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# China Kepei Education Group Limited 中國科培教育集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1890)

PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES
TO ISSUE SHARES AND BUY BACK SHARES
AND
DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND
AND
RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS
AND
RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR
AND
ADOPTION OF NEW MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF
ASSOCIATION
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting of China Kepei Education Group Limited to be held at Room Dubai, 7F, Tower B, Aerospace Science and Technology Square, No.1288 Haide 3rd Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China on Friday, 24 February 2023 at 11:00 a.m. is set out on pages 33 to 38 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the Annual General Meeting is also enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk). Whether or not you are able to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy accompanied with this circular in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting (i.e. before 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 22 February 2023) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting (or any adjournment thereof) if they so wish.

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

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Room Dubai, 7F, Tower B, Aerospace Science and Technology Square, No.1288 Haide 3rd Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China on Friday, 24 February 2023 at 11:00 a.m., or any adjournment thereof and notice of which is set out on

pages 33 to 38 of this circular

"Articles of Association" the memorandum and articles of association of the

Company conditionally adopted on 10 January 2019 and effective on 25 January 2019 and as amended from time

to time

"Board" the board of Directors

"Buy-back Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors

at the Annual General Meeting to buy back Shares not exceeding 10% of the number of the issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting the

Buy-back Mandate

"Companies Act" the Companies Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands,

as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from

time to time

"Company" China Kepei Education Group Limited (中國科培教育集

團有限公司), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability on 24 August 2017

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

PRC

"Issue Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors

at the Annual General Meeting to allot, issue and/or deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant

resolution granting the Issue Mandate

	DEFINITIONS
"Latest Practicable Date"	23 December 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained in this circular
"Listing Rules"	the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange, as amended from time to time
"New Articles of Association"	the second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association proposed to be adopted at the Annual General Meeting set out in Appendix III to this circular
"Nomination Committee"	the nomination committee of the Company
"PRC"	the People's Republic of China excluding, for the purpose of this circular, Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and Taiwan
"Remuneration Committee"	the remuneration committee of the Company
"SFO"	Securities and Futures Ordinance, Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong, as amended from time to time
"Share(s)"	ordinary share(s) of US\$0.00001 each in the share capital of the Company
"Shareholder(s)"	the holder(s) of the Share(s)
"Stock Exchange"	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
"Takeovers Code"	the Code on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs, as amended from time to time
"US\$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency for the time being of the United States
"%"	per cent

# China Kepei Education Group Limited 中國科培教育集團有限公司

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Executive Directors:

Mr. Ye Nianqiao (Chairman and Chief

Executive Officer)
Dr. Zhang Xiangwei

Mr. Zha Donghui

Ms. Li Yan

Mr. Ye Xun

Ms. Sun Lixia

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Dr. Deng Feiqi

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30 December 2022

To the Shareholders,

Dear Sir or Madam

PROPOSED GRANT OF GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND BUY BACK SHARES

AND

**DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND** 

**AND** 

**RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS** 

**AND** 

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS** 

AND

ADOPTION OF NEW MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to notify you of the Annual General Meeting and to provide you with further information on the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting: (a) the granting of the Issue Mandate to issue Shares, the Buy-back Mandate to buy back Shares and the extension mandate; (b) the declaration of final dividend for the year ended 31 August 2022; (c) the re-election of the retiring Directors; (d) the re-appointment of the Auditors of the Company; and (e) the adoption of the New Memorandum And Articles of Association.

#### ISSUE MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES AND EXTENSION MANDATE

In order to ensure flexibility and give discretion to the Directors, in the event that it becomes desirable for the Company to issue any new Shares, approval is to be sought from the Shareholders, pursuant to the Listing Rules, for the Issue Mandate to issue Shares. At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) will be proposed to grant the Issue Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to the Issue Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, 2,015,248,667 Shares have been fully paid. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to issue a maximum of 403,049,733 Shares.

In addition, subject to a separate approval of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(C), the number of Shares purchased by the Company under ordinary resolution numbered 5(B) will also be added to extend the Issue Mandate as mentioned in ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) provided that such additional value shall represent up to 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the resolutions in relation to the Issue Mandate and Buy-back Mandate. The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new Shares pursuant to the Issue Mandate.

#### **BUY-BACK MANDATE TO BUY BACK SHARES**

In addition, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve the granting of the Buy-back Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to buy back Shares representing up to 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to the Buy-back Mandate.

An explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the proposed Buy-back Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular. This explanatory statement contains all information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

The Buy-back Mandate and the Issue Mandate would expire at the earliest of: (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (b) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association or the applicable laws of Cayman Islands to be held; or (c) revocation or variation by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting prior to the next annual general meeting of the Company.

#### DECLARATION OF FINAL DIVIDEND

As stated in the announcement of the Company dated 30 November 2022 relating to the annual results of the Group for the year ended 31 August 2022, the Board recommended the payment of a final dividend of HK\$0.06 per Share (the "Final Dividend") to Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on Friday, 11 August 2023. The Final Dividend is subject to approval by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting and a resolution will be proposed to the Shareholders for voting at the Annual General Meeting.

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with article 16.2 of the Articles of Association, any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board will hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company after his/her appointment and be subject to re-election at such meeting, and shall then be eligible for re-election.

In accordance with article 16.19 of the Articles of Association, at every annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to, but not less than, one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at an annual general meeting at least once every three years.

Accordingly, Mr. Zha Donghui, Ms. Li Yan, Dr. Deng Feiqi, and Ms. Sun Lixia will hold office as the Directors until the Annual General Meeting and being eligible, offered themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

Details of the above retiring Directors who are subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix I to this circular in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules.

#### Recommendation of the Nomination Committee with respect to the Independent Nonexecutive Director subject to Re-election at the Annual General Meeting

The Nomination Committee and the Board have followed the Company's director nomination policy and board diversity policy for the re-appointment of Dr. Deng Feiqi ("**Dr. Deng**") as an independent non-executive Director.

The Nomination Committee had assessed and reviewed the written confirmation of independence of Dr. Deng who has offered himself for re-election at the Annual General Meeting based on the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and are satisfied that they remain independent in accordance with Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. In addition, the Nomination Committee had evaluated his performance and is of the view that he has provided valuable contributions to the Company and have demonstrated their abilities to provide independent, balanced and objective view to the Company's affairs. The Board is not aware of any circumstances that might influence the independence of Dr. Deng.

