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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. 200702000044)**

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### **CHANGES OF DIRECTORS AND COMPOSITION OF BOARD COMMITTEES**

#### **RESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

The Board announces that Mr. Leong Chew Meng has tendered his resignation as an executive director of the Company and will cease as a member of Group Executive Committee and Remuneration Committee with effect from 1 July 2021.

Following the resignation of Mr. Leong Chew Meng, the Board is pleased to announce that with effect from 1 July 2021, Mr. Wong Khang Yen, Mr. Liew Sam Ngan and Ms. Tiong Yijia will be appointed as executive Directors of the Company.

#### **RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Board announces that Mr. Yu Hon To, David has tendered his resignation as an independent non-executive director of the Company and will cease as the Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of each of Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee with effect from 1 July 2021.

The Board is pleased to announce that with effect from 1 July 2021, Mr. Ip Koon Wing, Ernest will be appointed as independent non-executive Director of the Company and the Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of each of Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee.

## RESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Media Chinese International Limited (the “**Company**” which together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) announces that Mr. Leong Chew Meng has tendered his resignation as an executive director of the Company (“**Executive Director**”) with effect from 1 July 2021 due to his retirement. Mr. Leong confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and there is no matter in relation to his resignation that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Leong for his efforts and contributions to the Company during his tenure of office as Executive Director.

## APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

The Board is pleased to announce that Mr. Wong Khang Yen, Mr. Liew Sam Ngan and Ms. Tiong Yijia have been appointed as Executive Directors of the Company with effect from 1 July 2021.

### (1) Mr. Wong Khang Yen

Mr. Wong, aged 53, joined the Group in 1992. He is an executive director of Sin Chew Media Corporation Berhad (“**Sin Chew**”) and the Group Chief Executive Officer of Sin Chew and Guang-Ming Ribao Sdn Bhd. He is also a member of the Group Executive Committee and the Malaysian Executive Committee since 1 June 2018.

Mr. Wong graduated with a Bachelor of Communications (Hons) Degree from University of Science Malaysia in 1992. He started his career in Sin Chew and became a senior manager in 1997 and the General Manager in 2006. He assumed the post of Group Marketing Director in 2010 and a year later became an executive director of Sin Chew. He currently oversees the business operations, as well as leading the expansion and diversification of Sin Chew Group.

Mr. Wong does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company and has not held any other positions with any other members of the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Wong does not hold any directorships in any other publicly listed companies, whether in Hong Kong or overseas, in the past three years.

As at the date hereof, Mr. Wong has personal interest in 83 shares of the Company (the “**Shares**”) within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) (the “**SFO**”).

Mr. Wong has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term commencing from 1 July 2021 to and including 31 March 2023 and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Company. He will be entitled to receive a remuneration of RM555,887.33 (equivalent to approximately US\$133,000) per annum which is determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company, the Company’s performance and the prevailing market condition.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and there is no other information which is discloseable nor is/was he 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**”).

**(2) Mr. Liew Sam Ngan**

Mr. Liew, aged 62, joined the Group in 1994. He is an executive director of Nanyang Press Holdings Berhad (“**Nanyang**”) and its subsidiaries, and is currently the Group Chief Executive Officer of Nanyang. He has been a member of the Malaysian Executive Committee since 1 February 2013 and is also a member of the Group Executive Committee.

Mr. Liew is a Chartered Accountant by profession, a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants and a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, United Kingdom. He started his career in one of the major public accounting firms after graduation in 1983. He joined the media industry in 1987 and has since then gained extensive working experience in the media industry. He had worked in New Strait Times Press, Life Publishers and Nanyang. Prior to taking up operating role in China Press in 2001, he was the Group Financial Controller of Nanyang.

Mr. Liew does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company and has not held any other positions with any other members of the Group.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Liew does not hold any directorships in any other publicly listed companies, whether in Hong Kong or overseas, in the past three years.

As at the date hereof, Mr. Liew does not has any interest or short position in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Liew has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term commencing from 1 July 2021 to and including 31 March 2023 and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Company. He will be entitled to receive a remuneration of RM561,926.80 (equivalent to approximately US\$135,000) per annum which is determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company, the Company’s performance and the prevailing market condition.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and there is no other information which is discloseable nor is/was he 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.

### (3) Ms. Tiong Yijia

Ms. Tiong, aged 36, joined the Group in 2011. She is the Chief Strategy Officer of Ming Pao Newspapers Limited and a director of Ming Pao Holdings Limited and WAW Creation Limited. She was appointed as a member of the Hong Kong Executive Committee on 1 January 2020. Ms. Tiong has extensive experience in business development, media operations, sales and marketing and corporate management. She has been involved in developing the digital business including the WAW digital creative and production arm and the Power Up e-commerce platform to complement the Group's media offerings in Hong Kong. Ms. Tiong graduated from the University of Melbourne, Australia, with a Bachelor Degree in Commerce (Economics and Management) and a Bachelor of Arts (Art History and Politics) Degree.

