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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) (Hong Kong Stock Code: 685) (Malaysia Stock Code: 5090)

# NOTICE OF THE 32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Thirty-second Annual General Meeting ("AGM") of Media Chinese International Limited will be held at (i) Sin Chew Media Corporation Berhad, No. 78, Jalan Prof Diraja Ungku Aziz, Seksyen 13, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia; and (ii) 15th Floor, Block A, Ming Pao Industrial Centre, 18 Ka Yip Street, Chai Wan, Hong Kong on Friday, 19 August 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

# AGENDA

# **AS ORDINARY BUSINESS**

1.	To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 together with the Directors' and Independent Auditor's Reports thereon.	Ordinary Resolution 1
2.	To approve the payment of Non-Executive Directors' fees and benefits for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 in the amount of US\$120,000.	Ordinary Resolution 2
3.	To approve the payment of Non-Executive Directors' fees and benefits from this 32nd AGM until the next AGM in the amount of US\$145,000.	Ordinary Resolution 3

- 4. To re-elect the following Directors who retire pursuant to the Company's Bye-Laws:
  - (i) Dato' Sri Dr TIONG Ik King
  - (ii) Datuk CHONG Kee Yuon
  - (iii) Mr KHOO Kar Khoon
- 5. To re-appoint Messrs PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditor of the Company for the ensuing year and to authorise the Directors to fix its remuneration.

# AS SPECIAL BUSINESS

To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments the following resolutions:

## 6. ORDINARY RESOLUTION

# PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHAREHOLDERS' MANDATE FOR RECURRENT RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS OF A REVENUE OR TRADING NATURE

"THAT, subject to the provisions of the Listing Requirements of Bursa Ordinary Resolution 8 Malaysia Securities Berhad ("Bursa Securities"), approval be and is hereby given for the Company and/or its subsidiaries to enter into recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature with specific classes of Related Parties (as set out in Section 2 of Part A of the circular to shareholders dated 20 July 2022), which are necessary for the day-to-day operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, in the ordinary course of business on terms not more favourable than those generally available to the public and are not detrimental to the minority shareholders of the Company;

**THAT** such an approval shall only continue to be in force until whichever is the earliest of:

- (a) the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company at which time it will lapse, unless the mandate is renewed by an ordinary resolution passed at the next AGM;
- (b) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Bye-Laws of the Company to be held; or
- (c) the date on which the approval set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

AND **THAT** the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to take all steps and to do all such acts and deeds as they may consider expedient or necessary to give effect to the transactions contemplated and/or authorised by this Ordinary Resolution." Ordinary Resolution 4 Ordinary Resolution 5 Ordinary Resolution 6

Ordinary Resolution 7

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## 7. ORDINARY RESOLUTION

#### PROPOSED RENEWAL OF SHARE BUY-BACK MANDATE

"THAT subject to the rules, regulations, orders made pursuant to the Malaysian Companies Act, 2016 (the "Act"), provisions of the Company's Bye-Laws, the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "HK Listing Rules"), the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities or of any other stock exchange and any other relevant authority or approval for the time being in force or as amended from time to time, and paragraph (a) below, the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to repurchase ordinary shares in the Company's issued share capital as may be determined by the Directors from time to time through The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), Bursa Securities or any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, the Stock Exchange and Bursa Securities for this purpose, upon such terms and conditions as the Directors may deem fit, necessary and expedient in the interest of the Company, provided that:

- (a) the total number of shares of the Company which may be repurchased pursuant to the approval in the paragraph above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued ordinary shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution (such total number to be subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of any of the shares of the Company into a smaller or larger number of shares of the Company after the passing of this resolution), and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (b) the maximum funds to be allocated by the Company for the purpose of purchasing its shares shall not exceed the total retained earnings and share premium reserves of the Company at the time of the said purchase(s); and
- (c) the authority conferred by this resolution shall commence immediately upon the passing of this resolution and continue to be in force during the Relevant Period.

Ordinary Resolution 9

For the purposes of this resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:

- the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company following the passing of the share buy-back resolution, at which time it will lapse, unless by ordinary resolution passed at that general meeting, the authority is renewed, either unconditionally or subject to conditions;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Bye-Laws of the Company to be held; or
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

**THAT** upon completion of the purchase by the Company of its own shares, the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to cancel all the shares so purchased pursuant to Rule 10.06(5) of the HK Listing Rules and/or to deal with the shares in any other manner as may be allowed or prescribed by the Act, rules, regulations and orders made pursuant to the Act, the HK Listing Rules and Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities.