The Nomination Committee is also of the view that Dr. Deng would bring to the Board his own perspective, skills and experience, as further described in his biographies in Appendix I to this circular.

Based on the board diversity policy and the director nomination policy adopted by the Company, the Nomination Committee considered that Dr. Deng can contribute to the diversity of the Board, in particular, with his strong and diversified educational background and professional experience in his expertise, including his in-depth knowledge in education and government relations.

Therefore, the Board, with the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, has nominated Dr. Deng for re-election as independent non-executive Director at the Annual General Meeting.

#### RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

Ernst & Young will retire as the auditor of the Company at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

The Board proposed to re-appoint Ernst & Young as the auditor of the Company and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

#### ADOPTION OF NEW MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

As disclosed in the announcement of the Company dated 30 December 2022, the Board proposes to amend certain provisions of the existing Articles of Association by way of adoption of the New Articles of Association, in order to (i) allow a general meeting to be held as an electronic meeting (also referred to as a virtual meeting) or a hybrid meeting; and (ii) bring the existing Articles of Association in line with the amendments made to Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules which became effective on 1 January 2022 and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

Pursuant to the existing Articles of Association, the adoption of the New Articles of Association containing the proposed amendments is subject to the Shareholders' approval by way of a special resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

A summary of the proposed amendments to the existing Articles of Association is set out in the Appendix III to this circular.

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 33 to 38 of this circular is the notice of the Annual General Meeting at which, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to Shareholders to consider and approve, among other things, the granting of the Issue Mandate to issue Shares and the Buy-back Mandate to buy back Shares, the declaration of the Final Dividend, the re-election of the retiring Directors and the re-appointment of the auditor of the Company, and a special resolution will be proposed to Shareholders to consider and approve the adoption of the New Articles of Association.

#### FORM OF PROXY

A form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Annual General Meeting. Such form of proxy is also published on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.chinakepeiedu.com). Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the Annual General Meeting (i.e. before 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 22 February 2023) or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy shall not preclude a Shareholder from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting if they so wish and in such event the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### **VOTING BY POLL**

There is no Shareholder who has any material interest in the proposed resolutions regarding the Issue Mandate and Buy-back Mandate, therefore none of the Shareholders is required to abstain from voting on such resolutions.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and article 13.5 of the Articles of Association, any resolution put to the vote of the Shareholders at a general meeting shall be decided on a poll except where the chairman of the Annual General Meeting, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Accordingly, each of the resolutions set out in the Notice will be taken by way of poll.

On a poll, every Shareholder present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative, shall have one vote for every fully paid Share of which he/she is the holder. A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote needs not use all his/her votes or cast all the votes he/she uses in the same way.

An announcement on the poll results will be published by the Company after the Annual General Meeting in the manner prescribed under the Listing Rules.

#### CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

#### (a) For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting

The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 21 February 2023 to Friday, 24 February 2023, both days inclusive, in order to determine the identity of the Shareholders who are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting, during which period no Share transfers will be registered. To be eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 20 February 2023.

#### (b) For determining the entitlement of the Final Dividend

The register of members of the Company will also be closed from Tuesday, 8 August 2023 to Friday, 11 August 2023, both days inclusive, in order to determine the entitlement of the Shareholders to receive the Final Dividend, during which period no share transfers will be registered. To qualify for the Final Dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 7 August 2023.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed resolutions for the granting of the Issue Mandate to issue Shares, the Buy-back Mandate to buy back Shares, the declaration of the Final Dividend, the re-election of the retiring Directors, the re-appointment of the auditor of the Company, and the adoption of the New Articles of Association are in the interests of the Group and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend the Shareholders to vote in favor of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully,
By order of the Board
China Kepei Education Group Limited
Ye Nianqiao
Chairman

The following are the particulars of the Directors (as required by the Listing Rules) proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the following Directors, save as disclosed herein, had any interest in Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed herein, none of the following Directors holds any position with the Company or any other member of the Group, or any directorships in other public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years. Save as disclosed herein, the following Directors are not otherwise related to any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules).

Save as disclosed herein, each of the following Directors has confirmed that there is no other matter in relation to the following Directors that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information relating to the following Directors which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

Mr. Zha Donghui (查東輝) ("Mr. Zha"), aged 54, has been an executive Director and the deputy general manager of the Company since its establishment. He is primarily responsible for the designing, planning, development and construction of buildings and infrastructure of the Group. Mr. Zha has over 22 years of experience in the education industry. From September 1996 to August 2001, Mr. Zha served as the vice principal of Zhaoqing Technology Training School (肇慶科技培訓學校). From September 2001 to August 2004, he served as the vice president of Zhaoqing School (formerly known as Zhaoqing Technology College (肇慶科技學校)). From June 2005 to September 2016, Mr. Zha was a director of Zhaoqing School. Since September 2004, Mr. Zha has been serving as a director and an associate dean of Guangdong Polytechnic College (formerly known as Zhaoqing Technology Vocational Technical College (肇慶科技職業技術學院)), and has been primarily responsible for management of infrastructure and equipment of Guangdong Polytechnic College. Mr. Zha obtained his master's degree in Computer Science from Guangzhou University of Technology in June 2009.

Mr. Zha has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from 26 April 2018 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other, which notice shall not expire until after the fixed term. Mr. Zha is entitled to a director's fee of RMB555,000 per year. The remuneration package of Mr. Zha is determined by reference to his duty, relevant experience, workload and time devoted to the Group.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Zha was interested in 840,000 Shares and 360,000 restricted shares granted to him under the restricted share award scheme of the Company entitling him to receive 360,000 Shares upon vesting within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, in aggregate representing approximately 0.06% of the total issued share capital of the Company.

