香港經濟日報集團有限公司
HONG KONG ECONOMIC TIMES HOLDINGS LIMITED
(incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 00423)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2012

The Directors of Hong Kong Economic Times Holdings Limited (the "Company") are pleased to announce the audited consolidated final results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the "Group") for the year ended 31 March 2012 as follows:

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Year ended 31 March	
		2012	2011
	Note	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*
Revenue	*2*	**1,006,027**	952,284
Cost of sales	*3*	**(619,150)**	(496,938)
Gross profit		**386,877**	455,346
Other income		**7,556**	56
Selling and distribution expenses	*3*	**(148,025)**	(126,951)
General and administrative expenses	*3*	**(157,854)**	(151,174)
Operating profit		**88,554**	177,277
Finance income		**4,050**	4,304
Profit before income tax		**92,604**	181,581
Income tax expense	*4*	**(15,087)**	(25,342)
Profit for the year		**77,517**	156,239
Other comprehensive income:			
Change in value of available-for-sale financial assets		**(1,560)**	–
Currency translation differences arising from foreign operations		**617**	513
Other comprehensive income for the year		**(943)**	513
Total comprehensive income for the year		**76,574**	156,752

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

		Year ended 31 March	
		2012	2011
	Note	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*
Profit attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		**76,070**	154,638
Non-controlling interests		**1,447**	1,601
		77,517	156,239
Total comprehensive income attributable to:			
Equity holders of the Company		**75,127**	155,151
Non-controlling interests		**1,447**	1,601
		76,574	156,752
Earnings per share for profit attributable to the equity holders of the Company (expressed in HK cents)			
Basic and diluted	*5*	**17.63**	35.83

	Note	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*
Dividends	*6*	**37,981**	94,952

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

		As at 31 March	
		2012	2011
	Note	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets		**250**	1,248
Property, plant and equipment		**526,746**	237,608
Investment properties		**8,570**	50,497
Held-to-maturity investments		**–**	28,179
Available-for-sale financial assets		**14,221**	–
Deferred income tax assets		**3,665**	4,488
Deposits paid for property, plant and equipment		**11,696**	17,462
		565,148	339,482
Current assets			
Inventories		**50,177**	21,071
Trade receivables	*7*	**183,748**	159,742
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables		**24,276**	14,878
Tax recoverable		**4,518**	661
Held-to-maturity investments		**–**	40,254
Pledged deposits		**64,810**	83,013
Term deposits with original maturities of over three months		**15,440**	194,114
Cash and cash equivalents		**167,922**	174,192
		510,891	687,925
Current liabilities			
Trade payables	*8*	**57,785**	25,788
Fees in advance		**89,300**	83,235
Accruals, other payables and provisions		**117,593**	112,523
Current income tax liabilities		**5,148**	6,804
		269,826	228,350
Net current assets		**241,065**	459,575
Total assets less current liabilities		**806,213**	799,057
Financed by:			
Share capital		**43,160**	43,160
Reserves			
Proposed final dividend		**25,033**	77,256
Others		**688,987**	651,841
Equity holders' funds		**757,180**	772,257
Non-controlling interests		**6,398**	5,726
Total equity		**763,578**	777,983
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred income tax liabilities		**42,635**	21,074
Total equity and non-current liabilities		**806,213**	799,057

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRS") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by available-for-sale financial assets which have been stated at fair values.

Comparative figures

The comparative figures in respect of the land acquired during the year ended 31 March 2011 which was previously classified as property, plant and equipment has been reclassified to investment properties. This resulted in an increase in investment properties and a related decrease in property, plant and equipment of HK$34,894,000 as at 31 March 2011.

The reclassification has no impact on profit and earnings per share for the years ended 31 March 2012 and 31 March 2011. As the land was acquired during the year ended 31 March 2011, the consolidated statement of financial position as at 1 April 2010 was not affected by this reclassification of items and hence it was not presented.

The following new standards, amendments to standards and new interpretations are relevant to the Group's operation and are mandatory for the first time for the Group's financial year beginning 1 April 2011.

