interested⁽⁵⁾	Approximate Percentage of Interest in the Issued Share Capital⁽⁶⁾
Mr. Li Yunong ⁽¹⁾	Founder of a discretionary trust who can influence how the trustee exercises his discretion	754,590,000 (L)	64.98%
	Beneficial owner	1,902,000 (L)	0.16%
	Beneficial owner	666,000 (L)	0.06%
	Beneficiary of a trust (other than a discretionary interest)	888,000 (L)	0.08%
Ms. Cao Yang ⁽³⁾	Spouse interest	758,046,000 (L)	65.28%
HSBC International Trustee Limited ⁽¹⁾	Trustee	754,590,000 (L)	64.98%
Sainange Holdings Company Limited	Beneficial owner	754,590,000 (L)	64.98%
Leonus Holdings Limited ⁽¹⁾	Interest in a controlled corporation	754,590,000 (L)	64.98%
Ms. Luo Xinlan ⁽²⁾	Interest in a controlled corporation	92,736,000 (L)	7.99%
Mr. Cao Jide ⁽⁴⁾	Spouse interest	92,736,000 (L)	7.99%
Sainray Limited	Beneficial owner	92,736,000 (L)	7.99%

Notes:

- (1) Mr. Li Yunong is the founder of a trust of which HSBC International Trustee Limited is the trustee having control over the entire issued shares of Leonus Holdings Limited, which in turn holds the entire issued shares of Sainange Holdings Company Limited. Each of Mr. Li Yunong, HSBC International Trustee Limited and Leonus Holdings Limited is deemed to be interested in the 754,590,000 Shares held by Sainange Holdings Company Limited by virtue of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

On 5 November 2020, 1,902,000 Shares were granted to Mr. Li Yunong under the Share Option Scheme. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 5 November 2020. On 29 December 2020, 2,220,000 Shares were granted to Mr. Li Yunong under the Share Award Plan, of which 666,000 award shares has vested on 29 December 2021. For details, please refer to the announcement of the Company dated 29 December 2020. On 29 December 2022, Mr. Li Yunong did not exercise his rights on the vesting date under the Share Award Plan, 666,000 award shares lapsed on the even date.

- (2) Ms. Luo Xinlan is the sole shareholder of Sainray Limited and she is therefore deemed to be interested in the Shares held by Sainray Limited by virtue of the Securities and Futures Ordinance, being 92,736,000 Shares.
- (3) Ms. Cao Yang is the spouse of Mr. Li Yunong and she is therefore deemed to be interested in the Shares in which Mr. Li Yunong is interested by virtue of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.
- (4) Mr. Cao Jide is the spouse of Ms. Luo Xinlan and he is therefore deemed to be interested in the Shares in which Ms. Luo Xinlan is interested by virtue of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.
- (5) The letter (L) denotes a long position in such securities.
- (6) As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of the issued shares of the Company was 1,161,204,000 Shares.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, Mr. Li Yunong was interested in 758,046,000 Shares, representing approximately 65.28% of the total number of the issued Shares. Among the 758,046,000 Shares, 754,590,000 Shares, representing approximately 64.98%, were held by Sainange Holdings Company Limited, which is wholly-owned by Leonus Holdings Limited. The issued shares of Leonus Holdings Limited are entirely controlled by a trust of which HSBC International Trustee Limited is the trustee and Mr. Li Yunong, an executive Director, is the founder. Assuming that no further Shares are issued between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of repurchase under the proposed Repurchased Mandate, and in the event that the Directors should exercise in full the Repurchase Mandate, the shareholding of Mr. Li and Sainange Holdings Company Limited in the Company will be increased to approximately 72.53% and 72.20% of the issued share capital of the Company. To the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, such increase would not give rise to any obligation to make a mandatory offer under the Takeovers Code. The Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

The Listing Rules prohibit a company from making repurchase on the Stock Exchange if the result of the repurchase would be that less than 25% (or such other prescribed minimum percentage as determined by the Stock Exchange) of the issued share capital would be in public hands. The Directors do not propose to repurchase Shares which would result in less than the prescribed minimum percentage of Shares in public hands.

The Directors consider there would not be any material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company (as compared with the position disclosed in the audited financial statements contained in the 2022 annual report of the Company) in the event that the proposed purchases in the Repurchase Mandate were to be exercised in full at any time during the proposed purchase period. In addition, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Group or on its gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Group.

SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchase of Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) had been made by the Company in the previous six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest traded prices for Shares recorded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous 12 months preceding the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

Month	Highest traded prices (HK\$)	Lowest traded prices (HK\$)
2022		
April	0.445	0.400
May	0.445	0.390
June	0.520	0.395
July	0.430	0.395
August	0.425	0.350
September	0.390	0.310
October	0.395	0.285
November	0.360	0.265
December	0.360	0.285
2023		
January	0.335	0.270
February	0.355	0.285
March	0.320	0.310
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.320	0.280

The following are the changes to the existing articles of association introduced by the New Articles of Association. Unless otherwise specified, clause, paragraphs and article numbers referred to herein are clauses, paragraphs and article numbers of the New Articles of Association.

Note: The New Articles of Association is prepared in English with no official Chinese version. Chinese translation is for reference only. In the event of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.

General Amendments

- (1) By deleting the words “Law” wherever they may appear and replacing them with the words “Act”.