Ms. Li Yan (李艷) ("Ms. Li"), aged 42, has been an executive Director and the deputy general manager of the Company since its establishment and the chief financial officer of the Company since 26 November 2017. Ms. Li was appointed as an executive vice president of the Company since 1 September 2022, where she will be primarily responsible for assisting the Company's Chief Executive Officer to implement the Group's business strategies and operation management. Ms. Li has over 15 years of experience in the education industry. From September 2004 to May 2014, Ms. Li held various positions at Guangdong Polytechnic College (formerly known as Zhaoqing Technology Vocational Technical College (肇慶科技職業技術學 院)), including an accounting teacher, the deputy head of the Department of Accounting, and the secretary to the Party General Branch (黨總支書記) of the Department of Accounting, and was mainly responsible for teaching activities, student management, student admission and graduate employment. Ms. Li has been appointed as the head of the Department of Accounting of Guangdong Polytechnic College since June 2014, a director of Guangdong Polytechnic College since November 2015, and a member of the College Party Committee (黨委委員) of Guangdong Polytechnic College since March 2017. Ms. Li has been appointed as a director and the financial manager of Zhaoqing Kepei since September 2016, and has been responsible for its financial management and budget. Ms. Li obtained her master's degree in Accounting from Sun Yat-Sen University (中山大學) in June 2011 and obtained the qualification of associate professor of accounting issued by Human Resources and Social Security Department of Guangdong Province (廣東省人力資源和社會保障廳) in December 2014.

Ms. Li has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from 26 April 2018 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other, which notice shall not expire until after the fixed term. Ms. Li is entitled to a director's fee of RMB497,000 per year. The remuneration package of Ms. Li is determined by reference to her duty, relevant experience, workload and time devoted to the Group. The Board and the Remuneration Committee have determined that for the time-being no additional emoluments will be payable to Ms. Li in taking on additional responsibility as an executive vice president. Her remuneration will be further reviewed by the Board and the Remuneration Committee at regular intervals.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Li was interested in 700,000 Shares and 300,000 restricted shares granted to her under the restricted share award scheme of the Company entitling her to receive 300,000 Shares upon vesting within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, in aggregate representing approximately 0.05% of the total issued share capital of the Company.

Ms. Sun Lixia (孫麗霞) ("Ms. Sun"), aged 49, joined the Group in August 2022 and currently serves as a senior vice president of the Company where she will be primarily responsible for external development business and industrial-college cooperation.

Prior to joining the Group, Ms. Sun successively served in multiple roles at Hope Education Group Co., Ltd. (希望教育集團有限公司) ("Hope Education"), a company listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 1765), including vice president from January 2021 to July 2021, regional director from January 2020 to December 2020 and investment director from October 2017 to December 2019. During her tenure at Hope Education, Ms. Sun was involved in various mergers and acquisitions transactions and projects of private higher education.

Before joining Hope Education, Ms. Sun worked as the general manager of the northwestern region for Hanvon Technology Co., Ltd (漢王科技有限公司) from December 2006 to December 2008, and simultaneously, she was also the chairman of the board of Lanzhou Hongkun Yuanda Electronic Technology Co., Ltd. (蘭州泓坤遠達電子科技有限公司) from January 2003 to December 2016. Before that, Ms. Sun worked as an account manager in the VIP trading lounge at Gansu Trust and Investment Company Xi Jin Xi Road Stock Business Department (甘肅信託投資公司西津西路證券營業部) from February 1996 to July 1999. Prior to that, Ms. Sun worked in Lanzhou Petrochemical Machinery Plant (蘭州石油化工機器廠) from August 1992 to December 1995 as a league branch secretary.

Ms. Sun obtained a vocational degree from Lanzhou Petrochemical University of Vocational Technology (蘭州石油化工技工學校) in July 1992, and a certificate in financial management from Lanzhou Commercial College (蘭州商學院) in July 1996.

Ms. Sun has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from 1 September 2022 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other, which notice shall not expire until after the fixed term. Ms. Sun is entitled to a director's fee of RMB1,200,000 per year and with bonus payable at the discretion of the Board. The remuneration package of Ms. Sun is determined by reference to her duties and responsibilities, relevant experience, workload and time devoted to the Group and the prevailing market conditions.

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Deng Feiqi (鄧飛其) ("Dr. Deng"), aged 60, has been an independent non-executive Director of the Company since 26 November 2017 and is primarily responsible for providing independent opinion and judgment to the Board. From September 1991 to July 1995, Dr. Deng served as a secretary of foundation education division (基礎部教學秘書) at the Northeast Heavy Machinery Institute (東北重型機械學院). Dr. Deng has held various positions at South China University of Technology (華南理工大學), including a professor since May 2000 and a doctoral tutor since December 2000. From March 2000 to November 2000, he served as a research associate at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. From January 2008 to January 2013, he served as the dean of Industrial Technology Institute at South China University of Technology (華南理工大學工業研究總院).

Dr. Deng was a member of the Control Systems Simulation Committee of China Systems Simulation Federation (中國系統仿真學會控制系統仿真專業委員會委員) from June 1998 to May 2003. He was a member of the Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Standing Committee (中國人民政治協商會議廣東省委員會 常委) from January 2008 to January 2013. He was also a member of the Technical Committee on Control Theory (TCCT) under Chinese Association of Automation (中國自動化學會控制理 論專業委員會委員) from January 2013 to December 2017. Dr. Deng has been a member of the editorial committee of publications including Theory and Application of Control (控制理論與 應用) since May 2008, Journal of Systems Engineering (系統工程學報) since August 2011, Systems and Controls (系統與控制縱橫) since January 2014 and Systems Engineering and Electronics (系統工程與電子技術) since April 2016. He has been the associate editor of IEEE Access since February 2018. Dr. Deng has published more than 300 papers in academic publications, including IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems as well as IEEE Transactions on Systems. Dr. Deng obtained his bachelor's degree in Science from the Department of Applied Mathematics of Hunan University in July 1983.

Dr. Deng obtained his doctor's degree in Engineering from the Department of Control Theory and Application of South China University of Technology in July 1997.

Dr. Deng has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial fixed term of three years commencing from 26 April 2018 and will continue thereafter until terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either party on the other, which notice shall not expire until after the fixed term. Dr. Deng is entitled to a director's fee of RMB200,000 per year. The remuneration package of Dr. Deng is determined by reference to his duty, relevant experience, workload and time devoted to the Group.

The following is an explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules in connection with the proposed Buy-back Mandate.

#### SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of issued Shares was 2,015,248,667 Shares of nominal value of US\$0.00001 each which have been fully paid. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Buy-back Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or bought back before the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to buy back a maximum of 201,524,866 Shares which represent 10% of the issued Shares during the period ending on the earlier of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Articles of Association to be held; or (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by Shareholders in general meeting of the Company revoking or varying such mandate.