HKAS 1 (Amendment)	Presentation of financial statements
HKAS 24 (Revised)	Related party disclosures
HKAS 27 (Amendment)	Consolidated and separate financial statements
HKAS 34 (Amendment)	Interim financial reporting
HKFRS 3 (Amendment)	Business combinations
HKFRS 7 (Amendment)	Financial instruments: Disclosures
HK (IFRIC) – Int 13 (Amendment)	Customer loyalty programmes
HK(IFRIC) – Int 14 (Amendment)	Prepayments of a minimum funding requirement
Improvements to HKFRSs 2010	

These amendments to standards and new interpretations had no material impact on the presentation of the Group's financial statements.

The following new or revised standards and amendments to standards are relevant to the Group's operation but are not effective for the Group's financial year beginning 1 April 2011 and have not been early adopted:

		Effective for accounting period beginning on or after
HKAS 1 (Amendment)	Presentation of financial statements	1 July 2012
HKAS 12 (Amendment)	Deferred tax: Recovery of underlying assets	1 January 2012
HKAS 19 (Amendment)	Employee benefits	1 January 2013
HKAS 27 (Revised 2011)	Separate financial statements	1 January 2013
HKFRS 7 (Amendment)	Disclosures – Transfers of financial assets	1 July 2011
HKFRS 9	Financial instruments	1 January 2015
HKFRS 10	Consolidated financial statements	1 January 2013
HKFRS 12	Disclosures of interests in other entities	1 January 2013
HKFRS 13	Fair value measurements	1 January 2013

2 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Group. He reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. Management has determined the operating segments based on these reports.

The Group has 4 reportable segments:

(a) Printed media segment – principally engaged in the printing and publication of newspapers, magazines and books and generates advertising income, circulation income and service income from these publications.

(b) Financial news agency, information and solutions segment – principally engaged in the provision of electronic financial and property market information and related solutions and generates service income from provision of information subscription services, solutions and other related maintenance services.

(c) Recruitment advertising and training segment – principally engaged in the provision of recruitment advertising and training services. This segment generates advertising income from placement of recruitment advertisements, and enrolment income on the provision of professional training.

(d) Lifestyle portals segment – principally engaged in the operation of portals in food, travel, health and other lifestyle focus. This segment generates advertising income and service income from operation of internet portals.

The chief operating decision-maker assesses the performance of the operating segments based on their respective segment results.

Sales between segments are carried out at arm's length.

Revenue comprises the advertising income, circulation income, service income and enrolment income.

An analysis of the Group's revenue for the year is as follows:

	2012	2011
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Revenue		
Advertising income	**558,141**	530,584
Circulation income	**135,666**	145,397
Service income	**295,202**	261,292
Enrolment income	**17,018**	15,011
	1,006,027	952,284

More than 90% of the Group's activities are carried out in Hong Kong and more than 90% of the Group's assets and liabilities are located in Hong Kong. Accordingly, no analysis by geographical basis for the relevant years is presented.

The segment results for the year ended 31 March 2012 are as follows:

	Printed media		Financial news agency, information and solutions		Recruitment advertising and training		Lifestyle portals		Corporate		Total	
	2012	2011	**2012**	2011	**2012**	2011	**2012**	2011	**2012**	2011	**2012**	2011
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*	***HK$'000***	*HK$'000*
REVENUE												
Revenue	**707,400**	672,180	**235,065**	220,970	**53,997**	54,314	**17,283**	12,729	**–**	–	**1,013,745**	960,193
Inter-segment transactions	**(4,424)**	(3,890)	**(2,728)**	(2,068)	**(523)**	(1,935)	**(43)**	(16)	**–**	–	**(7,718)**	(7,909)
Revenue – from external customers	**702,976**	668,290	**232,337**	218,902	**53,474**	52,379	**17,240**	12,713	**–**	–	**1,006,027**	952,284
RESULT												
Profit/(loss) for the year	**33,692**	106,232	**43,786**	46,919	**7,251**	9,281	**(7,725)**	(11,225)	**513**	5,032	**77,517**	156,239

For the year ended 31 March 2012, revenue of approximately HK$95,589,000 (2011: HK$94,153,000) is derived from a single external customer. The revenue is attributable to the printed media segment.