Specific Amendments

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
2.(1)		<u>“Act” the Companies Act, Cap. 22 of the Cayman Islands and any amendments thereto or re-enactments thereof for the time being in force and includes every other law incorporated therewith or substituted therefor.</u>
2.(1)	“business day” shall mean a day on which the Designated Stock Exchange generally is open for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Designated Stock Exchange is closed for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong on a business day for the reason of a Number 8 or higher Typhoon Signal, Black Rainstorm Warning or other similar event, such day shall for the purposes of these Articles be counted as a business day.	“business day” shall mean a day on which the Designated Stock Exchange generally is open for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong. For the avoidance of doubt, where the Designated Stock Exchange is closed for the business of dealing in securities in Hong Kong on a business day for the reason of a Number 8 or higher Typhoon Signal, Black Rainstorm Warning or other similar event, such day shall for the purposes of these Articles be counted as a business day.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
2.(1)	“close associate” in relation to any Director, shall have the same meaning as defined in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange (“Listing Rules”) as modified from time to time, except that for purposes of Article 100 where the transaction or arrangement to be approved by the Board is a connected transaction referred to in the Listing Rules, it shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to “associate” in the Listing Rules.	“close associate” in relation to any Director, shall have the same meaning as defined in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange (“Listing Rules”) <u>Listing Rules</u> as modified from time to time, except that for purposes of Article 100 where the transaction or arrangement to be approved by the Board is a connected transaction referred to in the Listing Rules, it shall have the same meaning as that ascribed to “associate” in the Listing Rules.
2.(1)	“dollars” and “\$” dollars, the legal currency of Hong Kong.	“dollars” and “\$” dollars, the legal currency of Hong Kong.
2.(1)	“Law” The Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands.	“Law” The Companies Law, Cap. 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands.
2.(1)		<u>“Listing Rules” the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange.</u>
2.(1)	“ordinary resolution” a resolution shall be an ordinary resolution when it has been passed by a simple majority of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of any Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Article 59	“ordinary resolution” a resolution shall be an ordinary resolution when it has been passed by a simple majority of votes cast by such Members as, being entitled so to do, vote in person or, in the case of any Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative or, where proxies are allowed, by proxy at a general meeting of which Notice has been duly given in accordance with Article 59.
2.(1)	“Subsidiary and Holding Company” has the meanings attributed to them in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.	“Subsidiary and Holding Company” has the meanings attributed to them in the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
2.(1)	“substantial shareholder” a person who is entitled to exercise, or to control the exercise of, 10% or more (or such other percentage as may be prescribed by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange from time to time) of the voting power at any general meeting of the Company.	“substantial shareholder” a person who is entitled to exercise, or to control the exercise of, 10% or more (or such other percentage as may be prescribed by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange <u>Listing Rules</u> from time to time) of the voting power at any general meeting of the Company.
2.(2)(h)	references to a document being executed include references to it being executed under hand or under seal or by electronic signature or by any other method and references to a notice or document include a notice or document recorded or stored in any digital, electronic, electrical, magnetic or other retrievable form or medium and information in visible form whether having physical substance or not;	references to a document <u>(including, but without limitation, a resolution in writing)</u> being <u>signed or</u> executed include references to it being <u>signed or</u> executed under hand or under seal or by electronic signature or by any other method and references to a Notice or document include a Notice or document recorded or stored in any digital, electronic, electrical, magnetic or other retrievable form or medium and information in visible form whether having physical substance or not;
<u>2.(2)(i)</u>		<u>reference to a meeting shall, where the context is appropriate, include a meeting that has been postponed by the Board pursuant to Article 64;</u>
<u>2.(2)(j)</u>		<u>where a Member is a corporation, any reference in these Articles to a Member shall, where the context requires, refer to a duly authorised representative of such Member; and</u>
2.(2)(h)(k)	Section 8 of the Electronic Transactions Law (2003) of the Cayman Islands, as amended from time to time, shall not apply to these Articles to the extent it imposes obligations or requirements in addition to those set out in these Articles.	Section 8 <u>and Section 19</u> of the Electronic Transactions Law (2003) <u>Act</u> of the Cayman Islands, as amended from time to time, shall not apply to these Articles to the extent it imposes obligations or requirements in addition to those set out in these Articles.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
3.(1)	The share capital of the Company at the date on which these Articles come into effect shall be divided into shares of a par value of \$0.01 each.	The share capital of the Company at the date on which these Articles come into effect shall be divided into shares of a par value of Hong Kong dollars \$0.01 each.
3.(2)	Subject to the Law, the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and, where applicable, the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange and/or any competent regulatory authority, the Company shall have the power to purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares and such power shall be exercisable by the Board in such manner, upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit and any determination by the Board of the manner of purchase shall be deemed authorised by these Articles for purposes of the Law. The Company is hereby authorised to make payments in respect of the purchase of its shares out of capital or out of any other account or fund which can be authorised for this purpose in accordance with the Law.	Subject to the Law Act , the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and, where applicable, the Listing Rules, and/or the rules and regulations of any Designated Stock Exchange and/or any competent regulatory authority, the Company shall have the power to purchase or otherwise acquire its own shares and such power shall be exercisable by the Board in such manner, upon such terms and subject to such conditions as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit and any determination by the Board of the manner of purchase shall be deemed authorised by these Articles for purposes of the Law Act . The Company is hereby authorised to make payments in respect of the purchase of its shares out of capital or out of any other account or fund which can be authorised for this purpose in accordance with the Law Act .
3.(3)	Subject to compliance with the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange and any other relevant regulatory authority, the Company may give financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase made or to be made by any person of any shares in the Company.	Subject to compliance with the Listing Rules and the rules and regulations of the Designated Stock Exchange and any other relevant competent regulatory authority, the Company may give financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase made or to be made by any person of any shares in the Company.
<u>3.(4)</u>		<u>The Board may accept the surrender for no consideration of any fully paid share.</u>
3. (4) <u>(5)</u>	No share shall be issued to bearer.	No share shall be issued to bearer.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
8.	(1) Subject to the provisions of the Law and the Company’s Memorandum and Articles of Association and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares, any share in the Company (whether forming part of the present capital or not) may be issued with or have attached thereto such rights or restrictions whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise as the Board may determine.	(1) Subject to the provisions of the Law <u>Act</u> and the Company’s Memorandum and Articles of Association and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or class of shares, any share in the Company (whether forming part of the present capital or not) may be issued with or have attached thereto such rights or restrictions whether in regard to dividend, voting, return of capital or otherwise as the Board may determine.
8.(2) <u>9.</u>	Subject to the provisions of the Law, the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares, shares may be issued on the terms that they may be, or at the option of the Company or the holder are, liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner, including out of capital, as the Board may deem fit.	Subject to the provisions of the Law, the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange <u>Act, Listing Rules</u> and the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any shares or attaching to any class of shares, shares may be issued on the terms that they may be, or at the option of the Company or the holder are, liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner, including out of capital, as the Board may deem fit.
9.	Where the Company purchases for redemption a redeemable share, purchases not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, either generally or with regard to specific purchases. If purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all Members alike.	Where the Company purchases for redemption a redeemable share, purchases not made through the market or by tender shall be limited to a maximum price as may from time to time be determined by the Company in general meeting, either generally or with regard to specific purchases. If purchases are by tender, tenders shall be available to all Members alike.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
10.(a)	the necessary quorum (other than at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorized representative) holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and at any adjourned meeting of such holders, two holders present in person or (in the case of a Member being a corporation) its duly authorized representative or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them) shall be a quorum; and	the necessary quorum (other than including at an adjourned meeting) shall be two persons (or in the case of a Member being a corporation, its duly authorized representative) holding or representing by proxy not less than one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class and at any adjourned meeting of such holders, two holders present in person or (in the case of a Member being a corporation) its duly authorized representative or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by them) shall be a quorum ; and

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
12.(1)	<p>Subject to the Law, these Articles, any direction that may be given by the Company in general meeting and, where applicable, the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any shares or any class of shares, the unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount. Neither the Company nor the Board shall be obliged, when making or granting any allotment of, offer of, option over or disposal of shares, to make, or make available, any such allotment, offer, option or shares to Members or others with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories being a territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, this would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be, or be deemed to be, a separate class of members for any purpose whatsoever.</p>	<p>Subject to the Law <u>Act</u>, these Articles, any direction that may be given by the Company in general meeting and, where applicable, the <u>Listing Rules</u> rules of any Designated Stock Exchange and without prejudice to any special rights or restrictions for the time being attached to any shares or any class of shares, the unissued shares of the Company (whether forming part of the original or any increased capital) shall be at the disposal of the Board, which may offer, allot, grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times and for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine but so that no shares shall be issued at a discount <u>to their nominal value</u>. Neither the Company nor the Board shall be obliged, when making or granting any allotment of, offer of, option over or disposal of shares, to make, or make available, any such allotment, offer, option or shares to Members or others with registered addresses in any particular territory or territories being a territory or territories where, in the absence of a registration statement or other special formalities, this would or might, in the opinion of the Board, be unlawful or impracticable. Members affected as a result of the foregoing sentence shall not be, or be deemed to be, a separate class of members for any purpose whatsoever.</p>

