

### Media Chinese International Limited

## Annual General Meeting 24 August 2011



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## Corporate Portfolio — Background & Products



(Dual Primary Listed)

#### **Greater China**

- MP Daily News (HK)
- Yazhou Zhoukan
- 4 HK magazines
- 3 Mainland China magazines
- Books Publication
- Printing plant in China
- Contract Publishing
- Travel Business

#### **Southeast Asia**

- Sin Chew Daily
- China Press
- Guangming Daily
- Nanyang Siang Pau
- Sin Chew in Indonesia
- Sin Chew Cambodia
- Over 20 magazines

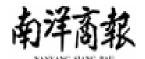
#### **North America**

- MP Daily News in Vancouver and Toronto
- Canadian Chinese Express in Vancouver and Toronto
- Ming Pao (NY) Free Daily
- Travel Business

#### Digital Media

- Online: 29 websites
- Hihoku
- ByRead
- latopia
- Mobile Apps: around 12 applications













## Corporate Profile – History of Products

|   |   | Publishing since | In publication for |
|---|---|------------------|--------------------|
| 0 | Nanyang Siang Pau                       | 1923             | 88 years           |
| 0 | Sin Chew Daily                          | 1929             | 82 years           |
| 0 | China Press                             | 1946             | 65 years           |
| 0 | Ming Pao Daily News (Hong Kong Edition) | 1959             | 52 years           |
| 0 | Ming Pao Monthly                        | 1966             | 45 years           |
| 0 | Ming Pao Weekly                         | 1968             | 43 years           |
| 0 | Yazhou Zhoukan                          | 1987             | 24 years           |
| 0 | Guang Ming Daily                        | 1987             | 24 years           |
| 0 | Ming Pao Daily News (Toronto Edition)   | 1993             | 18 years           |
| 0 | Ming Pao Daily News (Vancouver Edition) | 1993             | 18 years           |
| 0 | Ming Pao (NY) Free Paper                | 2007             | 4 years            |



## Corporate Portfolio — Printed Product Brands













































































## Corporate Portfolio — Digital Media Brands

#### Online Media (Southeast Asia)

















www.SinChew-i.com



www.RodnLine.com.my













Online Media (Hong Kong)















www.topgearhk.com

#### Online Media (Mainland China)









Mobile Media







MediaChinese Book Reader







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http://www.yzzk.com

Online Media (Canada)















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### Moving Ahead......

- Newsprint prices are on an upward trend due to tightening of supply (made worse by recent Tsunami) and rising raw material costs
- Increasing inflation will lead to rising labour costs
- A new free paper has just been launched in Hong Kong making the media market even more challenging
- European debt crisis and recent decline in the US markets leads to uncertainty for 2H of 2011.
- Continuous effort in developing internet and mobile technology



## Market Share in Malaysia and Hong Kong

| PENINSULA MALAYSIA  | Period from 1 Jul 09 to 30 Jun 10 |                     |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Chinese Newspapers  |                                   | Ranking in Malaysia |
| Sin Chew -Sin Chew Daily -Guang Ming Daily                            | 403,102<br>121,475                | No. 1<br>No. 3      |
| Nanyang -China Press -Nanyang Siang Pau (figure for the period 1.7.06 | 241,300<br>5 to 30.6.07) 114,049  | No. 2<br>No. 4      |
| SCMC & NPH SUB TOTAL  | 879,926                           |                     |

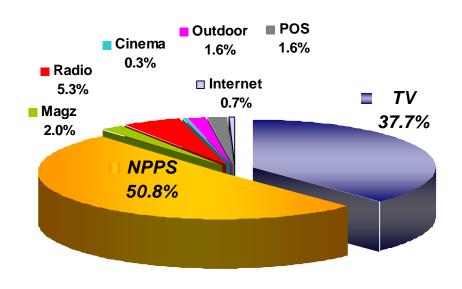
| HONG KONG           | Period from 1 Jan 10 to 31 Dec 10 |                                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Chinese Newspapers  | Readership                        |                                     |
| Ming Pao Daily News | 444,000                           | The most credible Chinese newspaper |