The Group is domiciled in Hong Kong. The revenue from external customers attributed to Hong Kong and other countries are HK$999,776,000 (2011: HK$945,644,000) and HK$6,251,000 (2011: HK$6,640,000), respectively. The Group's revenue by geographical location is determined by the respective places of domicile of the relevant Group entities which include Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China ("PRC").

Excess of the acquirer's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired over the cost of the acquisition of approximately HK$7,461,000 (2011: nil) is included in the printed media segment.

The total non-current assets other than available-for-sale financial assets, held-to-maturity investments and deferred income tax assets located in Hong Kong and other countries are HK$546,883,000 (2011: HK$306,588,000) and HK$379,000 (2011: HK$227,000), respectively.

3 EXPENSES BY NATURE

Expenses included cost of sales, selling and distribution expenses and general and administrative expenses are analysed as follows:

	2012 *HK$'000*	2011 *HK$'000*
Crediting		
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment and investment properties	**12,006**	–
Reversal of provision for impairment of receivables	**445**	–
Charging		
Cost of inventories sold or consumed in operation	**158,476**	84,688
Acquisition-related costs	**1,918**	–
Amortisation of contractual customer relationships	**998**	998
Auditors' remuneration	**2,320**	2,200
Bad debts written off	**–**	109
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment and investment properties	**35,988**	27,087
Inventories written off	**46**	7
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	**–**	95
Operating lease rentals on land and buildings	**17,652**	13,098
Provision for impairment of receivables	**–**	183
Provision for obsolete inventories	**631**	490
Staff costs	**422,067**	393,856

4 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.5% (2011: 16.5%) on the estimated assessable profits for the year. No provision for the PRC enterprise income tax has been made as there is no PRC estimated assessable income generated by the Group during the year.

	2012 *HK$'000*	2011 *HK$'000*
Current income tax		
Current income tax on profits for the year	**14,310**	31,184
(Over)/underprovisions in prior years	**(111)**	33
Total current income tax	**14,199**	31,217
Deferred income tax	**888**	(5,875)
Income tax expense	**15,087**	25,342

5 EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share for current year is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of HK$76,070,000 (2011: HK$154,638,000) and number of 431,600,000 shares (2011: 431,600,000 shares) in issue during the year.

Diluted earnings per share are the same as basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive potential ordinary shares during the year ended 31 March 2012 (2011: same).

6 DIVIDENDS

	2012	2011
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
Dividends attributable to the year		
Interim dividend paid of HK 3.0 cents (2011: HK 4.1 cents) per ordinary share	**12,948**	17,696
Proposed final dividend of HK 5.8 cents (2011: HK 17.9 cents) per ordinary share	**25,033**	77,256
	37,981	94,952
Dividends paid during the year	**90,204**	56,108

A final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 March 2012 of HK 5.8 cents per share, amounting to a total dividend of HK$25,033,000 is to be proposed at the annual general meeting on 2 August 2012. This proposed dividend is not reflected as a dividend payable in the consolidated statement of financial position, but is reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings.

7 TRADE RECEIVABLES

The credit period granted by the Group to its trade customers ranges from 0 to 90 days. An ageing analysis of trade receivables by overdue day is as follows:

	2012	2011
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
0 to 30 days	**116,231**	102,393
31 to 60 days	**26,607**	19,464
61 to 90 days	**15,684**	14,630
Over 90 days	**28,773**	27,055
Trade receivables, gross	**187,295**	163,542
Less: provision for impairment of receivables	**(3,547)**	(3,800)
	183,748	159,742

8 TRADE PAYABLES

An ageing analysis of trade payables is as follows:

	2012	2011
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*
0 to 30 days	**54,412**	24,904
31 to 60 days	**2,461**	694
61 to 90 days	**317**	71
Over 90 days	**595**	119
	57,785	25,788

