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# MEDIA CHINESE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

世界華文媒體有限公司 (Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability) (Malaysia Company No. 995098-A) (Hong Kong Stock Code: 685) (Malaysia Stock Code: 5090)

## RE-DESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR AND CHANGE OF CHAIRMAN; AND CHANGE OF COMPANY SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

## **RE-DESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR AND CHANGE OF CHAIRMAN**

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of Media Chinese International Limited (the "**Company**", which together with its subsidiaries, the "**Group**") announces that Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King has been re-designated from his position as Group Executive Chairman and Executive Director to a Non-executive Director of the Company, and Dato' Sri Dr Tiong Ik King, a Non-executive Director of the Company, has been appointed as the Non-executive Chairman of the Company, both with effect from 1 April 2018.

The biographical details of Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King and Dato' Sri Dr Tiong Ik King are set out below:

## Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King

Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King ("**Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong**"), Malaysian, aged 83, was appointed as the Chairman of the Company on 20 October 1995. He is a Non-executive Director of One Media Group Limited, a subsidiary of the Company listed on the main board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong is also the Executive Chairman of Rimbunan Hijau Group, a large diversified conglomerate in Malaysia comprising timber harvesting, processing and manufacturing of timber products, plantations and other businesses around the world. He has extensive experience in a number of industries, including media and publishing, timber, oil palm plantations and mills, oil and gas, mining, fishery, information technology and manufacturing.

He is the founder of The National, an English newspaper in Papua New Guinea and is currently the President of The Chinese Language Press Institute Limited. He was bestowed the Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (K.B.E.) by Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom in June 2009 in recognition of his contribution to commerce, community and charitable organisations. In 2010, he was awarded "Malaysia Business Leadership Award 2010 — The Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Kuala Lumpur Malay Chamber of Commerce in recognition of his entrepreneurship achievements and contribution to the country.

Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong is the Chairman of Sin Chew Media Corporation Berhad, a whollyowned subsidiary of the Company in Malaysia. He currently serves as an executive director of Rimbunan Sawit Berhad, a listed company in Malaysia and as the Executive Chairman of RH Petrogas Limited, a listed company in Singapore. He is a trustee of Yayasan Sin Chew and sits on the board of a number of subsidiaries of the Company.

He is the father of Ms Tiong Choon, a brother of Dato' Sri Dr Tiong Ik King and a distant relative of Mr Tiong Kiew Chiong, all of whom are directors of the Company. In addition, both Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong and Dato' Sri Dr Tiong Ik King are substantial shareholders of the Company.

Saved as disclosed herein, Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong has not held any directorship in other public companies in the past three years and does not have any relationship with any other directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company and has not held any other positions with any members of the Group.

As at the date hereof, Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong has personal interest in 87,109,058 shares of the Company (the "**Shares**"), family interest in 234,566 Shares and corporate interest in 766,734,373 Shares within the meaning of Part XV of Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the "**SFO**").

Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong has entered into a new letter of appointment with the Company for a term of 2 years commencing on 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020. The appointment as a Non-executive Director of Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Company. In addition, Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong will be entitled to receive a director's fee of HK\$190,200 per annum, which is determined by the Board with reference to his responsibilities and the prevailing market practice.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and there is no other information which is discloseable nor is/was Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

#### Dato' Sri Dr Tiong Ik King

Dato' Sri Dr Tiong Ik King ("**Dato' Sri Dr Tiong**"), Malaysian, aged 67, was appointed as an Executive Director of the Company on 20 October 1995, and was re-designated as a Non-executive Director of the Company on 1 April 2017. He has extensive experience in media and publishing, information technology, timber, plantations, oil palm and manufacturing industries. Dato' Sri Dr Tiong graduated from National University of Singapore with an M.B.B.S. Degree in 1975 and became a member of the Royal College of Physicians, United Kingdom (M.R.C.P.) in 1977. He was conferred the datukship title of Dato' Sri by the Sultan of Pahang, Malaysia on 24 October 2008 in recognition of his contribution to the country.

Dato' Sri Dr Tiong currently sits on the board of Jaya Tiasa Holdings Berhad, a listed company in Malaysia and RH Petrogas Limited, a listed company in Singapore. He also sits on the board of a subsidiary of the Company.

He is the brother of Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong, an uncle of Ms Tiong Choon and a distant relative of Mr Tiong Kiew Chiong, all of whom are directors of the Company. In addition, both Dato' Sri Dr Tiong and Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong are substantial shareholders of the Company.

Saved as disclosed herein, Dato' Sri Dr Tiong has not held any directorship in other public companies in the past three years and does not have any relationship with any other directors, senior management, substantial shareholders or controlling shareholders of the Company and has not held any other positions with any members of the Group.

As at the date hereof, Dato' Sri Dr Tiong has personal interest in 14,144,189 Shares and corporate interest in 252,487,700 Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Dato' Sri Dr Tiong has entered into a new letter of appointment with the Company for a term of 2 years commencing on 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020. The appointment as a Non-executive Director and the Non-executive Chairman of Dato' Sri Dr Tiong is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Company. In addition, Dato' Sri Dr Tiong will be entitled to receive a director's fee of HK\$300,000 per annum, which is determined by the Board with reference to his responsibilities and the prevailing market practice.

Save as disclosed above, there is no other matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and there is no other information which is discloseable nor is/was Dato' Sri Dr Tiong involved in any of the matters required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of the provisions under paragraphs 13.51(2)(h) to 13.51(2)(v) of the Listing Rules.

The Board would like to express its sincere appreciation to Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong for his valuable contribution to the Company during his tenure of office as the Group Executive Chairman. The Board believes that his continuing involvement with the Company as a Non-executive Director will be beneficial and in the best interests of the shareholders and the Company as a whole.

The Board would like to extend a warm welcome to Dato' Sri Dr Tiong for his new role in the Company.

#### CHANGE OF COMPANY SECRETARY AND AUTHORISED REPRESENTATIVE

The Board announces that Ms Law Yuk Kuen has resigned as joint company secretary and authorised representative of the Company with effect from 16 April 2018 due to her pursuit of personal development. Ms Law Yuk Kuen has confirmed that she has no disagreement with the Board and she is not aware of any matters that need to be brought to the attention of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or the shareholders of the Company in relation to her resignation.

The Board further announces that Ms Tin Suk Han ("Ms Tin") has been appointed as the joint company secretary and authorised representative of the Company with effect from 16 April 2018.

Ms Tin joined the Group as its Corporate Legal Counsel in September 2006. Ms Tin holds a Bachelor of Laws with Honours and is a solicitor to the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 1998. She is also an associate member of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries and holds a Master of Corporate Governance from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She has experience in the areas of corporate finance and general corporate advisory work for both public listed and private companies including legal, corporate governance and regulatory compliance matters.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to express its gratitude to Ms Law Yuk Kuen for her valuable contribution to the Company during her tenure of service and also express its warm welcome to Ms Tin Suk Han on her appointment.

> On behalf of the Board **Media Chinese International Limited** Tiong Kiew Chiong *Director*

28 March 2018

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King, Ms Tiong Choon, Mr Tiong Kiew Chiong and Mr Leong Chew Meng, being executive directors; Dato' Sri Dr Tiong Ik King, being non-executive director; and Mr Yu Hon To, David, Datuk Chong Kee Yuon and Mr Khoo Kar Khoon, being independent non-executive directors.