#### REASONS FOR AND FUNDING OF BUY-BACKS

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to buy back its Shares in the market. Such buy-backs may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the Company's net asset value and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such buy-backs will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Buy-back of the Shares must be funded out of funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the Articles of Association and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands. The Directors may not buy back the Shares on the Stock Exchange for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange. Subject to the foregoing, the Directors may make buy-backs with profits of the Company or out of a new issuance of shares made for the purpose of the buy-back or, if authorized by the Articles of Association and subject to the Companies Act, out of capital and, in the case of any premium payable on the buy-back, out of profits of the Company or from sums standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company or, if authorized by the Articles of Association and subject to the Companies Act, out of capital.

The Directors have no present intention to buy back any Shares and they would only exercise the power to buy back in circumstances where they consider that the buy-back would be in the best interests of the Company. The Directors believe that if the Buy-back Mandate is exercised in full, it may have a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company, as compared with the positions disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at 31 August 2022, being the date to which the latest published audited consolidated financial statements of the Company were made up. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Buy-back Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or its gearing levels which, in the opinion of the Directors, are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

#### **GENERAL**

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention if the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell any Shares to the Company.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Buy-back Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Articles of Association and the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

No core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he or she has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, if the Buy-back Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### TAKEOVERS CODE AND MINIMUM PUBLIC HOLDING

If as a result of a buy-back of Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. Save as aforesaid, the Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any buy-back of Shares pursuant to the Buy-back Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, to the best knowledge and belief of the Directors, Mr. Ye Nianqiao is deemed to be interested in 1,050,280,000 Shares under the SFO, representing approximately 52.12% of the issued Shares. 675,280,000 Shares were held by Qiaoge Company Limited, which is wholly-owned by Ye Liya Limited, which is in turn wholly-owned by a trust, the trustee of which is Cantrust (Far East) Limited. The trust is a discretionary trust set up by Mr. Ye Nianqiao as founder who can influence how the trustee exercises his discretion. Qiaoge Company Limited is accustomed to act in accordance with the directions of Mr. Ye Nianqiao. In addition, 375,000,000 Shares were held by Shuye Company Limited, which is wholly-owned by Shu Feiya Limited, which is in turn wholly owned by a discretionary trust set up by Ms. Shu Liping as founder who can influence how the trustee exercises her discretion. Shuye Company Limited is accustomed to act in accordance with the directions of Ms. Shu Liping. Ms. Shu Liping is the spouse of Mr. Ye Nianqiao. Therefore, Mr. Ye Nianqiao is deemed to be interested in 1,050,280,000 Shares under the SFO. In the event that the Directors should exercise in full the Buy-back Mandate, Mr. Ye Nianqiao's interests in the Company will be increased to approximately 57.91% of the issued Shares.

In the opinion of the Directors, such increase would not give rise to any obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, the Directors are not aware of any other consequences which arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any buy-back of its Shares by the Company.

The Listing Rules prohibit a company from making buy-back on the Stock Exchange if the result of the buy-back would be that less than 25% (or such other prescribed minimum percentage as determined by the Stock Exchange) of the total number of issued shares of the Company would be in public hands. The Directors do not propose to buy back Shares which would result in less than the prescribed minimum percentage of Shares in public hands.

#### SHARE BUY-BACK MADE BY THE COMPANY

During the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date, the Company repurchased a total of 1,000,000 Shares. These Shares have not been canceled as at the Latest Practicable Date.

The details of repurchase are set out as below:

	Number of	Highest purchase	Lowest purchase	
	Shares	price per	price per	Total
Month	repurchased	Share	Share	consideration
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
2 September 2022	200,000	2.01	1.96	399,140
5 September 2022	200,000	1.98	1.96	393,840
19 September 2022	200,000	1.90	1.87	377,320
26 September 2022	150,000	1.73	1.69	255,040
28 September 2022	150,000	1.73	1.70	256,920
29 September 2022	100,000	1.72	1.71	171,500
	1,000,000			1,853,760

Save as disclosed above, no buy-back of Shares has been made by the Company during the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

#### **SHARE PRICES**

The highest and lowest prices per Share at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months before the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

Month	Highest prices HK\$	Lowest prices HK\$
2022		
January	3.27	2.10
February	2.72	2.23
March	2.36	1.62
April	2.31	1.95
May	2.21	1.54
June	2.20	1.61
July	2.04	1.77
August	2.06	1.71
September	2.18	1.63
October	2.09	1.68
November	2.70	1.95
December (up to and including the Latest Practicable Date)	3.40	2.04

<b>Existing Provisions</b>	Proposed Amendments
2.2 "Companies Law" shall mean the	2.2 "Companies Law Act" shall mean the
Companies Law (2018 Revision), Cap. 22 of	Companies Law (2018 Revision), Cap.
the Cayman Islands and any amendments	22Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands
thereto or re-enactments thereof for the time	and any amendments thereto or re-
being in force and includes every other law	enactments thereof for the time being in
incorporated therewith or substituted	force and includes every other law
therefor.	incorporated therewith or substituted
	therefor.
	Note: All references to "Companies Law"
	are changed to "Companies Act".
2.2 "Electronic Transactions Law" shall	2.2 "Electronic Transactions <u>Law—Act</u> "
mean the Electronic Transactions Law (2003	shall mean the Electronic Transactions <del>Law</del>
Revision) of the Cayman Islands and any	(2003 Revision) Act (As Revised) of the
amendment thereto or re-enactments thereof	Cayman Islands and any amendment thereto
for the time being in force and includes	or re-enactments thereof for the time being
every other law incorporated therewith or	in force and includes every other law
substituted therefor.	incorporated therewith or substituted
	therefor.
	Note: All references to "Electronic
	Transactions Law" are changed to
	"Electronic Transactions Act".
2.2 "business day" shall mean a day on	2.2 " <b>business day</b> " shall mean a day on
which the Exchange generally is open for the	which the Exchange generally is open for the
business of dealing in securities in Hong	business of dealing in securities in Hong
Kong. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where	Kong. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where
the Exchange is closed for business of	the Exchange is closed for business of
dealing in securities in Hong Kong on a day	dealing in securities in Hong Kong on a day
by reason of a Number 8 or higher typhoon	by reason of a Number 8 or higher typhoon
signal, black rainstorm warning or other	signal gale warning, black rainstorm
similar event, such day shall for the purpose	warning or other similar event, such day
of any notice sent under these Articles be	shall for the purpose of any notice sent under
counted as a business day.	these Articles be counted as a business day.