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Summary of Profit and Loss Account

	Year ended 31 March		
	2012	2011	% Change
	HK$'000	*HK$'000*	
Revenue	**1,006,027**	**952,284**	**6%**
Cost of sales	**(619,150)**	(496,938)	25%
Gross profit	**386,877**	455,346	-15%
Gross profit margin	**38.5%**	**47.8%**	
Other income	**7,556**	56	N/A
Selling and distribution expenses	**(148,025)**	(126,951)	17%
General and administrative expenses	**(157,854)**	(151,174)	4%
Operating profit	**88,554**	177,277	-50%
Finance income	**4,050**	4,304	-6%
Profit before income tax	**92,604**	181,581	-49%
Income tax expense	**(15,087)**	(25,342)	-40%
Profit for the year	**77,517**	**156,239**	**-50%**
Non-controlling interests	**(1,447)**	(1,601)	-10%
Profit attributable to equity holders	**76,070**	**154,638**	**-51%**
Net profit margin	**7.7%**	**16.4%**	

General

Year 2011 was a turbulent year for the media industry with new players emerging in both digital media and free dailies sectors. The printed free dailies continued to expand in circulation and advertising revenue, and eroding the market share of paid newspapers. Despite the fact that the impact on our paid title, *Hong Kong Economic Times*, was small due to its market niche, the Group considered this as an opportunity of broadening our income base and further consolidating the Group's media business structure. The Group launched its free Chinese daily, *Sky Post* on 27 July 2011, targeting the mass audience with audited distribution exceeding 500,000 copies. Together, our two newsprint titles provide a complete print platform capturing comprehensive advertising plans.

The Group, determined to become a significant market player in the free dailies segment, invested in various aspects, including advertising sales force, editorial content, printing capacity and distribution channel. These exerted pressure on the cost and profit of the Group in the near term, but would benefit the Group as a whole in the medium to longer term.

Compared to the financial year ended 31 March 2011, the Group's revenue for the financial year ended 31 March 2012 increased to HK$1,006.0 million, an increase of HK$53.7 million or 6%. Profit attributable to equity holders however, decreased by 51% from HK$154.6 million to HK$76.1 million.

FY2011/12 was a year full of excitement for the Group. Apart from the launch of *Sky Post*, the Group also acquired a magazines and books printing company. The printing company had been one of the major commercial web printers of the Group over the last decade. The acquisition would be able to bring in synergistic value to the Group, strengthen the smooth production of the Group's publications and facilitates the future growth of the Group's core business.

The Group is confident in the prospect of the various business segments we are operating. We would continue to invest in both hardware, including the printing capacity and IT technology, and software, as well as quality personnel, which together would build a solid foundation for the Group to ride through any economic uncertainties and business challenges.

Revenue

Revenue for the year ended 31 March 2012 recorded an increase of 6% against the year ended 31 March 2011, from HK$952.3 million to HK$1,006.0 million.

Advertising income for the year ended 31 March 2012 was HK$558.1 million, an increase of 5% as compared to the year ended 31 March 2011. Despite the negative impact on the local economy as a result of the worsening of European sovereign debt crisis, the fragile economic growth in the US and the concern over the slowing Chinese economic growth in the latter half of the financial year, the Group's publications, with their quality content and effective sales force, were able to secure a moderate growth.

Circulation income decreased by 7% from HK$145.4 million for the year ended 31 March 2011 to HK$135.7 million for the financial year under review, which is in line with the market trend on paid publications.

Service income for the year ended 31 March 2012 increased from HK$261.3 million to HK$295.2 million when compared with the last financial year. Our financial news agency, information and solutions business, with its well established leading position in the industry, continued to record a stable growth in revenue. The magazines and books printing company acquired in the second half of the financial year also contributed to the growth of the Group's service income.

Operating Costs

Gross profit margin for the year ended 31 March 2012 decreased by 9.3 percentage point to 38.5% from 47.8% in the year ended 31 March 2011. The operating costs increased at a faster pace than our revenue growth in FY2011/12 owing to the general inflationary pressure and the Group's product development plans.

