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Tenfu (Cayman) Holdings Company Limited

天福(開曼)控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 6868)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

Financial Highlights

- Revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2019 was approximately RMB839.8 million, increased by 2.5% as compared with approximately RMB818.9 million for the corresponding period in 2018;
- The gross profit of the Group increased by 2.7% from RMB500.9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB514.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019;
- Gross profit margin for the six months ended 30 June 2019 increased from approximately 61.2% for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to 61.3%;
- Profit for the six months ended 30 June 2019 decreased from RMB130.0 million for the corresponding period in 2018 to RMB124.8 million;
- Basic earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2019 amounted to RMB0.11; and
- The Board resolved to pay an interim dividend of HKD0.06 (equivalent to RMB0.054) per share.

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**”) of Tenfu (Cayman) Holdings Company Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2019, together with the comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2018 as below.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

		Six months ended 30 June	
		2019	2018
	Note	Unaudited RMB'000	Unaudited RMB'000
Revenue	6	839,774	818,941
Cost of sales		<u>(325,411)</u>	<u>(318,091)</u>
Gross profit		514,363	500,850
Distribution costs		(212,213)	(216,561)
Administrative expenses		(119,632)	(112,171)
Other income	7	11,501	10,099
Other losses – net	8	<u>(385)</u>	<u>(374)</u>
Operating profit		<u>193,634</u>	<u>181,843</u>
Finance income	9	4,072	5,099
Finance costs	9	<u>(18,426)</u>	<u>(4,011)</u>
Finance income – net	9	<u>(14,354)</u>	<u>1,088</u>
Share of profits less losses of investments accounted for using equity method		<u>1,659</u>	<u>828</u>
Profit before income tax		180,939	183,759
Income tax expense	10	<u>(56,130)</u>	<u>(53,725)</u>
Profit for the period, all attributable to the owners of the Company		<u>124,809</u>	<u>130,034</u>
Other comprehensive income for the period		<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>
Total comprehensive income for the period, all attributable to the owners of the Company		<u>124,809</u>	<u>130,034</u>
Earnings per share for profit attributable to the owners of the Company			
– Basic earnings per share	11	RMB0.11	RMB0.11
– Diluted earnings per share	11	<u>RMB0.11</u>	<u>RMB0.11</u>

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

		As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
	Note		
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investment properties		9,154	9,460
Property, plant and equipment		686,430	700,364
Right-of-use assets		414,086	—
Land use rights		—	280,419
Intangible assets		3,947	3,203
Investments accounted for using equity method		108,011	108,492
Deferred income tax assets		45,347	42,583
Prepayments – non-current portion	13(b)	1,399	1,989
Restricted cash		80,000	—
Long-term time deposits		50,000	—
		<u>1,398,374</u>	<u>1,146,510</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		689,694	648,687
Trade and other receivables	13(a)	223,007	243,778
Prepayments	13(b)	57,818	75,053
Time deposits		123,185	56,800
Cash and cash equivalents		262,913	666,820
		<u>1,356,617</u>	<u>1,691,138</u>
Total assets		<u><u>2,754,991</u></u>	<u><u>2,837,648</u></u>

		As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
	Note		
EQUITY			
Capital and reserves attributable to the owners of the Company			
Share capital	14	94,526	98,593
Treasury shares		(184)	(1,735)
Other reserves	15	201,495	409,316
Retained earnings		1,503,545	1,531,504
Total equity		1,799,382	2,037,678
LIABILITIES			
Non-current liabilities			
Borrowings	17	6,296	6,703
Lease liabilities – non-current portion		103,997	–
Deferred income of government grants		34,991	36,057
Deferred income tax liabilities		11,912	16,413
		157,196	59,173
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	16	252,384	255,579
Current income tax liabilities		42,911	64,525
Borrowings	17	390,806	343,088
Lease liabilities		36,163	–
Contract liabilities	18	76,149	77,605
		798,413	740,797
Total liabilities		955,609	799,970
Total equity and liabilities		2,754,991	2,837,648

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

The Group is engaged in the classification, packaging and sales of tea leaves, manufacture and sales of tea snacks, sales of tea ware, catering management, beverage production and sales of pre-packaged food. The Group has manufacturing plants in Fujian Province, Sichuan Province, Zhejiang Province and Guizhou Province, the People's Republic of China (the "PRC") and sells mainly to customers located in the PRC.

