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**21世紀教育**

21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

**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)**

**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.

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)).

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;
- (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.”

(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 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.*