Source: (ACN media index 2010)



## Total Adex for 2010 in Malaysia

#### **Total Adex in 2010**



RM7,663m

15.8%

Total Adex in 2009: RM6,615m

#### Total Adex (RM)

: 3,891m 14.0% **NPPS** 

Magazines: 152m

TV : 2,892m

Radio : 409m

Outdoor : 120m

POS : 124m

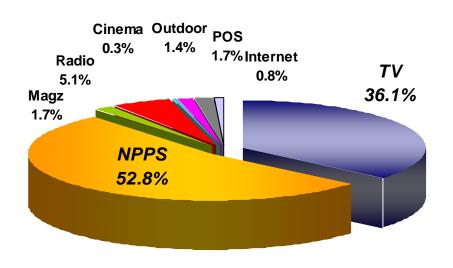
: 52m Internet Cinema : 24m

Source: NMR Adex Report



### YTD Adex for June 2011 in Malaysia

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RM 3,933m

11.4%

YTD Adex in Jun 2010: RM 3,532m

#### Total Adex (RM)

NPPS : 2,079m 12.6%

Magazines: 66m

TV : 1,421m

Radio : 201m

Outdoor : 57m

POS : 68m

Internet : 32m

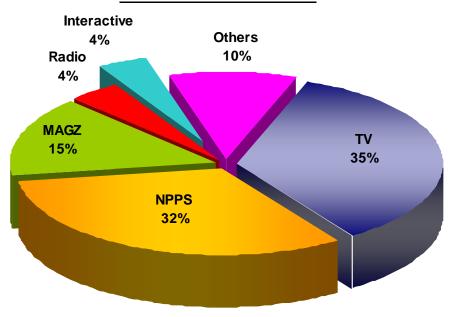
Cinema: 10m

Source: NMR Adex Report 11



## Total Adex for 2010 in Hong Kong

#### Total Adex 2010



HKD79,868m

18.6%

Total Adex in 2009: HKD67,370m

Source: Admango.com \*Include regional titles

Note 1: Others: Other OOH includes Airport, Bus Shelter, First Vision, In-Store Promotion, MTR, MTR [KCRC], Newsline Express, RoadShow, Tram Shelter, Video Wall & Billboard. Cinema is not included.

Note 2: The above figures are based on rate card costs and in gross amount without taking into consideration of any discount.

Total Adex (HKD)

: 25,658m 19.4% **NPPS** 

Magazines: 12,224m

TV : 27,836m

Radio : 3,334m

Interactive: 3,158m

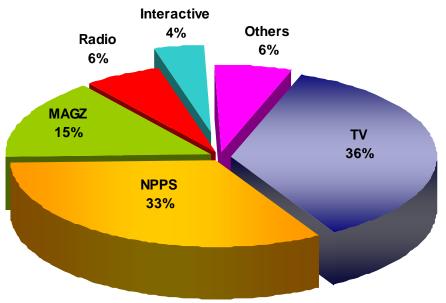
Others : 7,658m

17.8%



## Total Adex for YTD Jun 2011 in Hong Kong

#### Total Adex Apr-Jun 2011



HKD41,507m

12.8%

Total Adex Jan-Jun 2010: HKD36,781m

**NPPS** : 13,563m ⊿

Magazines: 6,080m

TV : 14,778m

Radio : 1,603m

Interactive: 1,824m

Others : 4,657m

Total Adex (HKD)

17.7%

Source: Admango.com \*Include regional titles

Note 1: Others: Other OOH includes Airport, Bus Shelter, First Vision, In-Store Promotion, MTR, MTR [KCRC], Newsline Express, RoadShow, Tram Shelter, Video Wall & Billboard. Cinema is not included.

