

Media Chinese International Limited
Annual General Meeting
6 August 2015



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- (1) Overview
- (2) Performance Review
 - Market Highlights
 - Financial Performance
- (3) Strategic Update
- (4) Outlook
- (5) Questions from Minority Shareholder Watchdog Group







Geographic Diversity



(Dual Primary Listed)

Greater China

- MP Daily News (HK)
- Yazhou Zhoukan
- Over 10 magazines
- Contract Publishing
- Books Publication
- Educational Publications
- Outdoor Media
- Video Media
- Travel Business

Southeast Asia

- Sin Chew Daily
- China Press
- Guang Ming Daily
- Nanyang Siang Pau
- Brunei Sin Chew
- Indonesia Sin Chew
- Cambodia Sin Chew
- New Life Post
- 4 Student Publications
- 16 magazines

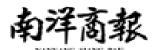
North America

- Toronto Ming Pao
- Vancouver Ming Pao
- Toronto Canadian Chinese Express
- Vancouver Canadian Chinese Express
- New York Ming Pao
- Travel Business

Digital Media

- Websites
- Mobile Applications
- Pocketimes
- Hihoku
- e-Papers
- e-Magazines
- Strategic Partnerships
- Logon













Market Leading Brands with Long History

	Publishin	Publishing since		
•	Nanyang Siang Pau	1923	92 years	
•	Sin Chew Daily	1929	86 years	
•	China Press	1946	69 years	
•	Ming Pao Daily News (Hong Kong Edition)	1959	56 years	
•	Ming Pao Monthly	1966	49 years	
•	Ming Pao Weekly	1968	47 years	
•	Yazhou Zh <mark>oukan</mark>	1987	28 years	
•	Guang Ming Daily	1987	28 years	
•	Ming Pao Daily News (Toronto Edition)	1993	22 years	
•	Ming Pao Da <mark>ily Ne</mark> ws (Vancouver Edition)	1993	22 years	
•	Ming Pao (New York)	1997	18 years	



Publishing – 5 Daily Newspapers in 11 editions, 3 Free Newspapers and over 30 magazines











































































Digital/New Media — 5 e-Papers, 19 e-Magazines, over 40 websites & numerous mobile services

Online Media (Southeast Asia)







































Online Media (Hong Kong)























































Online Media (Mainland China)





Online Media (Canada)







Mobile Media



























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(2) Performance Review

Market Highlights



Market Share in Peninsular Malaysia and Hong Kong

Penisular Malaysia	Period from 1 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014	
Chinese Newspapers	Readership Rar	iking in Malaysia
Sin Chew - Sin Chew Daily - Guang Ming Daily	1,197,000 No. 356,000 No. 3	
Nanyang - China Press - Nanyang Siang Pau	1,072,000 No. 2 88,000 with	
SCMC & NPH SUB TOTAL	2,713,000	

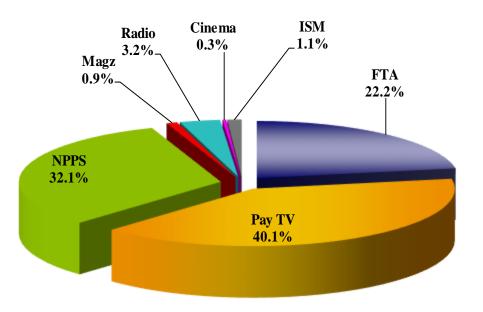
Source: (Q414 Nielsen Consumer & Media View – not include market share in East Malaysia)

HONG KONG	Period from 1 Jan 2014 to 31 Dec 2014		
Chinese Newspapers		Readershi	р
Ming Pao Daily News		356,000	Highly
Source: (Nielsen HK Media Index 2014 Year-end Report)			reputat Chinese



Adex for Apr 2014 to Mar 2015 in Malaysia

Adex (Apr 2014 to Mar 2015)



RM 14,255m

2.7%

Adex (Apr 2013 to Mar 2014): RM 13,877m

Total Adex (RM) (based on gross rate card value)

NPPS : 4,582m -2.1%
Magazines : 123m

Cinema : 44m

NPPS : -2.0% Magazines : -5.9%



Total Newspapers Adex in Malaysia

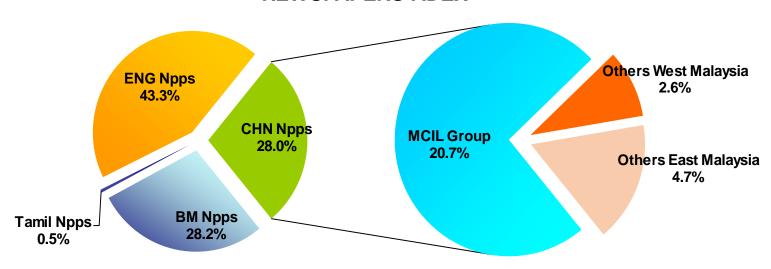
	Apr'14 - Mar'15	Apr'13 - Mar'14	Variance	Variance
	RM' million	RM' million	RM' million	%
English	1,981.7	1,951.6	30.1	1.5%
Malay	1,291.7	1,393.5	(101.8)	-7.3%
Chinese	1,285.6	1,306.5	(20.9)	-1.6%
Tamil	22.6	23.4	(8.0)	-3.3%
TOTAL	4,581.6	4,675.0	(93.4)	-2.0%