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
16.	Every share certificate shall be issued under the Seal or a facsimile thereof or with the Seal printed thereon and shall specify the number and class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates, and the amount paid up thereon and may otherwise be in such form as the Directors may from time to time determine. The seal of the Company may only be affixed to a share certificate with the authority of the Directors, or be executed under the signature of appropriate officials with statutory authority, unless otherwise determined by the Directors. No certificate shall be issued representing shares of more than one class. The Board may by resolution determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that any signatures on any such certificates (or certificates in respect of other securities) need not be autographic but may be affixed to such certificates by some mechanical means or may be printed thereon.	Every share certificate shall be issued under the Seal or a facsimile thereof or with the Seal printed thereon and shall specify the number and class and distinguishing numbers (if any) of the shares to which it relates, and the amount paid up thereon and may otherwise be in such form as the Directors may from time to time determine. The seal of the Company may only be affixed <u>or imprinted</u> to a share certificate with the authority of the Directors, or be executed under the signature of appropriate officials with statutory authority, unless otherwise determined by the Directors. No certificate shall be issued representing shares of more than one class. The Board may by resolution determine, either generally or in any particular case or cases, that any signatures on any such certificates (or certificates in respect of other securities) need not be autographic but may be affixed to such certificates by some mechanical means or may be printed thereon.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
39.	A declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and such declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer by the Company if necessary) constitute a good title to the share, and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any), nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, sale or disposal of the share. When any share shall have been forfeited, notice of the declaration shall be given to the Member in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture, with the date thereof, shall forthwith be made in the register, but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice or make any such entry.	A declaration by a Director or the Secretary that a share has been forfeited on a specified date shall be conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated as against all persons claiming to be entitled to the share, and such declaration shall (subject to the execution of an instrument of transfer by the Company if necessary) constitute a good title to the share, and the person to whom the share is disposed of shall be registered as the holder of the share and shall not be bound to see to the application of the consideration (if any), nor shall his title to the share be affected by any irregularity in or invalidity of the proceedings in reference to the forfeiture, sale or disposal of the share. When any share shall have been forfeited, notice of the declaration shall be given to the Member in whose name it stood immediately prior to the forfeiture, and an entry of the forfeiture, with the date thereof, shall forthwith be made in the Register , but no forfeiture shall be in any manner invalidated by any omission or neglect to give such notice or make any such entry.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
44.	<p>The Register and branch register of Members, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection for at least two (2) hours during business hours by Members without charge or by any other person, upon a maximum payment of \$2.50 or such lesser sum specified by the Board, at the Office or such other place at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Law or, if appropriate, upon a maximum payment of \$1.00 or such lesser sum specified by the Board at the Registration Office. The Register including any overseas or local or other branch register of Members may, after notice has been given by advertisement in an appointed newspaper or any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange or by any electronic means in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect, be closed at such times or for such periods not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in each year as the Board may determine and either generally or in respect of any class of shares.</p>	<p>The Register and branch register of Members <u>maintained in Hong Kong</u>, as the case may be, shall be open to inspection for at least two (2) hours during business hours by Members without charge or by any other person, upon a maximum payment of <u>\$Hong Kong dollars</u> 2.50 or such lesser sum specified by the Board, at the Office or such other place at which the Register is kept in accordance with the Act Law or, if appropriate, upon a maximum payment of <u>\$ Hong Kong dollar</u> 1.00 or such lesser sum specified by the Board at the Registration Office. The Register including any overseas or local or other branch register of Members may, after notice has been given by advertisement in an appointed newspaper or any other newspapers in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange or by any electronic means in such manner as may be accepted by the Designated Stock Exchange to that effect, be closed at such times or for such periods not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in each year as the Board may determine and either generally or in respect of any class of shares. <u>The period of thirty (30) days may be extended for a further period or periods not exceeding thirty (30) days in respect of any year if approved by the Members by ordinary resolution.</u></p>

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
45.	<p>Subject to the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange, notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles the Company or the Directors may fix any date as the record date for:</p> <p>(a) determining the Members entitled to receive any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue and such record date may be on, or at any time not more than thirty (30) days before or after, any date on which such dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made;</p> <p>(b) determining the Members entitled to receive notice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.</p>	<p>Subject to the rules of any Designated Stock Exchange<u>Listing Rules</u>, notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles the Company or the Directors may fix any date as the record date for:</p> <p>(a) determining the Members entitled to receive any dividend, distribution, allotment or issue and such record date may be on, or at any time not more than thirty (30) days before or after, any date on which such dividend, distribution, allotment or issue is declared, paid or made;</p> <p>(b) determining the Members entitled to receive a<u>N</u>otice of and to vote at any general meeting of the Company.</p>

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
46.	Subject to these Articles, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in a form prescribed by the Designated Stock Exchange or in any other form approved by the Board and may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.	<p><u>(1)</u> Subject to these Articles, any Member may transfer all or any of his shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or in a form prescribed by the Designated Stock Exchange or in any other form approved by the Board and may be under hand or, if the transferor or transferee is a clearing house or its nominee(s), by hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other manner of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.</p> <p><u>(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (1) above, for so long as any shares are listed on the Designated Stock Exchange, titles to such listed shares may be evidenced and transferred in accordance with the laws applicable to and the Listing Rules that are or shall be applicable to such listed shares. The register of members of the Company in respect of its listed shares (whether the Register or a branch register) may be kept by recording the particulars required by Section 40 of the Act in a form otherwise than legible if such recording otherwise complies with the laws applicable to and the Listing Rules that are or shall be applicable to such listed shares.</u></p>

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
51.	The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may, after notice has been given by advertisement in any newspapers or by any other means in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange to that effect be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year) as the Board may determine.	The registration of transfers of shares or of any class of shares may, after notice has been given by <u>announcement or by electronic communication or by</u> advertisement in any newspapers or by any other means in accordance with the requirements of any Designated Stock Exchange to that effect be suspended at such times and for such periods (not exceeding in the whole thirty (30) days in any year) as the Board may determine. <u>The period of thirty (30) days may be extended for a further period or periods not exceeding thirty (30) days in respect of any year if approved by the Members by ordinary resolution.</u>
55.(2)(c)	the Company, if so required by the rules governing the listing of shares on the Designated Stock Exchange, has given notice to, and caused advertisement in newspapers in accordance with the requirements of, the Designated Stock Exchange to be made of its intention to sell such shares in the manner required by the Designated Stock Exchange, and a period of three (3) months or such shorter period as may be allowed by the Designated Stock Exchange has elapsed since the date of such advertisement.	the Company, if so required by the rules governing the listing of shares on the Designated Stock Exchange <u>Listing Rules</u> , has given notice to, and caused advertisement in newspapers in accordance with the requirements of, the Designated Stock Exchange to be made of its intention to sell such shares in the manner required by the Designated Stock Exchange, and a period of three (3) months or such shorter period as may be allowed by the Designated Stock Exchange has elapsed since the date of such advertisement.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
56.	<p>An annual general meeting of the Company shall be held in each year other than the year of the Company’s adoption of these Articles (within a period of not more than fifteen (15) months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting or not more than eighteen (18) months after the date of adoption of these Articles, unless a longer period would not infringe the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, if any) at such time and place as may be determined by the Board.</p>	<p>An annual general meeting of the Company shall be held for in each financial year other than the financial year of the Company’s adoption of these Articles (within a period of not more than fifteen (15) months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting or not more than eighteen (18) months after the date of adoption of these Articles and such annual general meeting must be held within six (6) months after the end of the Company’s financial year; (unless a longer period would not infringe the Listing Rulesrules of the Designated Stock Exchange, if any) at such time and place as may be determined by the Board.</p>
57.	<p>Each general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, shall be called an extraordinary general meeting. General meetings may be held in any part of the world as may be determined by the Board.</p>	<p>Each general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, shall be called an extraordinary general meeting. General meetings may be held in any part of the world as may be determined by the Board. <u>Notwithstanding any provisions in these Articles, any general meeting or any class meeting may be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as to permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence at such meeting. Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, the manner of convening and the proceedings at a general meeting set out in these Articles shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to a general meeting held wholly by or in-combination with electronic means.</u></p>