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## FY2010/11 Full Year Results

### For the year ended 31 March

| (US\$' 000)  | 2011          | 2010          | 2009          |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Turnover Profit before tax (before one time loss) One time gain/(loss) | 445,844       | 376,001       | 394,303       |
|  | 78,339        | 55,113        | 31,035        |
|  | (4,132)       | Nil           | Nil           |
| Profit before tax  Profit after tax for the year                       | 74,207        | 55,113        | 31,035        |
|  | <b>55,785</b> | <b>41,442</b> | <b>17,355</b> |



## Financial Performance

#### **Full Year Financial Performance – Turnover**

| Full Year Results (US\$ million)   | FY 2010/11                                    | FY 2009/10            | FY 2008/09             |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Malaysia & other SEA countries Hong Kong, PRC & North America Tour and travel related services | 276.2 ↑ 17.8%<br>104.3 ↑ 9.4%<br>65.3 ↑ 41.0% | 234.4<br>95.3<br>46.3 | 234.3<br>105.0<br>54.9 |
| Total Turnover   | <b>445.8</b> ↑ 18.6%                          | 376.0                 | 394.2                  |



### Financial Performance

#### Full Year Financial Performance – Profit before tax (before one time loss)

| Full Year Results (US\$ million)  | FY                   | FY      | FY      |
|---|----------------------|---------|---------|
|   | 2010/11              | 2009/10 | 2008/09 |
| Malaysia & other SEA countries Hong Kong, PRC & North America Tour and travel related services Other cost | 68.5 ↑ 30.48%        | 52.5    | 36.6    |
|   | 8.7 ↑ 163.60%        | 3.3     | (4.4)   |
|   | 1.9 ↑ 100.00%        | (0.0)   | (0.1)   |
|   | (0.8) ↑ 14.30%       | (0.7)   | (1.1)   |
| Profit before tax (before one time loss)  | <b>78.3</b> ↑ 42.10% | 55.1    | 31.0    |



## Financial Performance Highlights

#### As at 31 March

| (US\$ million)                  | 2011   | 2010   | 2009   |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                 |        |        |        |
| Total assets                    | 504.50 | 457.20 | 373.40 |
| Net assets                      | 399.90 | 349.60 | 288.00 |
| Cash and cash equivalents       | 110.50 | 77.60  | 70.20  |
| Shareholders Funds              | 394.40 | 341.30 | 279.80 |
|                                 |        |        |        |
| Net assets per share (US cents) | 23.41  | 20.27  | 16.62  |
| Earnings per share (US cents)   | 3.26   | 2.44   | 1.00   |
|                                 |        |        |        |
| Gearing                         | 4.0%   | 9.6%   | 7.3%   |
|                                 |        |        |        |
|                                 |        |        |        |



## Proposed Dividend FY 2011

#### Proposed second interim dividend of US 1.153 cent for FY 31 March 2011

|  | FY 2010/11    | FY 2009/10    | FY 2008/09   |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Interim Dividend (US cent)   | 0.800         | 0.450         | 0.450        |
| Second Interim Dividend (US cent)  Total Dividend (US cent)  | 1.153         | 0.771         | 0.143        |
|  | <b>1.953</b>  | <b>1.221</b>  | <b>0.593</b> |
| Dividend Pay-out Ratio (as a % of PATAMI) Share Price as at 31 March Dividend Yield as at 31 March | 60.00 %       | 49.98%        | 59.48%       |
|  | RM1.13        | RM0.86        | RM0.52       |
|  | <b>5.29</b> % | <b>4.76</b> % | <b>4.1</b> % |



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## Digital Media – e-Learning Platform

- New project kicked off early this year
- An education platform comprises a print and e-library catalogue management unit, as well as a delicate module on administrating teaching materials
- Aim to build a "teaching and learning" quality online community for interactive communications among teachers and students
- Has received encouraging response and market recognition
- Some schools in Macau committed to use our system in the coming academic year