Existing Provisions	Proposed Amendments
(The provisions on the right column are	"black rainstorm warning" shall have the
newly added definitions.)	meaning given to it in the Interpretation and
	General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1 of the
	Laws of Hong Kong).
	"Communication Facilities" shall mean
	video, video-conferencing, internet or online conferencing applications, telephone or tele-
	conferencing and/or any other video-
	communication, internet or online
	conferencing application or
	telecommunications facilities by means of
	which all Persons participating in a meeting are capable of hearing and being heard by
	each other.
	"gale warning" shall have the meaning
	given to it in the Interpretation and General
	Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1 of the Laws of
	Hong Kong).
	"Person" shall mean any natural person,
	firm, company, joint venture, partnership,
	corporation, association or other entity
	(whether or not having a separate legal
	personality) or any of them as the context so requires.
	requires.
	"Present" shall mean, in respect of any
	Person, such Person's presence at a general
	meeting of members, which may be satisfied
	by means of such Person or, if a corporation or other non-natural Person, its duly
	authorised representative (or, in the case of
	any member, a proxy which has been validly
	appointed by such member in accordance
	with these Articles), being:
	(a) physically present at the meeting;
	or
	(b) in the case of any meeting at
	which Communication Facilities are permitted in accordance with
	these Articles, including any
	Virtual Meeting, connected by
	means of the use of such
	Communication Facilities.

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	"Virtual Meeting" shall mean any general
	meeting of the members at which the
	members (and any other permitted
	participants of such meeting, including,
	without limitation, the Chairman of such
	meeting and any Directors) are permitted to
	attend and participate solely by means of
	Communication Facilities.
7.9 The registration of transfers may, on 10	7.9 The registration of transfers may, on 10
business days' notice (or on 6 business days'	business days' notice (or on 6 business days'
notice in the case of a rights issue) being	notice in the case of a rights issue) being
given by advertisement published on the	given by advertisement published on the
Exchange's website, or, subject to the	Exchange's website, or, subject to the
Listing Rules, by electronic communication	Listing Rules, by electronic communication
in the manner in which notices may be	in the manner in which notices may be
served by the Company by electronic means	served by the Company by electronic means
as herein provided or by advertisement	as herein provided or by advertisement
published in the newspapers, be suspended	published in the newspapers, be suspended
and the register closed at such times for such	and the register closed at such times for such
periods as the Board may from time to time	periods as the Board may from time to time
determine, provided always that such	determine, provided always that such
registration shall not be suspended or the	registration shall not be suspended or the
register closed for more than 30 days in any	register closed for more than 30 days in any
year (or such longer period as the members	year (or such longer period as the members
may by ordinary resolution determine	may by ordinary resolution determine
provided that such period shall not be	provided that such period shall not be
extended beyond 60 days in any year). In the	extended beyond 60 days in any year). In the
event that there is an alteration of book	event that there is an alteration of book
closure dates, the Company shall give at	closure dates, the Company shall give at
least 5 business days' notice before the	least 5 business days' notice before the
announced closure, or the new closure,	announced closure, or the new closure,
whichever is earlier. If, however, there are	whichever is earlier. If, however, there are
exceptional circumstances (e.g. during a	exceptional circumstances (e.g. during a
Number 8 or higher typhoon signal and	Number 8 or higher typhoon signal and gale
black rainstorm warning) that render the	warning or black rainstorm warning) that
giving of such publication of advertisement	render the giving of such publication of
impossible, the Company shall comply with	advertisement impossible, the Company
these requirements as soon as practicable.	shall comply with these requirements as
	soon as practicable.

12.1 The Company shall hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting in each year other than the year of the Company's adoption of these Articles, within a period of not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting or not more than 18 months after the date of adoption of these Articles (or such longer period as may authorise). The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notices calling it and shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall appoint.

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12.1 The Company shall hold a general meeting as its annual general meeting in-for each financial year other than the year of the Company's adoption of these Articles, within a period of not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting or not more than 18 months after the date of adoption of these Articles (or such longer period as, to be held within six months (or such other period as may be permitted by the Listing Rules or the Exchange may authorise) after the end of such financial year. The annual general meeting shall be specified as such in the notices calling it and shall be held at such time and place as the Board shall appoint.

12.3 The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an extraordinary general meeting. General meetings shall also be convened on the written requisition of any two or more members deposited at the principal office of the Company in Hong Kong or, in the event the Company ceases to have such a principal office, the registered office specifying the objects of the meeting and signed by the requisitionists, provided that such requisitionists held as at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company which carries the right of voting at general meetings of the Company. General meetings may also be convened on the written requisition of any one member which is a recognised clearing house nominee(s)) deposited at the principal office of the Company in Hong Kong or, in the event the Company ceases to have such a principal office, the registered office specifying the objects of the meeting, and signed by the requisitionist, provided that such requisitionist held as at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than onetenth of the paid up capital of the Company which carries the right of voting at general meetings of the Company. If the Board does not within 21 days from the date of deposit of the requisition proceed duly to convene the meeting to be held within a further 21 days, the requisitionist(s) themselves or any of them representing more than one-half of the total voting rights of all of them, may convene the general meeting in the same manner, as nearly as possible, as that in which meetings may be convened by the Board provided that any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of three months from the date of deposit of the requisition, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to them by the Company.

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12.3 The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an extraordinary general meeting. General meetings shall also be convened on the written requisition of any twoone or more members holding together, as at the date of deposit of the requisition, shares representing not less than one-tenth of the voting rights, on a one vote per share basis, of the Company which carry the right of voting at general meetings of the Company. The written requisition shall be deposited at the principal office of the Company in Hong Kong or, in the event the Company ceases to have such a principal office, the registered office of the Company, specifying the objects of the meeting and signed by the requisitionists, provided that such requisitionists held as at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company which carries the right of voting at general meetings of the Company. General meetings may also be convened on the written requisition of any one member which is a recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)) deposited at the principal office of the Company in Hong Kong or, in the event the Company ceases to have such a principal office, the registered office specifying the objects of the resolutions to be added to the meeting agenda, and signed by the requisitionist(s), provided that such requisitionist held as at the date of deposit of the requisition not less than one-tenth of the paid up capital of the Company which carries the right of voting at general meetings of the Company. If the Board does not within 21 days from the date of deposit of the requisition proceed duly to convene the meeting to be held within a further 21 days, the requisitionist(s) themselves or any of them representing more than one-half of the total voting rights of all of them, may convene the general meeting in the same manner, as nearly as possible, as that in which meetings may be convened by the Board provided that any meeting so convened shall not be held after the expiration of three months from the date of deposit of the requisition, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to them by the Company.