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58.	<p>The Board may whenever it thinks fit call extraordinary general meetings. Any one or more Members holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.</p>	<p>The Board may whenever it thinks fit call extraordinary general meetings. Any one or more Member(s) holding at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company carrying the right of voting at general meetings of the Company, <u>on a one vote per share basis</u>, shall at all times have the right, by written requisition to the Board or the Secretary of the Company, to require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business <u>or resolution</u> specified in such requisition; and such meeting shall be held within two (2) months after the deposit of such requisition. If within twenty-one (21) days of such deposit the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.</p>
59.(1)	<p>An annual general meeting must be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than twenty (20) clear business days. All other general meetings (including an extraordinary general meeting) must be called by Notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days but if permitted by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, a general meeting may be called by shorter notice, subject to the Law, if it is so agreed:</p>	<p>An annual general meeting must be called by Notice of not less than twenty-one (21) clear days and not less than twenty (20) clear business days. All other general meetings (including an extraordinary general meeting) must be called by Notice of not less than fourteen (14) clear days and not less than ten (10) clear business days but if permitted by the <u>Listing Rules</u> rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, a general meeting may be called by shorter notice, subject to the Law, if it is so agreed:</p>

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	<p>(a) in the case of a meeting called as an annual general meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and</p> <p>(b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together representing not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) of the total voting rights at the meeting of all the Members.</p>	<p>(a) in the case of a meeting called as an annual general meeting, by all the Members entitled to attend and vote thereat; and</p> <p>(b) in the case of any other meeting, by a majority in number of the Members having the right to attend and vote at the meeting, being a majority together representing not less than ninety-five per cent. (95%) of the total voting rights at the meeting of all the Members.</p>
61.(2)	<p>No business other than the appointment of a chairman of a meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the business. Two (2) Members entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy or (in the case of a Member being a corporation) by its duly authorised representative shall form a quorum for all purposes.</p>	<p>No business other than the appointment of a chairman of a meeting shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present at the commencement of the business. Two (2) Members entitled to vote and present in person or by proxy or (in the case of a Member being a corporation) by its duly authorised representative <u>or by proxy or, for quorum purposes only, two persons appointed by the clearing house as authorised representative or proxy</u> shall form a quorum for all purposes.</p>

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64.	<p>The chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place as the meeting shall determine, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment not taken place. When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, at least seven (7) clear days' notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Save as aforesaid, it shall be unnecessary to give notice of an adjournment.</p>	<p><u>Prior to the holding of a general meeting, the Board may postpone, and at a general meeting, t</u>The chairman may, (without the consent of any the meeting) at which a quorum is present (and or shall <u>at the direction of if so directed by the meeting), adjourn the meeting from time to time (or indefinitely) and from place to place as the meeting shall determine,</u> but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned <u>or postponed</u> meeting other than the business which might lawfully have been transacted at the meeting had the adjournment <u>or the postponement</u> not taken place. <u>Notice of a postponement must be given to all Members by any means as the Board may determine.</u> When a meeting is adjourned for fourteen (14) days or more, at least seven (7) clear days' notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given specifying the time and place of the adjourned meeting but it shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the adjourned meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Save as aforesaid, it shall be unnecessary to give notice of an adjournment.</p>

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66.(1)	<p>Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any shares by or in accordance with these Articles, at any general meeting on a poll every Member present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every fully paid share of which he is the holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the share. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by way of a poll save that the chairman of the meeting may in good faith, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every Member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a duly authorized representative), or by proxy(ies) shall have one vote provided that where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. For purposes of this Article, procedural and administrative matters are those that (i) are not on the agenda of the general meeting or in any supplementary circular that may be issued by the Company to its Members; and (ii) relate to the chairman's duties to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting and/or allow the business of the meeting to be properly and effectively dealt with, whilst allowing all Members a reasonable opportunity to express their views.</p>	<p>Subject to any special rights or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any shares by or in accordance with these Articles, at any general meeting on a poll every Member present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative shall have one vote for every fully paid share of which he is the holder but so that no amount paid up or credited as paid up on a share in advance of calls or instalments is treated for the foregoing purposes as paid up on the share. A resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided by way of a poll save that the chairman of the meeting may in good faith, allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands in which case every Member present in person (or being a corporation, is present by a duly authorized representative), or by proxy(ies) shall have one vote provided that where more than one proxy is appointed by a Member which is a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands. For purposes of this Article, procedural and administrative matters are those that (i) are not on the agenda of the general meeting or in any supplementary circular that may be issued by the Company to its Members; and (ii) relate to the chairman's duties to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting and/or allow the business of the meeting to be properly and effectively dealt with, whilst allowing all Members a reasonable opportunity to express their views. <u>Votes (whether on a show of hands or by way of poll) may be cast by such means, electronic or otherwise, as the Directors or the chairman of the meeting may determine.</u></p>

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67.	Where a resolution is voted on by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or not carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect made in the minute book of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against the resolution. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting. The Company shall only be required to disclose the voting figures on a poll if such disclosure is required by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange.	Where a resolution is voted on by a show of hands, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has been carried, or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or not carried by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect made in the minute book of the Company, shall be conclusive evidence of the facts without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded for or against the resolution. The result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting. The Company shall only be required to disclose the voting figures on a poll if such disclosure is required by the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange <u>Listing Rules</u> .
73.	(2) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.	<u>(2) All Members shall have the right to (a) speak at a general meeting; and (b) vote at a general meeting except where a Member is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration.</u> (2) (3) Where the Company has knowledge that any Member is, under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange <u>Listing Rules</u> required to abstain from voting on any particular resolution of the Company or restricted to voting only for or only against any particular resolution of the Company, any votes cast by or on behalf of such Member in contravention of such requirement or restriction shall not be counted.

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77.	The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a certified copy of such power or authority, shall be delivered to such place or one of such places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or by way of note to or in any document accompanying the notice convening the meeting (or, if no place is so specified at the Registration Office or the Office, as may be appropriate) not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve (12) months from such date. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.	The instrument appointing a proxy and (if required by the Board) the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a certified copy of such power or authority, shall be delivered to such place or one of such places (if any) as may be specified for that purpose in or by way of note to or in any document accompanying the notice convening the meeting (or, if no place is so specified at the Registration Office or the Office, as may be appropriate) not less than forty-eight (48) hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the person named in the instrument proposes to vote. No instrument appointing a proxy shall be valid after the expiration of twelve (12) months from the date named in it as the date of its execution, except at an adjourned meeting in cases where the meeting was originally held within twelve (12) months from such date. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a Member from attending and voting in person at the meeting convened and in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

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81.(2)	If a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), being a corporation, is a Member, it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of this Article shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) including, where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.	If a clearing house (or its nominee(s)), being a corporation, is a Member, it may authorise such persons as it thinks fit to act as its representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Members provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. Each person so authorised under the provisions of this Article shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) as if such person was the registered holder of the shares of the Company held by the clearing house (or its nominee(s)) including, <u>the right to speak and to vote, and</u> where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on a show of hands.