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands on 22 April 2010 as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Law, Cap 22 (Law 3 of 1961, as consolidated and revised) of the Cayman Islands. The address of its registered office is Cricket Square, Hutchins Drive, P.O. Box 2681, Grand Cayman KY1-1111, Cayman Islands.

The Company's ordinary shares have been listed on the main board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") since 26 September 2011.

This condensed consolidated interim financial information is presented in Renminbi ("RMB"), unless otherwise stated. This condensed consolidated interim financial information has been approved for issue by the Company's board of directors (the "Board") on 20 August 2019.

This condensed consolidated interim financial information has not been audited.

2 BASIS OF PREPARATION

This financial information is extracted from the full set of condensed consolidated interim financial information for the six months ended 30 June 2019 which has been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Accounting Standard ("HKAS") 34 'Interim Financial Reporting' issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The condensed consolidated interim financial information should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018, which have been prepared in accordance with Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards ("HKFRSs") issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

3 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Except as described below, the accounting policies applied are consistent with those of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018, as described in those annual financial statements.

Taxes on income in the interim periods are accrued using the tax rate that would be applicable to expected total annual earnings.

(a) New and amended standards adopted by the Group

A number of new or amended standards became applicable for the current reporting period and the Group had to change its accounting policies accordingly. The impact of the adoption of HKFRS 16 and the new accounting policies is disclosed in Note 4 below. The other standards did not have any impact on the Group's accounting policies and did not require retrospective adjustments.

- (b) The following new standards, new interpretations and amendments to standards and interpretations have been issued but are not effective for the financial year beginning on 1 January 2019 and have not been early adopted by the Group:

		Effective for annual periods beginning on or after
HKAS 1 and HKAS 8 (Amendments)	Definition of Material	1 January 2020
HKFRS 3 (Amendments)	Definition of a Business	1 January 2020
Revised Conceptual Framework	Revised Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting	1 January 2020
HKFRS 17	Insurance contracts	1 January 2021
HKFRS 10 and HKAS 28 (Amendments)	Sale or contribution of assets between an investor and its associate or joint venture	To be determined

The Group will apply the new standards and amendments of HKFRSs described above when they become effective. The Group is in the process of making an assessment on the impact of these new standards and amendments of HKFRSs and does not anticipate that the adoption when they become effective will result in any material impact on the Group's results of operations and financial position.

4 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This note explains the impact of the adoption of HKFRS 16 Leases on the Group's financial statements and also discloses the new accounting policies that have been applied from 1 January 2019, where they are different to those applied in prior periods.

The Group has adopted the standard from 1 January 2019. The Group applied the cumulative catch-up approach and did not restate comparative amounts for the year prior to first adoption. The method recognises the cumulative effect of applying the new standard as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity on adoption which is the difference between the amount of right-of-use assets and the lease liability (adjusted by the amount of any previously recognised prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease).

(a) Adjustment recognised on adoption of HKFRS 16

On adoption of HKFRS 16, the Group recognised lease liabilities in relation to leases which had previously been classified as 'operating leases' under the principles of HKAS 17 Leases. These liabilities were measured at the present value of the remaining lease payments, discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate as at 1 January 2019. The lessee's incremental borrowing rate applied to the lease liabilities on 1 January 2019 was as below:

	Incremental borrowing rate
Leases with terms within 1 to 5 years	4.75%
Leases with terms more than 5 years	4.90%

	1 January 2019 <i>RMB'000</i>
Operating lease commitments disclosed as at 31 December 2018	153,132
Less:	
Short-term leases recognised on a straight-line basis as expense	<u>(12,091)</u>
	141,041
Discounted using the lessee's incremental borrowing rate at the date of initial application, lease liabilities recognised as at 1 January 2019	<u>130,642</u>
Of which are:	
Current lease liabilities	45,000
Non-current lease liabilities	<u>85,642</u>
	<u><u>130,642</u></u>

The associated right-of-use assets for property leases were measured on a retrospective basis as if the new rules had always been applied.