Existing Provisions	Proposed Amendments
(Not applicable. The provision on the right column is newly added.)	Communication Facilities available for a specific general meeting or all general meetings of the Company so that members and other participants may attend and participate at such general meetings by means of such Communication Facilities.  Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Directors may determine that any general meeting may be held as a Virtual
12.4 An annual general meeting shall be called by not less than 21 days' notice in writing and any extraordinary general meeting shall be called by not less than 14 days' notice in writing. Subject to the requirement under the Listing Rules, the notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given, and shall specify the time, place, and agenda of the meeting, particulars of the resolutions and the general nature of the business to be considered at the meeting. The notice convening an annual general meeting shall specify the meeting as such, and the notice convening a meeting to pass a special resolution shall specify the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution. Notice of every general meeting shall be given to the Auditors and to all members other than such as, under the provisions hereof or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notice from the Company.	Meeting.  12.45 An annual general meeting shall be called by not less than 21 days' notice in writing and any extraordinary general meeting shall be called by not less than 14 days' notice in writing. Subject to the requirement under the Listing Rules, the notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given, and shall specify the time, place, and agenda of the meeting, particulars of the resolutions and the general nature of the business to be considered at the meeting. The notice convening an annual general meeting shall specify the meeting as such, and the notice convening a meeting to pass a special resolution shall specify the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution. The notice of any general meeting (including a postponed or reconvened meeting held pursuant to Article 12.12) at which Communication Facilities will be utilised (including any Virtual Meeting) must disclose the Communication Facilities that will be utilised, including the procedures to be followed by any member or other participants of the general meeting who wishes to utilise such Communication Facilities for the purpose of attending, participating and voting at such meeting. Notice of every general meeting shall be given to the Auditors and to all members other than such as, under the provisions hereof or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notice from the Company.

<b>Existing Provisions</b>	Proposed Amendments
(Not applicable. The provisions on the right	12.10 If, after the notice of a general
column is newly added.)	meeting has been sent but before the meeting
	is held, or after the adjournment of a general
	meeting but before the adjourned meeting is
	held (whether or not notice of the adjourned
	meeting is required), the Board, in its
	absolute discretion, considers that it is
	impractical or unreasonable for any reason
	to hold a general meeting on the date or at
	the time and place specified in the notice calling such meeting, it may change or
	postpone the meeting to another date, time
	and place in accordance with Article 12.12.
	12.11 The Board shall also have the power to
	provide in every notice calling a general
	meeting that in the event of a gale warning
	or a black rainstorm warning (or the
	equivalent in the location of the relevant
	meeting) is in force at any time on the day of
	the general meeting (unless such warning has been cancelled at least a minimum
	period of time prior to the general meeting
	as the Board may specify in the relevant
	notice), the meeting shall be postponed
	without further notice to be reconvened on a
	later date in accordance with Article 12.12.
	12.12 Where a general meeting is postponed
	in accordance with Article 12.10 or Article
	<u>12.11:</u>
	(a) the Company shall endeavour to cause
	a notice of such postponement, which
	shall set out the reason for the
	postponement in accordance with the
	Listing Rules, to be placed on the
	Company's Website and published on
	the Exchange's website as soon as
	practicable, provided that failure to
	place or publish such notice shall not
	affect the automatic postponement of a
	general meeting pursuant to Article
	<u>12.11;</u>

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	(b) the Board shall fix the date, time and
	place for the reconvened meeting and
	at least seven clear days' notice shall
	be given for the reconvened meeting by one of the means specified in Article
	30.1; and such notice shall specify the
	date, time and place at which the
	postponed meeting will be reconvened,
	and the date and times by which
	proxies shall be submitted in order to
	be valid at such reconvened meeting
	(provided that any proxy submitted for
	the original meeting shall continue to
	be valid for the reconvened meeting
	unless revoked or replaced by a new
	proxy); and
	(c) only the business set out in the notice
	of the original meeting shall be
	transacted at the reconvened meeting,
	and notice given for the reconvened
	meeting does not need to specify the
	business to be transacted at the
	reconvened meeting, nor shall any
	accompanying documents be required
	to be recirculated. Where any new
	business is to be transacted at such
	reconvened meeting, the Company
	shall give a fresh notice for such
	reconvened meeting in accordance with
	Article 12.5.
13.1 For all purposes the quorum for a	13.1 For all purposes the quorum for a
general meeting shall be two members	general meeting shall be two members
present in person (or in the case of a	present in person (or in the case of a
corporation, by its duly authorised	corporation, by its duly authorised
representative) or by proxy provided always	representative) or by proxy Present provided
that if the Company has only one member of record the quorum shall be that one member	always that if the Company has only one member of record the quorum shall be that
present in person or by proxy. No business	one member <del>present in person or by proxy</del>
(except the appointment of a Chairman)	Present. No business (except the
shall be transacted at any general meeting	appointment of a Chairman) shall be
unless the requisite quorum shall be present	transacted at any general meeting unless the
at the commencement of the business.	requisite quorum shall be present Present at
and the second of the business.	the commencement of the business.

# 13.2 If within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved, but in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week and at such time and place as shall be decided by the Board, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within 15 minutes from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the member or members present in person (or in the case of a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy shall be a quorum and may transact the business for which the meeting was called.

13.3 The chairman of the board of Directors shall take the chair at every general meeting, or, if there be no such chairman or, if at any general meeting such chairman shall not be present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding such meeting or is unwilling to act, the Directors present shall choose another Director as Chairman, and if no Director be present, or if all the Directors present decline to take the chair, or if the Chairman chosen shall retire from the chair, then the members present (whether in person or represented by proxy or duly authorised representative) shall choose one of their own number to be Chairman.

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13.2 If within 15 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present Present, the meeting, if convened upon the requisition of members, shall be dissolved, but in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week and at such time and place as shall be decided by the Board, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present Present within 15 minutes from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the member or members present in person (or in the case of a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy Present shall be a quorum and may transact the business for which the meeting was called.