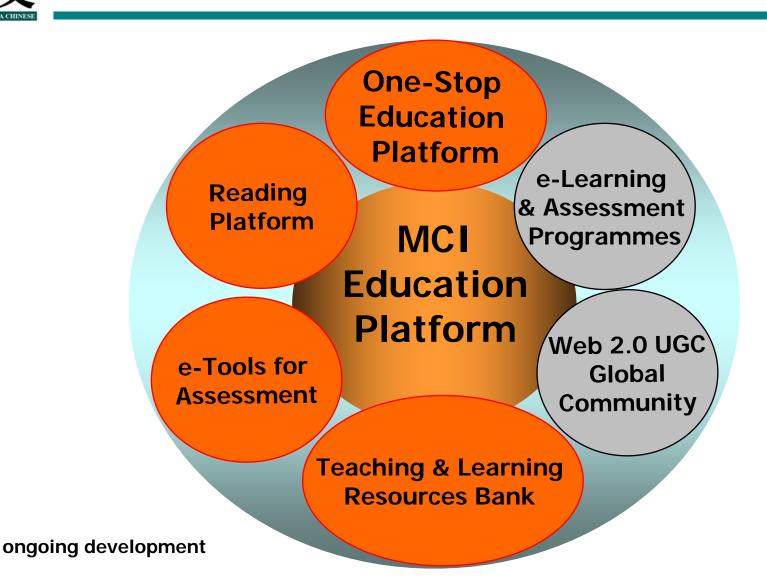
### e-Learning — Create a Global Education Community

To create a Community of Education and Youth, by continuous growth of the users in MCI Education Platform





## e-Learning — Product Group



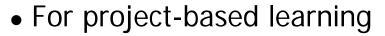


## e-Learning — Ongoing Development

### Reading Platform

- Managing eBooks and printed books in the same platform
- Providing reading progress data for evaluation

#### e-Tools







### Teaching & Learning Resources Bank

- Sharing teaching and learning resources
- Question bank
- Intra-school or inter-school





閱讀平台



## Digital Media- Sin Chew Smart TV Application (launched on 30 March 2011)







#### Question 1 (a)

What could be the impact to the Group's bottom line given the newsprint spot prices are hovering at US\$624/ton since fourth quarter of 2010, as well as the recent increase in electricity tariff for industrials?

In this financial year, the Group will face rising costs in its operations resulting from the upward trend of newsprint prices and increase in labour costs. To minimize the impact to the bottom line, the Group will strive towards improving its revenue through various sales strategy. Further to cushion the increase in newsprint costs, the Group has put in place several measures. This includes the newsprint inventory that the Group has built up and the constant monitoring of wastage. The electricity costs for the Group does not sit among the top few cost for the Group, nevertheless the Group has reminded all its employees to be mindful of any wastage of electricity.



#### Question 1 (b)

Other than newsprint cost, the second major cost was staffing costs which increased by 15.7% to US\$114.9 million in FYE 2011. As noted, the Group is under the pressure of increasing operating costs, in particular labour costs caused by the creeping inflation. What is the measure in place to cope with the rising operations costs?

The Group is fully aware of the challenges posed by the upward trend in its costs. In tandem with its continuous cost containment exercise, the Group is looking into ways it can minimize wastage and improving the efficiency of its operations. Some methods it is currently reviewing are putting in place systems that can increase the efficiency of its production lines.



#### Question 1 (c)

What is the nature of the other expenses of US\$89.27 million (2010:US\$81.27 million) (Note 8 on page 109) ?

The details of other expenses are as follows:

- (a) Sales Commission
- (b) A&P, selling and distribution expenses
- (c) Production materials and godown charges
- (d) Utilities and other administrative expenses



Question 2 (a)

What is the continuing effort to improve the profit margin of its Hong Kong and Mainland China market which remained at 7.0% (2010:5.4%) the lowest among all its market?

The newspaper industry in Hong Kong is facing keen competition, there are 12 paid Chinese language newspapers and 4 free Chinese daily newspapers in the market with a population of 7.1 million. The popularity of free newspaper is a great threat to and creates huge pressure on the paid newspapers.