AND **THAT** the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to take all such steps as are necessary or expedient to implement, finalise or to effect the aforesaid purchase(s) of shares with full powers to assent to any conditions, modifications, resolutions, variations and/or amendments (if any) as may be imposed by the relevant authorities and to do all such acts and things as the Directors may deem fit and expedient in the best interests of the Company."

# 8. ORDINARY RESOLUTION

## PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE NEW SHARES

## "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Ordina Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such power be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

Ordinary Resolution 10

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall authorise the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- the number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to (c) be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) and issued by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) an issue of shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company; (iii) an issue of shares as scrip dividends pursuant to the Bye-Laws of the Company from time to time; or (iv) an issue of shares under any option scheme or similar arrangement for the grant or issue of shares or rights to acquire shares of the Company, shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution (such total number to be subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of any of the shares of the Company into a smaller or larger number of shares of the Company after the passing of this resolution), and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purposes of this resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next AGM of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Bye-Laws of the Company to be held; or
  - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to the holders of the shares of the Company on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares as at that date (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside Hong Kong applicable to the Company)."

### 9. ORDINARY RESOLUTION

# PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATE RELATING TO AN EXTENSION TO THE GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE NEW SHARES

"THAT subject to the passing of the resolutions Nos. 9 and 10 set out in the notice convening the meeting, the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares pursuant to resolution No. 10 set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the total number of issued shares of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution No. 9 set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such amount of shares so repurchased shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as the date of the said resolution (such total number to be subject to adjustment in the case of any consolidation or subdivision of any of the shares of the Company into a smaller or larger number of shares of the Company after the passing of this resolution)."

# 10. SPECIAL RESOLUTION

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BYE-LAWS

"THAT the proposed amendments to the existing Bye-Laws of the Company as set out in Appendix VI of the circular to shareholders dated 20 July 2022 be and are hereby approved and confirmed, THAT the new Bye-Laws of the Company (a printed copy of which being tabled before the meeting and initialled by the chairman of the meeting for the purposes of identification) be and are hereby adopted in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing bye-laws of the Company with immediate effect after the close of the AGM, AND THAT any one Director of the Company be and is hereby authorised to carry out all the necessary formalities in effecting the amendments to the existing Bye-Laws of the Company and the adoption of the new Bye-Laws of the Company, with full power to assent to any condition, modification, variation and/or amendments in any manner as may be required by the HK Stock Exchange, Bursa Securities or other relevant authorities for this purpose."

> By Order of the Board **MEDIA CHINESE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED TONG Siew Kheng YEUNG Ying Fat** Joint Company Secretaries

Ordinary Resolution 11

**Special Resolution 12** 

20 July 2022

#### Notes:

1. The 32nd AGM will be conducted physically with additional precautionary measures. For the meeting venue in Malaysia, only fully vaccinated shareholders are allowed to attend the AGM. All attendees are required to: (i) show fully vaccinated status through their MySejahtera app; (ii) practise proper hygiene including the use of hand sanitisers, and (iii) wear a face mask at all times. Please follow the procedures provided in the Administrative Details for more information.

For the meeting venue in Hong Kong, the shareholders are required to follow the following procedures: (i) compulsory body temperature checks; (ii) compulsory wearing of surgical face masks prior to entering the meeting venue of the 32nd AGM; (iii) each attendee being assigned a designated seat at the time of registration to ensure social distancing; (iv) no refreshments will be served; and (v) other measures may be required by the governmental authorities.

- 2. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one proxy or proxies to attend, participate, speak and vote instead of him/her. A proxy may but need not be a member of the Company. When a member appoints more than one proxy, the appointment shall be invalid unless he/ she specifies the proportions of his/her shareholdings to be represented by each proxy.
- 3. A member of the Company who is an authorised nominee as defined under the Malaysian Securities Industry (Central Depositories) Act 1991 may appoint at least one (1) proxy (but not more than two proxies) in respect of each securities account it holds with ordinary shares of the Company standing to the credit of the said securities account. Where a member of the Company is an exempt authorised nominee which holds ordinary shares in the Company for multiple beneficial owners in one securities account ("**omnibus account**"), there is no limit to the number of proxies which the exempt authorised nominee may appoint in respect of each omnibus account it holds.
- 4. For the purpose of the annual general meeting, the register of members in Hong Kong will be closed on Friday, 12 August 2022 to Friday, 19 August 2022, both days inclusive, during which no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for attending the forthcoming AGM, all completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong share registrar and transfer office, Tricor Tengis Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 11 August 2022. In respect of the shareholders in Malaysia, a depositor in Malaysia shall qualify for the entitlement to attend the AGM only in respect of shares transferred into the depositor's securities account before 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 11 August 2022.