13.3 The chairman of the board of Directors shall take the chair at every general meeting, or, if there be no such chairman or, if at any general meeting such chairman shall not be present Present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding such meeting or is unwilling to act, the Directors present Present shall choose another Director as Chairman, and if no Director be present Present, or if all the Directors present Present decline to take the chair, or if the Chairman chosen shall retire from the chair, then the members present (whether in person or represented by proxy or duly authorised representative) Present shall choose one of their own number to be Chairman.

<b>Existing Provisions</b>	Proposed Amendments
(Not applicable. The provision on the right	13.4 The Chairman of any general meeting
column is newly added.)	shall be entitled to attend and participate at
	such general meeting by means of
	Communication Facilities, and to act as the
	Chairman, in which event:
	(a) the Chairman shall be deemed to be
	Present at the meeting; and
	(b) if the Communication Facilities are
	interrupted or fail for any reason to
	enable the Chairman to hear and be
	heard by all other Persons attending and participating at the meeting, then
	the other Directors Present at the
	meeting shall choose another Director
	Present to act as Chairman of the
	meeting for the remainder of the
	meeting; provided that (i) if no other
	Director is Present at the meeting, or
	(ii) if all the Directors Present decline to take the chair, then the meeting shall
	be automatically adjourned to the same
	day in the next week and at such time
	and place as shall be decided by the
	Board.
13.4 The Chairman may, with the consent of	13.45 The Chairman may, with the consent
any general meeting at which a quorum is	of any general meeting at which a quorum is
present, and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time to	present Present, and shall, if so directed by the meeting, adjourn any meeting from time
time and from place to place as the meeting	to time and from place to place as the
shall determine. Whenever a meeting is	meeting shall determine. Whenever a
adjourned for 14 days or more, at least seven	meeting is adjourned for 14 days or more, at
clear days' notice, specifying the place, the	least seven clear days' notice, specifying the
day and the hour of the adjourned meeting	place, the day and the hour of the adjourned
shall be given in the same manner as in the	meeting shall be given in the same manner
case of an original meeting but it shall not be	as in the case of an original meeting but it
necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be transacted at the	shall not be necessary to specify in such notice the nature of the business to be
adjourned meeting. Save as aforesaid, no	transacted at the adjourned meeting. Save as
member shall be entitled to any notice of an	aforesaid, no member shall be entitled to any
adjournment or of the business to be	notice of an adjournment or of the business
transacted at any adjourned meeting. No	to be transacted at any adjourned meeting.
business shall be transacted at any adjourned	No business shall be transacted at any
meeting other than the business which might	adjourned meeting other than the business
have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.	which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took
miner the adjournment took place.	place.

14.1 Subject to any special rights, privileges or restrictions as to voting for the time being attached to any class or classes of shares, at any general meeting where a show of hands is allowed, every member present in person (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) shall have one vote, and on a poll, every member present in person (or, in the case of a member being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy shall have one vote for each share registered in his name in the register. On a poll a member entitled to more than one vote is under no obligation to cast all his votes in the same way. For the avoidance of doubt, where more than one proxy is appointed by a recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)), each such proxy shall have one vote on a show of hands and is under no obligation to cast all his votes in the same way on a poll.

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# 14.6 Save as expressly provided in these Articles or as otherwise determined by the Board, no person other than a member duly registered and who shall have paid all sums for the time being due from him payable to the Company in respect of his shares shall be entitled to be present or to vote (save as proxy for another member), or to be reckoned in a quorum, either personally or by proxy at any general meeting.

14.14 Any corporation which is a member may, by resolution of its directors or other governing body or by power of attorney, authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company or of members of any class of shares and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation which he represents as that corporation could exercise if it were an individual member and where a corporation is so represented, it shall be treated as being present at any meeting in person.

14.15 If a recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)) is a member it may authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative(s) at any general meeting of the Company or at any general meeting of any class of members provided that, if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation shall specify the number and class of shares in respect of which each such person is so authorised. The person so authorized will be deemed to have been duly authorised without the need of producing any documents of title, notarised authorisation and/or further evidence to substantiate that it is so authorised. A person so authorised pursuant to this provision shall be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)) which he represents as that recognised clearing house (or its nominee(s)) could exercise as if such person were an individual member holding the number and class of shares specified in such authorisation, including where a show of hands is allowed, the right to vote individually on show a of hands. notwithstanding any contrary provision contained in these Articles.

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# 16.2 The Board shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election at that meeting.

16.3 The Company may from time to time in general meeting by ordinary resolution increase or reduce the number of Directors but so that the number of Directors shall not be less than two. Subject to the provisions of these Articles and the Companies Law, the Company may by ordinary resolution elect any person to be a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the existing Directors. Any Director so appointed shall hold office only until the next following general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election.

16.6 The Company may by ordinary resolution at any time remove any Director (including a Managing Director or other executive Director) before the expiration of period of office notwithstanding anything in these Articles or in any agreement between the Company and such Director and may by ordinary resolution elect another person in his stead. Any person so elected shall hold office during such time only as the Director in whose place he is elected would have held the same if he had not been removed. Nothing in this Article should be taken as depriving a Director removed under any provision of this Article of compensation or damages payable to him in respect of the termination of his appointment as Director or of any other appointment or office as a result of the termination of his appointment as Director or as derogatory from any power to remove a Director which may exist apart from the provision of this Article.

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16.19 At every annual general meeting of the Company one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to, but not less than, one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Any Director appointed pursuant to Article 16.2 or Article 16.3 shall not be taken into account in determining the number of Directors and which Directors are to retire by rotation. A retiring Director shall retain office until the close of the meeting at which he retires and shall be eligible for reelection thereat. The Company at any annual general meeting at which any Directors retire may fill the vacated office by electing a like number of persons to be Directors.

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29.2 The Company shall at every annual general meeting appoint an auditor or auditors of the Company who shall hold office until the next annual general meeting. The removal of an Auditor before the expiration of his period of office shall require the approval of an ordinary resolution of the members in general meeting. The remuneration of the Auditors shall be fixed by the Company at the annual general meeting at which they are appointed, provided that in respect of any particular year the Company in general meeting may delegate the fixing of such remuneration to the Board. No person may be appointed as the, or an, Auditor, unless he is independent of the Company. The Board may before the first annual general meeting appoint an auditor or auditors of the Company who shall hold office until the first annual general meeting unless previously removed by an ordinary resolution of the members in general meeting in which case the members at that meeting may appoint Auditors. The Board may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditor but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditor or Auditors, if any, may act. The remuneration of any Auditor appointed by the Board under this Article may be fixed by the Board.