Staff costs, representing approximately 46% of the Group's total operating costs, increased by 7% as compared to the year ended 31 March 2011. The increase was mainly due to general salary increment and addition in headcount arising mainly from the acquisition of the printing company and the launch of the Group's new publication *Sky Post*.

Newsprint costs, constituting around 13% of the Group's total operating costs, increased 73% as compared to the year ended 31 March 2011. The increase in newsprint costs was due to both rising paper prices and consumption volume during the financial year when the Group launched its free Chinese daily *Sky Post*.

Profit Attributable to Equity Holders

Profit attributable to equity holders for the year under review was HK$76.1 million, a decrease of HK$78.5 million or 51% as compared to HK$154.6 million for the year ended 31 March 2011. Net profit margin decreased from 16.4% for last financial year to 7.7% for the current financial year.

Printed media segment, with *Sky Post* at its early investment stage, recorded a significant decrease in net profit. The stable performance of other business segments provided a solid support to the Group's continued investment and development. The Management is of the view that the investment made today would bear fruit in the medium term and is in the best interest of our shareholders as a whole.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

	As at 31 March	
(in HK$ million)	**2012**	2011
Net current assets	**241.1**	459.6
Term deposits, pledged deposits and cash and cash equivalents	**248.2**	451.3
Equity holders' fund	**757.2**	772.3
Gearing ratio	**–**	–
Current ratio	**1.89 times**	3.01 times

The Group's net current assets as at 31 March 2012 decreased by HK$218.5 million from HK$459.6 million to HK$241.1 million. The decrease was mainly due to the payment for the acquisition of a printing company, capital expenditure for printing capacity expansion and dividends.

Net cash generated from investing activities was HK$10.4 million. The Group had paid HK$215 million for the acquisition of a printing company using internal funds. The Group had also disposed of several properties to independent third parties for HK$53.6 million.

The Group had distributed the final dividend declared for the financial year ended 31 March 2011 to equity holders of the Company and interim dividend for the six months period ended 30 September 2011 amounting to an aggregate total of HK$91.0 million.

The Group had no gearing as at 31 March 2012 and 2011. As at 31 March 2012, the Group had a cash balance of HK$248.2 million as compared to HK$451.3 million as at 31 March 2011. Majority of cash was placed under short-term deposits with banks in Hong Kong and was held in Hong Kong dollars, hence the Group had no significant exposure to foreign exchange fluctuations.

The Group is able to meet its working capital requirements, support investment needs of any future business plans and fulfill the dividend payment policy at the current fund level.

OUTLOOK

Inflation is expected to come down due to the recent easing in global food and commodity prices and the expected economic slow down. This will relieve part of the pressure on our operating costs. However, given *Sky Post* is at its early investment stage and our continued investment in internet business as well as quality personnel, we find ourselves in a situation that the rate of cost increase outpaced revenue in the current and coming financial year. We would continue to adhere to strict financial discipline and take steps to streamline the cost structure in order to attain a reasonable profit margin.

Looking forward, the market environment will remain challenging. The emergence of new media and the increase of online advertising spending ranging from the traditional banner advertisement to social media, has gradually transformed the media landscape and placed pressure on printed media. In these fast-changing digital times, the audience's needs are direct, instantaneous and personalized. We need to listen constantly and attentively to their requirements, and provide relevant, customized and value-adding services that the readers want. We shall continue to identify, explore and invest in areas which have growth potential and we have the competitive edge.

We are likely to see slower economic growth in both Hong Kong and the Mainland amid concerns about the effect of the eurozone crisis and austerity measures and a fragile US recovery. The uncertain economic and geopolitical backdrop will continue to raise challenges and cast shadows on the Group's performance throughout 2012 and beyond. Nevertheless, the Group will remain focused on preserving the core business and deepen our penetration into segments that offer growth opportunities. We are confident about the Group's prospect and would take challenges as opportunity. In the current difficult environment, we are more focused than ever on long-term value creation. With the well-established strong brand and solid business foundation, we are well placed to weather the cyclical swings and capitalize on the opportunities ahead.