Shareholders who wish to request for transmission of their shares between the Malaysia Register and Hong Kong Register are advised to take note that request for transmission will be suspended from Friday, 12 August 2022 to Friday, 19 August 2022, both days inclusive.

5. To be valid, the proxy form, together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be lodged with (i) the Malaysia share registrar office of the Company at Unit 32–01, Level 32, Tower A, Vertical Business Suite, Avenue 3, Bangsar South, No. 8, Jalan Kerinchi, 59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, or (ii) the Hong Kong head office and principal place of business of the Company at 15th Floor, Block A, Ming Pao Industrial Centre, 18 Ka Yip Street, Chai Wan, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

For shareholders in Malaysia, the proxy form can be submitted electronically via https://tiih.online.

- 6. Explanatory notes on special business:
  - (a) For the proposed Ordinary Resolutions Nos. 4 to 6, Bye-Law 99(A) of the Company's Bye-Laws provides that one-third of the Directors of the Company for the time being shall retire from office by rotation at least once every three years but shall be eligible for re-election at the AGM.

Dato' Sri Dr Tiong Ik King, Datuk Chong Kee Yuon and Mr Khoo Kar Khoon are due to retire in accordance with Bye-Law 99(A) of the Company's Bye-Laws and being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at the 32nd AGM. The detailed information of the retiring directors is set out in the circular to shareholders dated 20 July 2022.

(b) Pursuant to the Listing Requirements of Bursa Securities, fees and benefits payable to directors should be approved by shareholders at general meeting. In this respect, the Company is seeking shareholders' approval on the directors' fees and benefits to the non-executive directors ("NEDs") under the proposed Ordinary Resolutions Nos. 2 and 3. The directors' benefits comprise meeting allowance as and when incurred, after the NEDs have discharged their services to the Company.

For the proposed Ordinary Resolution No. 3, the total amount payable is estimated for a period of 13 months from the 32nd AGM until the next AGM, based on the current Board remuneration structure and taking into account various factors including the proposed budget on appointment of a new non-executive director, the number of scheduled Board meetings and Board committees meetings as well as the number of NEDs attending these meetings.

The proposed fees and benefits for the NEDs (including the Independent Directors) in respect of the financial year ending 31 March 2023 remain unchanged and shall be based on the following fees structure:

Description	HK\$	RM
<b>Directors' fees for NED/INEDs (per annum)</b> Chairman of the Board (who is a Non-Board Committee member) Member	300,000 190,200	77,650
Audit Committee (per annum) Chairman	50,000	_
<b>Remuneration Committee &amp; Nomination Committee (per annum)</b> Chairman	_	8,200
Meeting Allowance (per attendance)	1,200	500

- (c) The proposed Ordinary Resolution No. 8, if passed, will empower the Company and/or its subsidiaries to enter into recurrent related party transactions of a revenue or trading nature with related parties in the ordinary course of business based on normal commercial terms which are no more favourable to the related parties than those generally available to the public and which are necessary for the day-today operations of the Company and its subsidiaries. Please refer to the circular to shareholders dated 20 July 2022 for more information.
- (d) The detailed information on Ordinary Resolution No. 9 on the proposed renewal of share buy-back mandate is set out in the circular to shareholders dated 20 July 2022 accompanying this Annual Report.

(e) The Company has not issued any new shares under the general mandate for issuance and allotment of shares up to 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company, which was approved at the 31st AGM held on Wednesday, 25 August 2021 and which will lapse at the conclusion of the 32nd AGM to be held on Friday, 19 August 2022. A renewal of this mandate is sought at the 32nd AGM under proposed Ordinary Resolution No. 10.

The proposed Ordinary Resolution No. 10, if passed, will authorise the Directors to issue and allot shares up to 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company for the time being for such purposes as the Directors would consider to be in the interest of the Company. This is to avoid any delay and cost involved in convening a general meeting to approve such an issue of shares. This authority, unless revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting, will expire at the conclusion of the next AGM of the Company.

The general mandate, if passed, will provide flexibility to the Directors of the Company to allot and issue shares for any possible fund raising activities, including but not limited to placement of shares, for the purpose of funding future investment, working capital and/or acquisition.

(f) The proposed Special Resolution No. 12, if passed, will streamline the Company's Bye-Laws with the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and to update the Bye-Laws to be consistent with the prevailing laws, guidelines or requirement of the relevant authorities.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Ms TIONG Choon, Mr TIONG Kiew Chiong, Mr WONG Khang Yen, Mr LIEW Sam Ngan and Ms TIONG Yijia, being executive directors; Dato' Sri Dr TIONG Ik King, being non-executive director; and Mr IP Koon Wing, Ernest, Datuk CHONG Kee Yuon and Mr KHOO Kar Khoon, being independent non-executive directors.