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83.	<p>(3) The Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the existing Board. Any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office until the first general meeting of Members after his appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting and any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election.</p> <p>(5) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Articles, by ordinary resolution remove a Director at any time before the expiration of his period of office notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim for damages under any such agreement).</p> <p>(6) A vacancy on the Board created by the removal of a Director under the provisions of subparagraph (5) above may be filled by the election or appointment by ordinary resolution the Members at the meeting at which such Director is removed.</p>	<p>(3) The Directors shall have the power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the existing Board. Any Director <u>so</u> appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office <u>only</u> until the first <u>annual</u> general meeting of <u>the Company Members</u> after his appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting and any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election.</p> <p>(5) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Articles, by ordinary resolution remove a Director (<u>including a managing or other executive Director</u>) at any time before the expiration of his period <u>term</u> of office notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such Director (but without prejudice to any claim for damages under any such agreement).</p> <p>(6) A vacancy on the Board created by the removal of a Director under the provisions of subparagraph (5) above may be filled by the election or appointment by ordinary resolution <u>of</u> the Members at the meeting at which such Director is removed.</p>

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85.	<p>No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election as a Director at any general meeting unless a Notice signed by a Member (other than the person to be proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also a Notice signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office provided that the minimum length of the period, during which such Notice(s) are given, shall be at least seven (7) days and that (if the Notices are submitted after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election) the period for lodgment of such Notice(s) shall commence on the day after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.</p>	<p>No person other than a Director retiring at the meeting shall, unless recommended by the Directors for election, be eligible for election as a Director at any general meeting unless a Notice signed by a Member (other than the person to be proposed) duly qualified to attend and vote at the meeting for which such notice is given of his intention to propose such person for election and also a Notice signed by the person to be proposed of his willingness to be elected shall have been lodged at the head office or at the Registration Office provided that the minimum length of the period, during which such Notice(s) <u>must be lodged with the Company</u> are given, shall be at least seven (7) <u>fourteen (14) days prior to the date</u> and that (if the Notices are submitted after the despatch of the notice of the general meeting appointed for such election) the period for lodgment of such Notice(s) shall commence on <u>but no earlier than</u> the day after the <u>Notice</u> of the general meeting appointed for such election and end no later than seven (7) days prior to the date of such general meeting.</p>
86.	<p>The office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director:</p> <p>(3) without special leave of absence from the Board, is absent from meetings of the Board for six consecutive months, and his alternate Director, if any, shall not during such period have attended in his stead and the Board resolves that his office be vacated;</p>	<p>The office of a Director shall be vacated if the Director:</p> <p>(3) without special leave of absence from the Board, is absent from meetings of the Board for six <u>(6)</u> consecutive months, and his alternate Director, if any, shall not during such period have attended in his stead and the Board resolves that his office be vacated;</p>

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100.(1)	<p>(i) any contract or arrangement for the giving to such Director or his close associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his close associate(s) or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of his close associate(s) at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries;</p> <p>(ii) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his close associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;</p> <p>(iii) any contract or arrangement concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase, where the Director or his close associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;</p>	<p>(i) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity either:—</p> <p>(a) to such the Director or his close associate(s) any security or indemnity in respect of money lent by him or any of his close associate(s) or obligations incurred or undertaken by him or any of them his close associate(s) at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or any of its subsidiaries; or</p> <p>(ii) (b) any contract or arrangement for the giving of any security or indemnity to a third party in respect of a debt or obligation of the Company or any of its subsidiaries for which the Director or his close associate(s) has himself/themselves assumed responsibility in whole or in part and whether alone or jointly under a guarantee or indemnity or by the giving of security;</p> <p>(iii) (ii) any contract or arrangement proposal concerning an offer of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any other company which the Company may promote or be interested in for subscription or purchase; where the Director or his close associate(s) is/are or is/are to be interested as a participant in the underwriting or sub-underwriting of the offer;</p> <p>(iii) any proposal or arrangement concerning the benefit of employees of the Company or its subsidiaries including:</p> <p>(a) the adoption, modification or operation of any employees’ share scheme or any share incentive or share option scheme under which the Director or his close associate(s) may benefit; or</p> <p>(b) the adoption, modification or operation of a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme which relates to the Director, his close associate(s) and employee(s) of the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his close associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not generally accorded to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates;</p>

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100.(1)	<p>(iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his close associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company; or</p> <p>(v) any proposal or arrangement concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to Directors or his close associate(s) and to employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his close associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not accorded generally to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates.</p>	<p>(iv) any contract or arrangement in which the Director or his close associate(s) is/are interested in the same manner as other holders of shares or debentures or other securities of the Company by virtue only of his/their interest in shares or debentures or other securities of the Company; or.</p> <p>(v) any proposal or arrangement concerning the adoption, modification or operation of a share option scheme, a pension fund or retirement, death or disability benefits scheme or other arrangement which relates both to Directors or his close associate(s) and to employees of the Company or of any of its subsidiaries and does not provide in respect of any Director, or his close associate(s), as such any privilege or advantage not accorded generally to the class of persons to which such scheme or fund relates.</p>
112.	<p>A meeting of the Board may be convened by the Secretary on request of a Director or by any Director. The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Board. Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to such Director in writing or verbally (including in person or by telephone) or via electronic mail or by telephone or in such other manner as the Board may from time to time determine whenever he shall be required so to do by any Director.</p>	<p>A meeting of the Board may be convened by the Secretary on request of a Director or by any Director. The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Board: <u>whenever he shall be required so to do by any Director.</u> Notice of a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be duly given to a Director if it is given to such Director in writing or verbally (including in person or by telephone) or via electronic mail or by telephone or in such other manner as the Board may from time to time determine whenever he shall be required so to do by any Director.</p>

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113.(2)	Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or other communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously and, for the purpose of counting a quorum, such participation shall constitute presence at a meeting as if those participating were present in person.	Directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone, <u>electronic</u> or other communications equipment through which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously and, for the purpose of counting a quorum, such participation shall constitute presence at a meeting as if those participating were present in person.
142.(1)(a)(iv)	the dividend (or that part of the dividend to be satisfied by the allotment of shares as aforesaid) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the cash election has not been duly exercised (“the non-elected shares”) and in satisfaction thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the non-elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account, share premium account, capital redemption reserve other than the Subscription Rights Reserve (as defined below)) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the relevant class for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the non-elected shares on such basis; or	the dividend (or that part of the dividend to be satisfied by the allotment of shares as aforesaid) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the cash election has not been duly exercised (“the <u>“non-elected shares”</u>) and in satisfaction thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the non-elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account, share premium account, capital redemption reserve other than the Subscription Rights Reserve (as defined below)) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the relevant class for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the non-elected shares on such basis; or

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142.(1)(b)(iv)	the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised (“the elected shares”) and in lieu thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account, share premium account, capital redemption reserve other than the Subscription Rights Reserve (as defined below)) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the relevant class for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the elected shares on such basis.	the dividend (or that part of the dividend in respect of which a right of election has been accorded) shall not be payable in cash on shares in respect whereof the share election has been duly exercised (“the elected shares”) and in lieu thereof shares of the relevant class shall be allotted credited as fully paid up to the holders of the elected shares on the basis of allotment determined as aforesaid and for such purpose the Board shall capitalise and apply out of any part of the undivided profits of the Company (including profits carried and standing to the credit of any reserves or other special account, share premium account, capital redemption reserve other than the Subscription Rights Reserve (as defined below)) as the Board may determine, such sum as may be required to pay up in full the appropriate number of shares of the relevant class for allotment and distribution to and amongst the holders of the elected shares on such basis.