The recognised right-of-use assets relate to the following types of assets:

	30 June 2019 <i>RMB'000</i>	1 January 2019 <i>RMB'000</i>
Leasehold land and land use rights	273,086	280,419
Buildings	<u>141,000</u>	<u>132,872</u>
Total right-of-use assets	<u><u>414,086</u></u>	<u><u>413,291</u></u>
Current lease liabilities	36,163	45,000
Non-current lease liabilities	<u>103,997</u>	<u>85,642</u>
Total lease liabilities	<u><u>140,160</u></u>	<u><u>130,642</u></u>

The change in accounting policy affected the following items in the balance sheet on 1 January 2019:

- Right-of-use assets – increase by RMB413,291,000
- Prepayments – decrease by RMB16,382,000
- Leasehold land and land use rights – decrease by RMB280,419,000
- Deferred tax assets – increase by RMB2,146,000
- Accrued expenses – decrease by RMB5,567,000
- Lease liabilities (current portion) – increase by RMB45,000,000
- Lease liabilities (non-current portion) – increase by RMB85,642,000

The net impact on retained earnings on 1 January 2019 was a decrease of RMB6,439,000.

(i) Impact on segment disclosures and earnings per share

Segment profit, segment assets and segment liabilities for June 2019 all changed as a result of the change in accounting policy. The following segments were affected by the change in policy:

	Segment profit RMB'000	Segment assets RMB'000	Segment liabilities RMB'000
Tea leaves	(984)	96,555	94,076
Tea snacks	(182)	17,862	17,403
Tea ware	(176)	17,232	16,789
All other segments	(231)	10,905	11,892
	<u>(1,573)</u>	<u>142,554</u>	<u>140,160</u>

(ii) Practical expedients applied

In applying HKFRS 16 for the first time, the Group has used the following practical expedients permitted by the standard:

- The use of a single discount rate to a portfolio of leases with reasonably similar characteristics;
- Reliance on previous assessments on whether leases are onerous;
- The accounting for operating leases with a remaining lease term of less than 12 months as at 1 January 2019 as short-term leases;
- The exclusion of initial direct costs for the measurement of the right-of-use asset at the date of initial application; and
- The use of hindsight in determining the lease term where the contract contains options to extend or terminate the lease.

The Group has also elected not to reassess whether a contract is, or contains a lease at the date of initial application. Instead, for contracts entered into before the transition date, the Group relied on its assessment made applying HKAS 17 and HKFRIC 4 *Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease*.

(b) The Group's leasing activities and how these are accounted for

The Group leases various stores, warehouses and apartments. Rental contracts are typically made for fixed periods. Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of different terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants, but leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

Until the 2018 financial year, payments made under operating leases were charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease.

From 1 January 2019, a right-of-use asset is recognised for each lease at its carrying amount as if the standard had been applied since the commencement date. After the initial application, each lease payment is allocated between the liability and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to profit or loss over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period. The right-of-use asset is depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis.

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments).

The lease payments are discounted using incremental borrowing rate of the Group which the Group would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value in a similar economic environment with similar terms and conditions.

Payments associated with short-term leases are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in profit or loss. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less.

5 ESTIMATES

The preparation of condensed consolidated interim financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

In preparing these condensed consolidated interim financial statements, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Group's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

6 REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

The chief operating decision-maker has been identified as the Board. The Board reviews the Group's internal reporting in order to assess performance and allocate resources. The Board has determined the operating segments based on these reports.

The Board considers the business from a product perspective. The Board assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of segment profit or loss.

The reportable operating segments derive their revenue primarily from the classification, packaging and sales of tea leaves, manufacture and sales of tea snacks, and sales of tea ware.

Others include revenue from restaurants, hotels, tourists, management services and catering management, beverage production and sales of pre-packaged food. These are not included within the reportable operating segments, as they are not presented separately in the reports provided to the Board.

No geographical segment information is presented as almost all the sales and operating profits of the Group are derived within the PRC and almost all the operating assets of the Group are located in the PRC, which is considered as one geographic location with similar risks and returns.

The Board assesses the performance of the operating segments based on a measure of adjusted operating profit or loss which in certain respects, as explained in the table below, is measured differently from operating profit or loss in the condensed consolidated interim financial statements. The common administrative expenses, other gains or losses, other income, financing (including finance costs and interest income), share of results of investments accounted for using equity method and income taxes are managed on a group basis and are not allocated to operating segments.