Source: Nielsen Advertising Information Services (AIS)



Share Of Chinese Newspapers Advertising Expenditure In Malaysia from Apr'14 to Mar'15





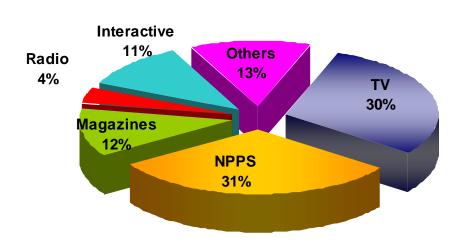
Adex for Total Newspapers : RM 4,582 million

Chinese Newspapers in West Malaysia: RM 969 million Chinese Newspapers in East Malaysia: RM 317 million



Adex for Apr 2014 to Mar 2015 in Hong Kong

Adex (Apr 2014 to Mar 2015)



HKD115,879m



Adex (Apr 2013 to Mar 2014): HKD110,183m

Source: AdmanGo

Total Adex (HKD)

Newspapers : 35,350m - 0.8% - 0.8%

Newspapers : +1.7% Magazines : -6.9%

TV : +7.6%Radio : +4.4%Interactive : +31.5%Others : +2.9%



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(2) Performance Review

Financial Performance



Group Results Summary

For the year ended 31 March

(US\$' 000)	2015	2014
Turnover	429,140	468,728
Profit before income tax	47,501	68,563
Profit attributable to owners of the Company for the year	31,429	48,236
EBITDA (US\$ million) EBITDA Margin (%)	63.49 14.8%	86.34 18.4%



Financial Position

As at 31 March

(US\$ million)	2015	2014
Total assets	422.8	462.8
Net assets	216.1	225.0
Cash and cash equivalents	118.6	102.9
Shareholders funds	209.7	217.8
Net assets per share (US cents)	12.43	12.91
Basic earnings per share (US cents)	1.86	2.86
Net gearing ratio	5.9%	21.9%
Return on equity	14.4%	23.2%



Segment Results

For the year ended 31 March 2015

(US\$ '000)	Malaysia & other SEA countries	Hong Kong & PRC	North America	Publishing & Printing Sub-total	Travel	Total
Turnover Segment profit before income tax	249,961	69,744	23,529	343,234	85,906	429,140
	48,374	4,617	297	53,288	3,770	57,058

For the year ended 31 March 2014

(US\$ '000)	Malaysia & other SEA countries	Hong Kong & PRC	North America	Publishing & Printing Sub-total	Travel	Total
Turnover	282,387	71,558	26,360	380,305	88,423	468,728
Segment profit before income tax	66,487	6,349	992	73,828	4,215	78,043



	FY 2015	FY 2014
First Interim Dividend (US cents) Second Interim Dividend (US cents)	0.430 0.500	0.750 0.680
Total Dividend (US cents)	0.930	1.430
Dividend Pay-out Ratio (as a % of PATAMI) ~(excluding special dividend)	50%	50%
Share Price as at 31 March	RM0.68	RM0.91
Dividend Yield as at 31 March ~(excluding special dividend)	5.1%	5.1%



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Strengthening digital media platforms

(1) E-papers

- Collaborate with *The Star* to jointly launch Sin Chew –Star e-paper Package.
- Partner with Telco and national enterprises including Sen Heng, KK Supermart, Celcom, 99 Speed Mart, Popular Book store to establish and develop a comprehensive e-paper distribution network throughout Malaysia.
- In slightly more than a year since the official launching, we have achieved more than 63,000 e-subscriptions.

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Strengthening digital media platforms (cont'd)

- (2) Pocketimes online video portal
 - Providing short video clips of breaking news, business & sports, etc, through multiple digital channels including web and mobile app.
 - Expanding more video content covering entertainment & lifestyle.
 - Garnering close to 2.5 million video views per month.
 - Exploring additional revenue streams via multi-digital video networks and advertising platforms.

(3) Web portals

Enhancing user experience and expanding mobile reach.



Growing e-commerce platform

- (4) Logon e-marketplace
 - Rolled out Logon Version 2.0 to enrich a new e-shopping experience.
 - Introduced a more competitive pricing to emerge as major market player.
 - Building up further online audiences by educating SMEs and e-shoppers to trade online more effectively and rewardingly.
 - Introduced mobile apps in end June.
 - A new Logon merchant facility center will be introduced by this year end acting as catalysts for sustainable growth.



