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### China Maple Leaf Educational Systems Limited 中國楓葉教育集團有限公司<sup>\*</sup>

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability) (Stock code: 1317)

## VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF STUDENT ENROLLMENTS AND POSITIVE PROFIT ALERT

This announcement is made by China Maple Leaf Educational Systems Limited (the "**Company**", together with its subsidiaries and the consolidated affiliated entities, the "**Group**").

#### **Voluntary Announcement of Student Enrollments**

The Company would like to inform shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**") and potential investors that, as of 31 March 2017, total enrollments at Maple Leaf schools numbered 22,693 students, an increase of 2,112 students since 30 September 2016. This represents a 10.3% increase in enrollments since 30 September 2016 and a 17.3% increase since 31 March 2016.

The Group's school year normally runs from the beginning of September to the middle of July in the next year. Each school year is divided into two terms. The unaudited enrollment data is provided for the purpose of allowing investors a view of our enrollments during the first month of each term. The number of students enrolled may vary from time to time in each school year.

As previously announced on 5 February 2017, the Group has entered into sale and purchase agreements to acquire majority control of Hainan Science and Education Group Co., Ltd, owner of Hainan National Science Park Experimental School, a school located in Haikou City. As the acquisition has not been completed, our 31 March 2017 enrollment statistics do not take into account over 3,300 students at Hainan National Science Park Experimental School. Taking into account these students, our total student enrollments would have been over 26,000.

The above operational data are based on the Group's internal statistics which have not been reviewed or audited by the external auditors of the Company. Differences may arise between such data and the information disclosed in subsequent interim and annual reports. Shareholders and potential investors are cautioned not to unduly rely on such data and are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

#### **Positive Profit Alert**

The following disclosure is made by the Company pursuant to Rule 13.09(2)(a) of the Listing Rules and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

The Company would like to inform Shareholders and potential investors that, based on a preliminary review of the unaudited management accounts of the Group for the six months ended 28 February 2017, the Group is expected to record an increase of not less than 30% in net profit for the six months ended 28 February 2017, as compared with that of the six months ended 29 February 2016.

Based on information available to date, the expected increase in net profit of the Group for the six months ended 28 February 2017 was primarily attributable to the effects of:

- i) an increase in student enrollments;
- ii) higher average profits per student due to increased utilization and increased tuition fees at certain schools; and
- iii) an increase in student-related service income.

The Company is still in the process of finalizing the interim results of the Group for the six months ended 28 February 2017 which are subject to adjustments. The information contained in this announcement is only based on a preliminary assessment of the management accounts of the Group for the six months ended 28 February 2017, which have not been audited or reviewed by the Company's independent auditors or the audit committee of the Board, and is therefore subject to change.

Shareholders and potential investors are advised to read carefully the announcement of unaudited interim results of the Group for the six months ended 28 February 2017 which is expected to be published before the end of April 2017.

# Shareholders and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By Order of the Board China Maple Leaf Educational Systems Limited Shu Liang Sherman Jen Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 6 April 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises Mr. Shu Liang Sherman Jen, Ms. Jingxia Zhang and Mr. James William Beeke as executive directors; Mr. Howard Robert Balloch as nonexecutive director; and Mr. Peter Humphrey Owen, Mr. Chak Kei Jack Wong and Mr. Lap Tat Arthur Wong as independent non-executive directors.

\* For identification purposes only