To continue remaining competitive, the Group will constantly review and improve the paper's presentation, implement aggressive promotional and marketing strategies and adhere to the highest standard of quality journalism. It is expected that the markets in PRC and Hong Kong will continue to be challenging, as such the management will keep on implementing the ongoing cost-containment measures and focus on realigning the operation structure.



Question 2 (b)

Are the turnaround of North America market and travel and travel related services sustainable in years to come given the gloomy market condition in the European countries as well as the US?

As we are only in the first quarter of our financial year, it is difficult to ascertain the performance for these operations for this whole financial year, especially under the gloomy market conditions in the European countries and the US which adversely affect the desire of people to travel.

Once the impact of financial uncertainty is stabilised, we believe that the travel segment would continue to deliver satisfactory results as the demand for the segment's expertly planned tours to long-haul destinations is strong.

In addition, we will continue implementing measures to control costs and improve the competitiveness of our tour operations.



Question 3

During the year, the goodwill of Guang Ming Ribao Sdn Bhd (GMRB) was impaired by US\$ 4.13 million (2010:Nil). Key assumptions used for the value-in-use calculation included a -1% average growth rate and pre-tax discount rate at 10.6%. The primary reason was due to challenging business conditions. What is the plan to revive the decline in performance of GMRB given Guang Ming Daily is a mainstream daily paper well received by the northern readers for many years?

Guang Ming Daily is still the paper favoured by many in the north. In order to remain relevant, the management is constantly reviewing its content and presentation to cater to the changing demands of its readers. In addition it has carried out many activities to promote interaction with its readers and to reach out and understand the needs of its readers. It continuously launches promotions which will promote the circulation of its paper in addition to playing a supportive role to its advertisers to assist them to plan their advertising needs in a more creative way.



#### Question 4

In line with the Corporate Governance Blueprint 2011 (CG Blueprint), a cumulative term limit of up to nine (9) years will be imposed on independent directors. Directors may continue to serve thereafter, but will be redesignated as non-independent directors. We note that one independent director has served on the Board for 12 years.

What is the Board's plan as regards this, as it will then tilt the balance of independent directors in the Company?

We would also encourage the Board to formalize a policy on the succession planning, constantly reviewing the Board evaluation process and setting a maximum tenure for independent directors.

#### Question 6

Being an international corporate, it is important that MCIL be exemplary in Corporate Governance matters. One comment that MSWG would like to make is since the Company's Chairman is not independent, we would like to encourage that a more balanced structure be in place where there are more independent directors preferably more than 50%.



The Board had taken note of the blueprint announced by the Securities Commission on 8th July 2011 and the Board will deliberate on its content. We note your comments in both items (a) and (b) and the Board will require some time to study and review the impact of the guidelines before formulating or revising any policy. As for the presence of Independent directors on the board, the Board will definitely ensure that the total number of Independent directors on the Board meet the requirements of both Bursa and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.



#### Question 5

The CG Blueprint also recommended the separation of position of the Chairman and the CEO, where the Chairman must be a non-executive member of the Board. We hope the Board would look into the executive position of the Chairmanship.

Our Chairman holds the stewardship in our Group and under his guidance, the Group has grown in a positive manner. We note your comments and whilst we understand the suggested amendments in the CG Blueprint, any change in the stewardship of our Group would require much discussion and planning in order to ensure minimal impact on the vision and future strategy of the Group.



#### **Question 7**

Though the Company has a consistent dividend payment track record, it is encouraged to have a stated dividend policy for good governance purpose.

We note your comments and we will look into your suggestion. Nevertheless, we would like to assure all our shareholders that we have consistently paid our dividends in the region of 50% and even 60% for our last financial year. We are grateful to all our shareholders for their support and we will strive towards consistent dividend payouts.



## Thank you



### **Looking Forward Statements**

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