Diversifying to non-media business

- (5) Actively exploring new investment opportunities including:
 - e-retail
 - education
 - properties development
 - others Big Data marketing, etc.



Strategic Update – Hong Kong

1) Education Publications



"Life & Society" 29 booklets printed and e-textbooks for junior secondary schools





Liberal Studies ---

"Today Hong Kong", "Nowadays China", "Public Hygiene" and "Globalisation" printed textbooks for senior secondary schools





Strategic Update – Hong Kong

2) Digital Performance (Ming Pao Daily News)

Online readership (2014 vs 2013)

+150% (Source: Nielsen Media Index 2014 Year-end Report)

Facebook page for mingpao.com instant news (May 2015)

reached **217,000 fans** (Source: Socialbakers)

2nd most liked Facebook page amongst Chinese newspapers in HK

Monthly unique visitors (May 2015 vs May 2014)

+92% (Source: Google Analytics)

Monthly page view (May 2015 vs May 2014)

+32% (Source: Google Analytics)

Digital income growth (May 2015 vs May 2014) +30%







Outlook Statement FY 2016

The Board is expecting another challenging year in 2015/16, given the continued economic uncertainties in the Group's operating markets as well as the slow pace of recovery of the global economy.

We anticipate that the implementation of the GST in April 2015 and the ensuring deterioration in consumer and business sentiments will continue to weigh on the Group's performance as well as that of the media industry in Malaysia in the short term.

Newsprint prices are expected to remain weak for the coming year which can create a buffer for the Group amidst unfavorable business environment. Despite the challenges ahead, we will remain focused on driving revenue growth and work towards strengthening the Group's market position. The Group will continue to reinforce its business strategies and strive for higher productivity and profitability while at the same time maintain ongoing vigilance over all operating costs.



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(5) Questions from Minority Shareholder Watchdog Group



Question 1:

The Group had suffered deteriorating financial performance for last two financial years with the latest quarterly report for 31 March 2015 showing a drastic drop in the profit after taxation to RM9.2 million.

What steps are being taken by the Board to counter the challenging operating environment and when is the Group expected to reverse its deteriorating financial performance?



Answer 1:

The significant decrease in the Group's profit after taxation for the 4th quarter ended 31 March 2015 was mainly due to the impairment loss of goodwill and allowance for impairment loss of interest in an associate. Excluding these items, the Group's profit attributable to owners of the Company for the quarter would have been about 2% higher than the comparative figure for the previous year.



Answer 1 (cont'd):

The newspaper industry has been facing serious challenges ever since the internet made news available online. In Hong Kong, the launch of free newspapers places greater pressure on the paid newspapers. We are fully aware of the challenges ahead that include the intense market competition and cautious spending sentiment as well as the impact of weakening Ringgit on the operating costs of the Malaysian operations. In order to thrive and to continue to grow in this fast-paced, competitive and informative overload era, we believe that high quality journalism as well as niche and unique content are keys to long-term sustainability as a media group. As such, we maintain our commitment in bringing quality journalism to our audiences.



Answer 1 (cont'd):

We have also been investing resources and effort to build our digital capabilities which enable us to disseminate news and information to our readers via multiple platforms including print, websites, mobile apps, broadcast and social media. It also allows us to better serve advertisers in marketing their products across multiple channels and platforms.

At the same time, we have developed and refined our operational processes and procedures to ensure that all resources are appropriately allocated to achieve maximum efficiency and productivity in all business units.



Question 2:

Could the Board share with shareholders their views/thoughts on the developments pertaining to the mass media industry and their potential impact to the Group, for instance, the implementation of GST since 1 April 2015?



Answer 2:

In terms of GST, the good news is that the prices of newspapers sales in Malaysia are zero rated. Although there is still a 6% GST on advertisements, but this tax is being passed on to the advertisers to pay, similar to the replaced Sales & Service Tax of 6%. This means that the impact of GST on MCIL's operations is virtually a non-issue especially when the Group is able to claim input tax credit for its purchases from suppliers.



Answer 2 (cont'd):

However, with the implementation of GST in Malaysia, we are already experiencing an adverse impact on consumer sentiment. This is showing an effect on the general business environment, thereby leading to a weak advertising market. Barring unforeseen circumstances that may erode consumer confidence further, we expect this market scenario to last only for a short period of time in Malaysia.

Being mindful of the various challenges being faced by the media industry today, MCIL will continue to grow its digital business further while consolidating its print market share and seeking new business diversification opportunities, both locally and abroad.