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144.	<p>The Company may, upon the recommendation of the Board, at any time and from time to time pass an ordinary resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including a share premium account and capital redemption reserve and the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution and accordingly that such amount be set free for distribution among the Members or any class of Members who would be entitled thereto if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions, on the footing that the same is not paid in cash but is applied either in or towards paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares in the Company held by such Members respectively or in paying up in full unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company, to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up among such Members, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and the Board shall give effect to such resolution provided that, for the purposes of this Article, a share premium account and any capital redemption reserve or fund representing unrealised profits, may be applied only in paying up in full unissued shares of the Company to be allotted to such Members credited as fully paid.</p>	<p><u>(1)</u> The Company may, upon the recommendation of the Board, at any time and from time to time pass an ordinary resolution to the effect that it is desirable to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including a share premium account and capital redemption reserve and the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution and accordingly that such amount be set free for distribution among the Members or any class of Members who would be entitled thereto if it were distributed by way of dividend and in the same proportions, on the footing that the same is not paid in cash but is applied either in or towards paying up the amounts for the time being unpaid on any shares in the Company held by such Members respectively or in paying up in full unissued shares, debentures or other obligations of the Company, to be allotted and distributed credited as fully paid up among such Members, or partly in one way and partly in the other, and the Board shall give effect to such resolution provided that, for the purposes of this Article, a share premium account and any capital redemption reserve or fund representing unrealised profits, may be applied only in paying up in full unissued shares of the Company to be allotted to such Members credited as fully paid.</p>

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144.		<p><u>(2) Notwithstanding any provisions in these Articles, the Board may resolve to capitalise all or any part of any amount for the time being standing to the credit of any reserve or fund (including a share premium account and the profit and loss account) whether or not the same is available for distribution by applying such sum in paying up unissued shares to be allotted to (i) employees (including directors) of the Company and/or its affiliates (meaning any individual, corporation, partnership, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association or other entity (other than the Company) that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Company) upon exercise or vesting of any options or awards granted under any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting, or (ii) any trustee of any trust to whom shares are to be allotted and issued by the Company in connection with the operation of any share incentive scheme or employee benefit scheme or other arrangement which relates to such persons that has been adopted or approved by the Members at a general meeting.</u></p>

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
150.	Subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, and to obtaining all necessary consents, if any, required thereunder, the requirements of Article 149 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person in any manner not prohibited by the Statutes, summarised financial statements derived from the Company’s annual accounts and the directors’ report which shall be in the form and containing the information required by applicable laws and regulations, provided that any person who is otherwise entitled to the annual financial statements of the Company and the directors’ report thereon may, if he so requires by notice in writing served on the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to summarised financial statements, a complete printed copy of the Company’s annual financial statement and the directors’ report thereon.	Subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Listing Rules rules of the Designated Stock Exchange , and to obtaining all necessary consents, if any, required thereunder, the requirements of Article 149 shall be deemed satisfied in relation to any person by sending to the person in any manner not prohibited by the Statutes, summarised financial statements derived from the Company’s annual accounts and the Directors’ Directors’ report which shall be in the form and containing the information required by applicable laws and regulations, provided that any person who is otherwise entitled to the annual financial statements of the Company and the Directors’ Directors’ report thereon may, if he so requires by notice in writing served on the Company, demand that the Company sends to him, in addition to summarised financial statements, a complete printed copy of the Company’s annual financial statement and the Directors’ Directors’ report thereon.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
151.	The requirement to send to a person referred to in Article 149 the documents referred to in that article or a summary financial report in accordance with Article 150 shall be deemed satisfied where, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange, the Company publishes copies of the documents referred to in Article 149 and, if applicable, a summary financial report complying with Article 150, on the Company's computer network or in any other permitted manner (including by sending any form of electronic communication), and that person has agreed or is deemed to have agreed to treat the publication or receipt of such documents in such manner as discharging the Company's obligation to send to him a copy of such documents.	The requirement to send to a person referred to in Article 149 the documents referred to in that article or a summary financial report in accordance with Article 150 shall be deemed satisfied where, in accordance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the Listing Rules rules of the Designated Stock Exchange , the Company publishes copies of the documents referred to in Article 149 and, if applicable, a summary financial report complying with Article 150, on the Company's computer network or in any other permitted manner (including by sending any form of electronic communication), and that person has agreed or is deemed to have agreed to treat the publication or receipt of such documents in such manner as discharging the Company's obligation to send to him a copy of such documents.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
152.	<p>(1) At the annual general meeting or at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting in each year, the Members shall appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Company and such auditor shall hold office until the next annual general meeting. Such auditor may be a Member but no Director or officer or employee of the Company shall, during his continuance in office, be eligible to act as an auditor of the Company.</p> <p>(2) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Articles, by special resolution remove the Auditor at any time before the expiration of his term of office and shall by ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint another Auditor in his stead for the remainder of his term.</p>	<p>(1) At the annual general meeting or at a subsequent extraordinary general meeting in each year, the Members shall by ordinary resolution appoint an auditor to audit the accounts of the Company and such auditor shall hold office until the next annual general meeting. Such auditor may be a Member but no Director or officer or employee of the Company shall, during his continuance in office, be eligible to act as an auditor of the Company.</p> <p>(2) The Members may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Articles, by special ordinary resolution remove the Auditor at any time before the expiration of his term of office and shall by ordinary resolution at that meeting appoint another Auditor in his stead for the remainder of his term.</p>
154.	The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Company in general meeting or in such manner as the Members may determine.	The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by an ordinary resolution passed at a the Company in general meeting or in such manner as the Members may by ordinary resolution determine.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
155.	If the office of auditor becomes vacant by the resignation or death of the Auditor, or by his becoming incapable of acting by reason of illness or other disability at a time when his services are required, the Directors shall fill the vacancy and fix the remuneration of the Auditor so appointed.	¶ <u>The Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of auditor becomes vacant by the resignation or death of the Auditor but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor;</u> or by his becoming incapable of acting by reason of illness or other disability at a time when his services are required, the Directors shall fill the vacancy and fix the remuneration of the Auditors, if any, may act. The remuneration of any Auditor appointed by the Directors under this Article may be fixed by the Board. Subject to Article 152(2), an Auditor appointed under this Article shall hold office until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be subject to appointment by the Members under Article 152(1) at such remuneration to be determined by the Members under Article 154 so appointed.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
158.	<p>Any Notice or document (including any “corporate communication” within the meaning ascribed thereto under the rules of the Designated Stock Exchange), whether or not, to be given or issued under these Articles from the Company to a Member shall be in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message or other form of electronic transmission or communication and any such Notice and document may be served or delivered by the Company on or to any Member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Register or at any other address supplied by him to the Company for the purpose or, as the case may be, by transmitting it to any such address or transmitting it to any telex or facsimile transmission number or electronic number or address or website supplied by him to the Company for the giving of Notice to him or which the person transmitting the notice reasonably and bona fide believes at the relevant time will result in the Notice being duly received by the Member or may also be served by advertisement in appropriate newspapers in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange or, to the extent permitted by the applicable laws, by placing it on the Company’s website or the website of the Designated Stock Exchange, and giving to the member a notice stating that the notice or other document is available there (a “notice of availability”). The notice of availability may be given to the Member by any of the means set out above other than by posting it on a website. In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.</p>	<p>Any Notice or document (including any “corporate communication” within the meaning ascribed thereto under the <u>Listing Rules</u> rules of the Designated Stock Exchange), whether or not, to be given or issued under these Articles from the Company to a Member shall be in writing or by cable, telex or facsimile transmission message or other form of electronic transmission or communication and any such Notice and document may be served or delivered by the Company on or to any Member either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope addressed to such Member at his registered address as appearing in the Register or at any other address supplied by him to the Company for the purpose or, as the case may be, by transmitting it to any such address or transmitting it to any telex or facsimile transmission number or electronic number or address or website supplied by him to the Company for the giving of Notice to him or which the person transmitting the notice reasonably and bona fide believes at the relevant time will result in the Notice being duly received by the Member or may also be served by advertisement in appropriate newspapers in accordance with the requirements of the Designated Stock Exchange or, to the extent permitted by the applicable laws, by placing it on the Company’s website or the website of the Designated Stock Exchange, and giving to the member a notice stating that the notice or other document is available there (a “notice of availability”). The notice of availability may be given to the Member by any of the means set out above other than by posting it on a website. In the case of joint holders of a share all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the Register and notice so given shall be deemed a sufficient service on or delivery to all the joint holders.</p>

