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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)

GRANT OF WAIVER FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 14.41(a) OF THE LISTING RULES

References are made to the announcements of China 21st Century Education Group Limited (the “**Company**”) dated 6 September and 25 September 2023 in relation to the upward adjustment to the consideration of (1) the General Construction Contract for Comprehensive Teaching Buildings; and (2) the General Construction Contract for Canteens and Dormitory Buildings, both due to the change of construction plan and the incurrence of additional raw materials, machinery usage fee and labour cost, etc. (collectively the “**Announcements**”). References are also made to the announcement of the Company dated 26 September 2023 in relation to the grant of waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules and the announcement of the Company dated 25 October 2023 in relation to the application of waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules (collectively the “**Waiver Announcements**”). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements and the Waiver Announcements.

As stated in the Waiver Announcements, the Company was granted with the waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules to despatch the Circular within 15 business days after the publication of the announcement on 25 September 2023, and the deadline for despatch of the Circular was extended to 25 October 2023, and the Company has further applied for a 2nd waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules (the “**2nd Waiver**”).

On 27 October 2023, the Stock Exchange granted the 2nd Waiver to the Company on the basis that the Company will despatch the Circular to the Shareholders on or before 24 November 2023. The Stock Exchange may withdraw or change the 2nd Waiver if the Company's situation changes.

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

Hong Kong, 27 October 2023

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