Question 3:

Subsequent to the impairment of US\$4.1 million on the goodwill of Guang-Ming Ribao Sdn. Bhd. incurred in the previous financial year, and yet there was another impairment loss of goodwill and allowance for impairment loss of US\$7.6 million for an associate during the FY 2015. Please explain.



Question 3(i), (ii) & (iii):

- i. Which associate had its goodwill being impaired? What are its plans going forward?
- ii. When is it expected to turn profitable and are there any serious problems difficult to resolve?
- iii. When would the Board expect to see a reversal or recovery of the impairment? Would the Board consider disposing the investment in the associate to salvage some value to cover some of the impairment losses?



Answer 3 (i), (ii) & (iii):

During the FY2015, the Group recognised in the consolidated income statement (i) an allowance for impairment loss of interest in an associate, ByRead Inc. ("ByRead"), held by One Media Group ("OMG"), of US\$1.9 million, (ii) an impairment loss of goodwill of US\$0.4 million in relation to OMG's subsidiaries in the PRC, and (iii) an impairment loss of goodwill of US\$5.3 million on Guang Ming.

ByRead:

An impairment of about US\$1.9m was made for the goodwill of ByRead Inc. ("ByRead"), an associate held by the Group's listed subsidiary, One Media Group.



Answer 3(i), (ii) & (iii) (cont'd):

ByRead is engaged in the provision of mobile value-added services such as entertainment and online reading for individuals and enterprises in Mainland China. The performance of ByRead has been hindered by the lack of effective payment gateways to generate income from its increasing subscriber base. Despite all its efforts, the management is still unable to find an economically viable solution to solve the issue and this has led to the company's poor performance.

Going forward, the Group will continue to explore exit opportunities and search for potential buyer of ByRead.



Answer 3(i), (ii) & (iii) (cont'd):

Guang-Ming Ribao Sdn Bhd ("Guang-Ming")

Despite the impairment of goodwill, Guang Ming had recorded a profit in FY2014/15. Nevertheless, management has implemented and will continue to undertake effective measures to improve its revenue streams, as well as effective cost management strategies to further enhance the overall performance of Guang-Ming.



Question 3(iv):

Would there be expected impairment losses on any other subsidiaries or associates in FY2016?

Answer 3 (iv):

Despite the efforts put in place and barring any unforeseen circumstances, we do not intend to have any impairment in FY2016.



Question 4:

Please brief shareholders on digital business contribution to the Group in terms of revenue and profit after taxation in FY 2015 and moving forward and enlighten shareholders on the future prospect and outlook of the digital business.



Answer 4:

For the FY 2015, revenue from the Group's digital business constituted less than 5% of the Group's total revenue from the publishing segment. Although the monetary contribution is still small relative to that of the Group's print business, the performance of the digital business is encouraging for future growth.



Answer 4 (cont'd):

The growth in digital news consumption is inevitable and so are the related advertising and e-commerce opportunities. Many initiatives have been put into place to reach a wider online community, whilst at the same time to provide more alternatives for advertisers to maximise their advertisements effectively. As part of the strategy to capture the youth segment and mobile community, more niche contents that are tailored to each particular platform such as websites, social networks, mobile devices and digital publications will be created. The Group will continue to allocate and invest resources to enhance its digital business and make use of technology to better meet consumer demands in all platforms.



Question 5:

As substantial part of the Group's business is generated from overseas' divisions and thus very much affected by foreign exchange rate fluctuations, please elaborate on the extent of the Group's hedging transactions? How effective and successful has been the Group's hedging operations?



Answer 5:

Each of the Group's operating unit is relatively self-contained and integrated within a particular country. The operating unit's cash flow is primarily received and paid for in the local currency of that particular country and do not directly affect the Group's cash flows. Although the weakening of a unit's local currency, like Ringgit, against the USD may result in a lower translated amount being reported in the Group's consolidated financial statements, but this does not affect the underlying financial performance of the operating unit itself.

For the FY 2015, the Group recognised net exchange loss of only US\$124k in the consolidated income statement.



Questions from Minority Shareholder Watchdog Group – Corporate Governance

Question 1:

MSWG is promoting certain standards of corporate governance best practices in PLCs. In this regard, we hope the Board could address the following:-

Formalise a policy on succession planning taking into consideration the composition of the Board, the position of Executive Chairman and the level of independent Directors on the Board in accordance with MCCG 2012.



Questions from Minority Shareholder Watchdog Group – Corporate Governance

Answer 1:

The Board is mindful of the importance of succession planning in relation to the Board's composition and will deliberate thereof. As for the level of independent directors on the Board, the Board will definitely ensure that the total number of independent directors on the Board meets the requirements of both Bursa and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. In addition, the Nomination Committee of the Company will from time to time review the structure, size and composition of the Board after considering the future development of the Group and make recommendations to the Board regarding the proposed changes, if any.







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