(Not applicable. The provision on the right column is newly added.)

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32.1 Subject to the Companies Act, the Company may by special resolution resolve that the Company be wound up voluntarily.

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in each year.

# China Kepei Education Group Limited 中國科培教育集團有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1890)

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the annual general meeting of China Kepei Education Group Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Room Dubai, 7F, Tower B, Aerospace Science and Technology Square, No. 1288 Haide 3rd Avenue, Nanshan District, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, China on Friday, 24 February 2023 at 11:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 1. To receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 August 2022 and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**", each a "**Director**") and auditor thereon.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of HK\$0.06 per share for the year ended 31 August 2022.
- 3. (a) To re-elect the following retiring Directors:
  - (i) Mr. Zha Donghui as an executive Director;
  - (ii) Ms. Li Yan as an executive Director;
  - (iii) Dr. Deng Feiqi as an independent non-executive Director; and
  - (iv) Ms. Sun Lixia as an executive Director.
  - (b) To authorise the board of Directors (the "**Board**") to fix the remuneration of the Directors.
- 4. To re-appoint Ernst & Young as auditor of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company and to authorise the Board to fix its remuneration for the year ending 31 August 2023.

5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modification the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### (A) "That:

- (i) subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and/or otherwise deal with additional shares of the Company (the "Shares") or securities convertible into shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for shares or such convertible securities of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which may require the exercise of such powers, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the directors of the Company and shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options which may require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (iii) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) pursuant to paragraph (i) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (1) any Rights Issue (as defined hereinafter);
  - (2) the grant or exercise of any option under any share option scheme of the Company (if applicable) or any other option, scheme or similar arrangements for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to the Directors, officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or other eligible participants specified thereunder of options to subscribe for Shares or rights to acquire Shares;
  - (3) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment and issue of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company; or

- (4) any issue of Shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any existing convertible notes issued by the Company or any existing securities of the Company which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into Shares, shall not exceed the aggregate of:
  - (a) 20% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution; and
  - (b) (if the Board is so authorised by resolution numbered 5(C)) the aggregate number of shares of the Company bought back by the Company subsequent to the passing of resolution numbered 5(B) (up to a maximum equivalent to 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing resolution numbered 5(B)), and the approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:
  - (a) "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
    - (1) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (2) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held; and
    - (3) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the directors of the Company by this resolution; and
  - (b) "Rights Issue" means an offer of Shares or an issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for Shares, open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of Shares on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such Shares (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors 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, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the exercise or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction applicable to the Company, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange applicable to the Company)."

#### (B) "That:

- (i) subject to paragraph (ii) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) of all the powers of the Company to buy back Shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the Shares may be listed and which is recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange under the Code on Share Buy-backs and, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (ii) the aggregate number of the shares to be bought back pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) of this resolution shall not exceed 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (iii) subject to the passing of each of the paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution which had been granted to the Directors and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and
- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:

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

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held; and
- (c) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution."

(C) "That conditional upon the resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) set out in this notice being passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and/or otherwise deal with new Shares and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers pursuant to the resolution numbered 5(A) set out in this notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to the number of the issued Shares which may be allotted or agreed conditional or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the number of the issued Shares bought back by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution numbered 5(B) set out in this notice, provided that such extended amount shall represent up to 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the said resolutions."

#### SPECIAL RESOLUTION

6. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

"That the second amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company which contain the proposed amendments to the existing amended and restated articles of association of the Company currently in effect (the "Existing Articles of Association") as set out in Appendix III of the circular of the Company dated 30 December 2022 and a copy of which has been produced to the meeting and marked "A" and initialed by the chairman of the meeting, be and are hereby approved and adopted in substitution for and to the exclusion of the Existing Articles of Association with immediate effect."

By order of the Board

China Kepei Education Group Limited

Ye Nianqiao

Chairman

Hong Kong, 30 December 2022

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#### Notes:

- (i) Resolution numbered 5(C) will be proposed to the shareholders for approval provided that resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) are passed by the shareholders of the Company.
- (ii) A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend, speak and vote in his/her stead. The proxy does not need to be a shareholder of the Company.
- (iii) Where there are joint registered holders of any shares, any one of such persons may vote at the above meeting (or at any adjournment of it), either personally or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he/she were solely entitled thereto but the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holders and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the relevant joint holding.
- (iv) In order to be valid, the completed form of proxy must be deposited at the Hong Kong branch share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority (such certification to be made by either a notary public or a solicitor qualified to practice in Hong Kong), at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the above meeting (i.e. before 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 22 February 2023) or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). The completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude shareholders of the Company from attending and voting in person at the above meeting (or any adjourned meeting thereof) if they so wish.
- (v) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 21 February 2023 to Friday, 24 February 2023, both days inclusive, in order to determine the identity of the shareholders who are entitled to attend the annual general meeting to be held on Friday, 24 February 2023, during which period no share transfers will be registered. To be eligible to attend the annual general meeting, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 20 February 2023.
- (vi) The register of members of the Company will also be closed from Tuesday, 8 August 2023 to Friday, 11 August 2023, both days inclusive, in order to determine the entitlement of the shareholders to receive the final dividend, during which period no share transfers will be registered. To qualify for the final dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 7 August 2023.
- (vii) In respect of resolutions numbered 3(a) above, Mr. Zha Donghui, Ms. Li Yan, Dr. Deng Feiqi and Ms. Sun Lixia shall retire and being eligible, offered themselves for re-election at the above meeting. Details of the above retiring Directors are set out in Appendix I to the circular dated 30 December 2022.
- (viii) In respect of the resolution numbered 5(A) above, the directors of the Company wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company referred therein. Approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company as a general mandate for the purposes of the Listing Rules.
- (ix) In respect of resolution numbered 5(B) above, the directors of the Company wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred by the general mandate to buy back shares of the Company in circumstances which they deem appropriate and for the benefits of shareholders of the Company. The explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to approve the purchase by the Company of its own shares is set out in Appendix II to the circular dated 30 December 2022.
- (x) Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, voting for all the resolutions set out in this notice will be taken by poll at the above meeting.