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China Taiping Insurance Holdings Company Limited (Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 966)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

## APPOINTMENT OF JOINT COMPANY SECRETARY

The board of directors (the "Board") of China Taiping Insurance Holdings Company Limited (the "Company", collectively with its subsidiaries, the "Group") is pleased to announce that Mr. ZHANG Ruohan ("Mr. Zhang") has been appointed as the joint company secretary of the Company (the "Joint Company Secretary") with effect from 28 March 2014.

Mr. Zhang, aged 38, graduated with a bachelor's degree in finance from the Central University of Finance and Economics, the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**") and has a master's degree in finance from the University of Giordano Dell'Amore Foundation, Italy. He has 17 years of experience in the finance and accounting industry by having held positions, including the Deputy-Director-General of the Finance Department, Division Chief of Financial Division III, IV and General Office of the Finance Department of the Ministry of Finance of the PRC. Mr. Zhang joined the Group in January 2013 and is currently the general manager of the finance and accounting department of the Company.

Mr. Zhang does not currently possess the specified qualifications of a company secretary as required under Rule 3.28 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "Listing Rules") on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). Mr. CHAN Man Ko ("Mr. Chan") shall remain and re-designated as the other joint company secretary of the Company.

The Company has made an application to the Stock Exchange for and the Stock Exchange has granted a waiver from strict compliance with the requirements under Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules in relation to Mr. Zhang's eligibility to act as the joint company secretary of the Company (the "Waiver") for three years from the date of appointment of Mr. Zhang (the "Waiver Period"), on the conditions that: (i) Mr. Zhang will be assisted by Mr. Chan during the Waiver Period and the Waiver will be revoked immediately if and when Mr. Chan ceases to be a joint company secretary; (ii) the Company will notify the Stock Exchange at the end of the Waiver Period for the Stock Exchange to revisit the situation. The Stock Exchange expects that, after the end of the Waiver Period, the Company will be able to demonstrate that Mr. Zhang can satisfy Rule 3.28 of the Listing Rules, having had the benefit of Mr. Chan's assistance so that a further waiver will not be necessary; and (iii) the Company will announce the details of the Waiver.

The Board would like to express its warm welcome to Mr. Zhang for taking up the appointment.

## By order of the board of China Taiping Insurance Holdings Company Limited ZHANG Ruohan CHAN Man Ko

Joint Company Secretary

## Hong Kong, 28 March 2014

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises 10 directors, of which Mr. WANG Bin, Mr. MENG Zhaoyi and Mr. XIE Yiqun are executive directors, Mr. HUANG Weijian, Mr. ZHU Xiangwen, Mr. WU Changming and Mr. NI Rongming are non-executive directors and Dr. WU Jiesi, Mr. CHE Shujian and Mr. WU Ting Yuk Anthony are independent non-executive directors.

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