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
159.(d)	may be given to a Member either in the English language or the Chinese language, subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations.	may be given to a Member either in the English language <u>only</u> or <u>in both</u> the <u>English language and the</u> Chinese language <u>or, with the consent of or election by any Member, in the Chinese language only to such Member,</u> subject to due compliance with all applicable Statutes, rules and regulations.
161.	For the purposes of these Articles, a facsimile or electronic transmission message purporting to come from a holder of shares or, as the case may be, a Director or alternate Director, or, in the case of a corporation which is a holder of shares from a director or the secretary thereof or a duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative thereof for it and on its behalf, shall in the absence of express evidence to the contrary available to the person relying thereon at the relevant time be deemed to be a document or instrument in writing signed by such holder or Director or alternate Director in the terms in which it is received.	For the purposes of these Articles, a facsimile or electronic transmission message purporting to come from a holder of shares or, as the case may be, a Director or alternate Director, or, in the case of a corporation which is a holder of shares from a director or the secretary thereof or a duly appointed attorney or duly authorised representative thereof for it and on its behalf, shall in the absence of express evidence to the contrary available to the person relying thereon at the relevant time be deemed to be a document or instrument in writing signed by such holder or Director or alternate Director in the terms in which it is received. <u>The signature to any Notice or document to be given by the Company may be written, printed or in electronic form.</u>
162.	(1) The Board shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the court for the Company to be wound up. (2) A resolution that the Company be wound up by the court or be wound up voluntarily shall be a special resolution.	(1) <u>Subject to Article 162(2),</u> the Board shall have power in the name and on behalf of the Company to present a petition to the court for the Company to be wound up. (2) <u>Unless otherwise provided by the Act,</u> a a resolution that the Company be wound up by the court or <u>to</u> be wound up voluntarily shall be a special resolution.

Article No.	Existing Articles	Proposed Amendments
163.(1)	Subject to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to the distribution of available surplus assets on liquidation for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares (i) (if the Company shall be wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the Members shall be more than sufficient to repay the whole of the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding up, the excess shall be distributed <i>pari passu</i> amongst such members in proportion to the amount paid up on the shares held by them respectively and (ii) if the Company shall be wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the Members as such shall be insufficient to repay the whole of the paid-up capital such assets shall be distributed so that, as nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the Members in proportion to the capital paid up, or which ought to have been paid up, at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively.	Subject to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to the distribution of available surplus assets on liquidation for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares (i) if if the Company shall be wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the Members shall be more than sufficient to repay the whole of the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding up, the excess shall be distributed <i>pari passu</i> amongst such members in proportion to the amount paid up on the shares held by them respectively and (ii) if the Company shall be wound up and the assets available for distribution amongst the Members as such shall be insufficient to repay the whole of the paid-up capital such assets shall be distributed so that, as nearly as may be, the losses shall be borne by the Members in proportion to the capital paid up, or which ought to have been paid up, at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them respectively.

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163.(3)	<p>In the event of winding-up of the Company in Hong Kong, every Member who is not for the time being in Hong Kong shall be bound, within fourteen (14) days after the passing of an effective resolution to wind up the Company voluntarily, or the making of an order for the winding-up of the Company, to serve notice in writing on the Company appointing some person resident in Hong Kong and stating that person's full name, address and occupation upon whom all summonses, notices, process, orders and judgements in relation to or under the winding-up of the Company may be served, and in default of such nomination the liquidator of the Company shall be at liberty on behalf of such Member to appoint some such person, and service upon any such appointee, whether appointed by the Member or the liquidator, shall be deemed to be good personal service on such Member for all purposes, and, where the liquidator makes any such appointment, he shall with all convenient speed give notice thereof to such Member by advertisement as he shall deem appropriate or by a registered letter sent through the post and addressed to such Member at his address as appearing in the register, and such notice shall be deemed to be service on the day following that on which the advertisement first appears or the letter is posted</p>	<p>In the event of winding up of the Company in Hong Kong, every Member who is not for the time being in Hong Kong shall be bound, within fourteen (14) days after the passing of an effective resolution to wind up the Company voluntarily, or the making of an order for the winding up of the Company, to serve notice in writing on the Company appointing some person resident in Hong Kong and stating that person's full name, address and occupation upon whom all summonses, notices, process, orders and judgements in relation to or under the winding up of the Company may be served, and in default of such nomination the liquidator of the Company shall be at liberty on behalf of such Member to appoint some such person, and service upon any such appointee, whether appointed by the Member or the liquidator, shall be deemed to be good personal service on such Member for all purposes, and, where the liquidator makes any such appointment, he shall with all convenient speed give notice thereof to such Member by advertisement as he shall deem appropriate or by a registered letter sent through the post and addressed to such Member at his address as appearing in the register, and such notice shall be deemed to be service on the day following that on which the advertisement first appears or the letter is posted</p>

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164.(1)	<p>The Directors, Secretary and other officers and every Auditor for the time being of the Company and the liquidator or trustees (if any) for the time being acting in relation to any of the affairs of the Company and everyone of them, and everyone of their heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, their or any of their heirs, executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty, or supposed duty, in their respective offices or trusts; and none of them shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of the other or others of them or for joining in any receipts for the sake of conformity, or for any bankers or other persons with whom any moneys or effects belonging to the Company shall or may be lodged or deposited for safe custody, or for insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of or belonging to the Company shall be placed out on or invested, or for any other loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of their respective offices or trusts, or in relation thereto; PROVIDED THAT this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of said persons.</p>	<p>The Directors, Secretary and other officers and every Auditor for the time being of the Company <u>at any time, whether at present or in the past,</u> and the liquidator or trustees (if any) for the time being acting <u>or who have acted</u> in relation to any of the affairs of the Company and everyone of them, and everyone of their heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and secured harmless out of the assets and profits of the Company from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses which they or any of them, their or any of their heirs, executors or administrators, shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in or omitted in or about the execution of their duty, or supposed duty, in their respective offices or trusts; and none of them shall be answerable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of the other or others of them or for joining in any receipts for the sake of conformity, or for any bankers or other persons with whom any moneys or effects belonging to the Company shall or may be lodged or deposited for safe custody, or for insufficiency or deficiency of any security upon which any moneys of or belonging to the Company shall be placed out on or invested, or for any other loss, misfortune or damage which may happen in the execution of their respective offices or trusts, or in relation thereto; PROVIDED THAT this indemnity shall not extend to any matter in respect of any fraud or dishonesty which may attach to any of said persons.</p>