EMPLOYEES

As at 31 March 2012, the Group had 1,525 employees (31 March 2011: 1,311 employees). The Directors believe that employees are the most valuable assets of the Group and competitive remuneration packages are offered to retain quality staff. Employee benefits include medical insurance, discretionary bonus, provident fund schemes and other staff benefits.

DIVIDEND

The Directors recommend a payment from the distributable reserves of the Company a final dividend of HK 5.8 cents per share in respect of the year ended 31 March 2012 to the shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 7 August 2012, amounting to HK$25,033,000. The final dividend, payable on 7 September 2012, is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company at the forthcoming annual general meeting to be held on 2 August 2012 ("the Meeting").

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 30 July 2012 to 2 August 2012 (both days inclusive) and 8 August 2012 to 10 August 2012 (both days inclusive) respectively, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the entitlement to attend and vote at the Meeting, all transfer of shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 27 July 2012. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, all transfer of shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at 26th Floor, Tesbury Centre, 28 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on 7 August 2012.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF THE COMPANY'S SHARES

The Company has not redeemed any of its shares during the year. Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased or sold any of the Company's shares during the year.

COMPLIANCE WITH CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE

In the opinion of the Directors, the Company has complied with the code provisions set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "Code Provisions") contained in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules") for the year ended 31 March 2012 except as stated and explained below.

Under Code A.2.1 of the Code Provisions, the roles of Chairman and CEO should be separate and should not be performed by the same individual. The division of responsibilities between the Chairman and CEO should be clearly established and set out in writing. However, the Company has appointed Mr. Fung Siu Por, Lawrence as both its Chairman and the CEO. The Board believes that vesting the roles of the Chairman and the CEO in the same person would allow the Company to be more effective and efficient in developing long-term business strategies and execution of business plans. The Board believes that the balance of power and authority is adequately ensured by the operation of the Board, which comprises experienced and high calibre individuals with a substantial number thereof being Non-executive Directors.

CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS BY DIRECTORS

All Directors of the Company have confirmed their compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules throughout the year ended 31 March 2012.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Company established an Audit Committee on 29 April 2005 with written terms of reference. The Audit Committee comprises three Independent Non-executive Directors, Mr. Chan Mo Po, Paul as Committee Chairman, Mr. Chow On Kiu and Mr. Lo Foo Cheung. The Audit Committee has reviewed the Group's audited final results for the year ended 31 March 2012.

REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Company established a Remuneration Committee on 29 April 2005 with written terms of reference. The Remuneration Committee comprises Non-executive Director, Mr. Chu Yu Lun and two Independent Non-executive Directors, Mr. Lo Foo Cheung as Committee Chairman and Mr. Chow On Kiu.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The Company established a Nomination Committee on 29 April 2005 with written terms of reference. The Nomination Committee comprises Non-executive Director, Mr. Chu Yu Lun and two Independent Non-executive Directors, Mr. Chow On Kiu as Committee Chairman and Mr. Chan Mo Po, Paul.

On Behalf of the Board
Hong Kong Economic Times Holdings Limited
Fung Siu Por, Lawrence
Chairman

Hong Kong, 25 June 2012

This announcement is published on the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at www.hkexnews.hk and the Company's websites at www.hketgroup.com and at www.etnet.com.hk/etg. The Group's Annual Report 2011/2012 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be dispatched to shareholders and published on the above websites in due course.

As at the date of announcement, the Board comprises: (a) the Executive Directors: Mr. Fung Siu Por, Lawrence, Mr. Mak Ping Leung (alias: Mr. Mak Wah Cheung), Mr. Chan Cho Biu, Mr. Shek Kang Chuen, Ms. See Sau Mei Salome and Mr. Chan Wa Pong; (b) the Non-executive Director: Mr. Chu Yu Lun; and (c) the Independent Non-executive Directors: Mr. Chan Mo Po, Paul, Mr. Chow On Kiu and Mr. Lo Foo Cheung.