She is a niece of Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King and Dato' Sri Dr. Tiong Ik King, a cousin of Ms. Tiong Choon and a distant relative of Mr. Tiong Kiew Chiong. Both Tan Sri Datuk Sir Tiong Hiew King and Dato' Sri Dr. Tiong Ik King are substantial shareholders of the Company. In addition, Dato' Sri Dr. Tiong Ik King, Ms. Tiong Choon and Mr. Tiong Kiew Chiong are directors of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, Ms. Tiong does not hold any directorships in any other publicly listed companies, whether in Hong Kong or overseas, in the past three years.

As at the date hereof, Ms. Tiong does not has any interest or short position in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Ms. Tiong has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term commencing from 1 July 2021 to and including 31 March 2023 and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Company. She will be entitled to receive a remuneration of HK\$600,000 (equivalent to approximately US\$77,000) per annum which is determined with reference to her duties and responsibilities with the Company, the Company's performance and the prevailing market condition.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and there is no other information which is discloseable nor is/was she 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.

### **RESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Board announces that Mr. Yu Hon To, David has tendered his resignation as an independent non-executive director of the Company (“**Independent Non-Executive Director**”) and will cease as the Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of each of the Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee with effect from 1 July 2021 to devote more time to his personal business commitments. Mr. Yu confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and there is no matter in relation to his resignation that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Yu for his efforts and contributions to the Company during his tenure of office as an Independent Non-Executive Director.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

On the same date of 1 July 2021, the Board appointed Mr. Ip Koon Wing Ernest as an Independent Non-Executive Director to fill the casual vacancy on the Board due to the resignation of Mr. Yu as the Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of each of Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee.

Mr. Ip Koon Wing Ernest, aged 60, graduated from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (formerly known as Hong Kong Polytechnic) in 1984 with a Professional Diploma in Accountancy. He is a fellow member of each of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

Mr. Ip has over 35 years of experience in accounting and auditing. Mr. Ip joined PricewaterhouseCoopers Hong Kong in April 1985 and became a partner in November 1993. He retired from PricewaterhouseCoopers Hong Kong in July 2019. In August 2019, Mr. Ip joined the Fung Group, which comprises Li & Fung Limited (a company formerly listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”)), Fung (1937) Management Limited, Global Brands Group Holding Limited (a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 0787)) and Convenience Retail Asia Limited (a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 0831)). Mr. Ip is currently the Group Chief Financial Officer of the Fung Group.

Mr. Ip has held various key positions in regulatory authorities and business associations. Mr. Ip was a member of the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange from 2003 to 2009. He was a member of the Dual Filing Advisory Group of the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong from 2008 to 2014. Currently, Mr. Ip is a member of the Takeovers and Mergers Panel and the Takeovers Appeal Committee. Mr. Ip is a Vice President of the Hong Kong Business Accountants Association. He is also a member of the Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference and a Vice President of the Council for the Promotion of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Cooperation.

In addition, Mr. Ip does not have any relationships with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company and has not held any other positions with any other members of the Group.

As at the date hereof, Mr. Ip does not has any interest or short position in the Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Mr. Ip has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term commencing from 1 July 2021 to and including 31 March 2023 and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the Bye-Laws of the Company. He will be entitled to receive a remuneration of HK\$240,200 (equivalent to approximately US\$31,000) per annum which is determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company, the Company’s performance and the prevailing market condition.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and there is no other information which is discloseable nor is/was he 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.

## **CHANGES OF COMPOSITION OF BOARD COMMITTEES**

Following the resignation of Mr. Yu Hon To, David, the Board further announces that Mr. Ip Koon Wing Ernest, an Independent Non-Executive Director, will be appointed as the Chairman of the Audit Committee, a member of each of Remuneration Committee and Nomination Committee with effect from 1 July 2021.

In making the recommendation to the Board for the appointment of the new Executive Directors and Independent Non-Executive Director, the Nomination Committee of the Company has considered among other factors including (i) the educational background, experience and qualifications of each Mr. Wong, Mr. Liew, Ms. Tiong and Mr. Ip; (ii) the diversity to the Board in terms of their perspectives, skill and experiences that each of them can bring, as well as gender diversity. The Nomination Committee of the Company believes that with their respective background, they will be able to make valuable contributions to the Company as new directors of the Company.

The Board congratulates Mr. Wong, Mr. Liew, Ms. Tiong and Mr. Ip on their respective appointments and would like to express its gratitude to Mr. Leong and Mr. Yu for their respective contributions to the Company during their respective tenure of office.

By order of the Board  
**Media Chinese International Limited**  
**Tiong Kiew Chiong**  
*Director*

27 May 2021

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises 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.*