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165.		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FINANCIAL YEAR</u></p> <p><u>Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, the financial year of the Company shall end on the 31st day of December in each year.</u></p>
1656.	No Article shall be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Article shall be made until the same has been approved by a special resolution of the Members. A special resolution shall be required to alter the provisions of the memorandum of association or to change the name of the Company.	No Article shall be rescinded, altered or amended and no new Article shall be made until the same has been approved by a special resolution of the Members. A special resolution shall be required to alter the provisions of the memorandum of association or to change the name of the Company.
1667.	No Member shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information respecting any detail of the Company's trading or any matter which is or may be in the nature of a trade secret or secret process which may relate to the conduct of the business of the Company and which in the opinion of the Directors it will be inexpedient in the interests of the members of the Company to communicate to the public.	No Member shall be entitled to require discovery of or any information respecting any detail of the Company's trading or any matter which is or may be in the nature of a trade secret or secret process which may relate to the conduct of the business of the Company and which in the opinion of the Directors it will be inexpedient in the interests of the members of the Company to communicate to the public.



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(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1598)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual general meeting of China 21st Century Education Group Limited (the “**Company**”) will be held at 15/F, South Tower, Zhonghai Plaza, 8 Guanghua Dongli, Chaoyang District, Beijing, the PRC on Friday, 30 June 2023 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions of the Company:

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors and auditor for the year ended 31 December 2022.
2. To declare and pay a final dividend of HK\$0.80 cents per ordinary share of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.
3. (A) To consider the re-election of the following directors of the Company (the “**Directors**”), each as a separate resolution:
 - (i) Mr. Li Yunong as an executive Director.
 - (ii) Mr. Li Yasheng as an executive Director.
 - (iii) Mr. Guo Litian as an independent non-executive Director.(B) To authorise the board of Directors (the “**Board**”) to fix the remuneration of the Directors.
4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditor of the Company and to authorise the Board to fix its remuneration.

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5. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass (with or without amendments) the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

(A) “**That:**

- (i) subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue or otherwise deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company or securities convertible into shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for shares or such convertible securities of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which may require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options which may require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (iii) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) pursuant to paragraph (i) above, otherwise than pursuant to (1) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); or (2) the grant or exercise of any option under the option scheme of the Company or any other option, scheme or similar arrangements for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to the directors, officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company; or (3) any scrip dividend or similar arrangements providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company in force from time to time; or (4) any issue of shares in the Company upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any existing convertible notes issued by the Company or any existing securities of the Company which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed the aggregate of 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution; and (if the directors of the Company are so authorised by resolution numbered 5(B)) the aggregate number of shares of the Company bought back by the Company subsequent to the passing of resolution numbered 5(B) (up to a maximum equivalent to 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing resolution numbered 5(B)).

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And the said approval shall be limited accordingly;

(iv) for the purpose of this resolution:

(a) “**Relevant Period**” means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (1) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (2) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable law or the articles of association of the Company to be held; or
- (3) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting; and

(b) “**Rights Issue**” means an offer of shares in the capital of the Company, or offer or issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares open for a period fixed by the directors of the Company to holders of shares in the capital of the Company whose names appear on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their holdings of shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or, having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the exercise or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction applicable to the Company, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange applicable to the Company).”

(B) “**That:**

- (i) subject to paragraph (ii) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited under the Code on Share Buy-back and, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”), be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

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- (ii) the aggregate number of shares of the Company, which may be repurchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (iii) subject to the passing of each of the paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution which had been granted to the Directors and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and
- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:

“**Relevant Period**” means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
 - (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable law or the articles of association of the Company to be held; or
 - (c) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this resolution by ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.”
- (C) “**That** conditional upon the resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) set out in the notice convening this meeting being passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers pursuant to the ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of such number of shares of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to ordinary resolution numbered 5(B) set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such amount of shares of the Company shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company at the date of passing of the said resolutions.”

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

6. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolutions as special resolutions:
- (A) “**That** the proposed amendments to the existing amended and restated articles of association of the Company (the “**Current Articles of Association**”), details of which are set out in Appendix III to the circular of the Company dated 28 April 2023 (the “**Proposed Amendments**”), be and are hereby approved.”

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- (B) “**That** conditional upon special resolution numbered 6(A) set out in the notice convening this meeting being passed, the second amended and restated articles of association of the Company (the “**New Articles of Association**”), incorporating and consolidating all the Proposed Amendments, in the form of the document marked “**A**” and produced to the meeting, be and is hereby adopted as the New Articles of Association in substitution for and to the exclusion of the Current Articles of Association.”

By order of the Board
China 21st Century Education Group Limited
Li Yunong
Chairman

Hong Kong, 28 April 2023

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Notes:

- (i) Resolution numbered 5(C) will be proposed to the shareholders of the Company for approval provided that ordinary resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) are passed by the shareholders of the Company.
- (ii) Resolution numbered 6(B) will be proposed to the shareholders of the Company for approval provided that special resolution numbered 6(A) is passed by the shareholders of the Company.
- (iii) A shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint another person as his/her/its proxy to attend and vote instead of him/her/it; a proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company.
- (iv) In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holder(s) and for this purpose seniority shall be determined as that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.
- (v) In order to be valid, a form of proxy must be deposited at the Company’s branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed (or a notarially certified copy thereof) not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the above meeting (i.e. by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 28

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June 2023) or any adjournment thereof. The completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude shareholders of the Company from attending and voting in person at the above meeting (or any adjourned meeting thereof) if they so wish.

- (vi) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 27 June 2023 to Friday, 30 June 2023, both days inclusive, in order to determine the identity of the shareholders of the Company who are entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on 30 June 2023 (the “**Annual General Meeting**”), during which period no share transfers will be registered. To be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company’s Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 26 June 2023.
- (vii) The register of members of the Company will also be closed from Monday, 17 July 2023 to Monday, 24 July 2023, both days inclusive, in order to determine the entitlement of the shareholders of the Company to receive the final dividend, during which period no share transfers will be registered. To qualify for the final dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company’s Hong Kong branch share registrar, Tricor Investor Services Limited at 17/F, Far East Finance Centre, 16 Harcourt Road, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 14 July 2023.
- (viii) In respect of ordinary resolution numbered 3(A) above, Mr. Li Yunong, Mr. Li Yasheng and Mr. Guo Litian shall retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the above meeting. Details of the above Directors are set out in Appendix I to the circular of the Company dated 28 April 2023.
- (ix) In respect of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) above, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company referred therein. Approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company as a general mandate for the purposes of the Listing Rules.
- (x) In respect of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(B) above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred by the general mandate to repurchase shares of the Company in circumstances where they consider that the repurchase would be in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders. An explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable shareholders of the Company to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution to approve the general mandate to repurchase shares of the Company, as required by the Listing Rules, is set out in Appendix II to the circular of the Company dated 28 April 2023.
- (xi) Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, voting for all the resolutions set out in this notice will be taken by poll at the above meeting.

As at the date of this notice, the executive Directors are Mr. Li Yunong, Ms. Liu Hongwei, Mr. Ren Caiyin, Ms. Yang Li and Mr. Li Yasheng; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Guo Litian, Mr. Yao Zhijun and Mr. Wan Joseph Jason.