Segment assets consist primarily of right-of-use assets, property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, inventories, trade and other receivables, prepayments, as well as time deposits, cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash held by subsidiaries in mainland China. They exclude investment properties, deferred income tax assets and prepaid tax, as well as time deposits, cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash held by the Company and overseas subsidiaries.

Segment liabilities comprise operating liabilities. They exclude borrowings, deferred income tax liabilities, current income tax liabilities, dividends payable and other payables due to related parties and directors' and senior management's emoluments payable.

Revenue of the Group consists of the following revenue for the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018. All revenue is derived from external customers.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Sales of tea leaves	583,989	572,104
Sales of tea snacks	108,035	107,624
Sales of tea ware	104,221	97,323
Others	43,529	41,890
	839,774	818,941

The segment results for the six months ended 30 June 2019:

	Unaudited			
	Tea leaves	Tea snacks	Tea ware	All other
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	segments
	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000	RMB'000
Segment revenue	583,989	108,035	104,221	43,529
Segment results	163,166	14,379	18,151	(1,092)
Unallocated administrative expenses				(12,086)
Other income				11,501
Other losses – net				(385)
Finance income – net				(14,354)
Share of profits less losses of investments accounted for using equity method				1,659
Profit before income tax				180,939
Income tax expense				(56,130)
Profit for the period				124,809

Other segment items included in the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 June 2019:

	Unaudited					
	Tea leaves RMB'000	Tea snacks RMB'000	Tea ware RMB'000	All other segments RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	17,700	4,772	2,036	4,765	4,686	33,959
Depreciation of investment properties	–	–	–	–	306	306
Depreciation and amortisation of right-of-use assets	23,021	4,349	4,295	920	–	32,585
Amortisation of intangible assets	333	57	51	9	169	619
Losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	163	53	61	8	–	285

The segment assets and liabilities as at 30 June 2019 are as follows:

	Unaudited					
	Tea leaves RMB'000	Tea snacks RMB'000	Tea ware RMB'000	All other segments RMB'000	Unallocated RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Segment assets	1,690,960	265,691	258,042	323,685	216,613	2,754,991
Segment liabilities	420,127	69,766	45,278	27,267	393,171	955,609

The segment results for the six months ended 30 June 2018:

	Unaudited				
	Tea leaves RMB'000	Tea snacks RMB'000	Tea ware RMB'000	All other segments RMB'000	Total RMB'000
Segment revenue	572,104	107,624	97,323	41,890	818,941
Segment results	153,754	12,170	19,412	(2,806)	182,530
Unallocated administrative expenses					(10,412)
Other income					10,099
Other losses – net					(374)
Finance income – net					1,088
Share of profits less losses of investments accounted for using equity method					828
Profit before income tax					183,759
Income tax expense					(53,725)
Profit for the period					130,034

Other segment items included in the condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 June 2018:

	Unaudited					
	Tea leaves	Tea snacks	Tea ware	All other segments	Unallocated	Total
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	19,311	5,205	1,482	5,098	4,745	35,841
Depreciation of investment properties	–	–	–	–	304	304
Amortisation of land use rights	4,891	1,019	734	600	–	7,244
Amortisation of intangible assets	234	43	40	10	152	479
Losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	194	51	16	65	–	326

The segment assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2018 are as follows:

	Audited					
	Tea leaves	Tea snacks	Tea ware	All other segments	Unallocated	Total
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Segment assets	1,634,648	273,564	244,855	306,481	378,100	2,837,648
Segment liabilities	259,762	52,342	17,895	18,827	451,144	799,970

7 OTHER INCOME

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Government grants	8,357	7,298
Amortisation of deferred income	1,066	1,593
Income from investment properties	1,359	954
Others	719	254
	11,501	10,099

8 OTHER LOSSES – NET

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>
Losses on disposal of property, plant and equipment, net	(285)	(326)
Net foreign exchange losses	(100)	(48)
	(385)	(374)

9 FINANCE (COSTS)/INCOME – NET

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Finance income		
– Interest income on bank deposits	<u>4,072</u>	<u>5,099</u>
Total finance income	<u>4,072</u>	<u>5,099</u>
Finance costs		
– Interest expenses on bank borrowings	(7,396)	(3,721)
– Interest expenses on discounted notes receivables	(3,700)	–
– Interest expenses on lease liabilities	(3,551)	–
– Less: amounts capitalised in qualifying assets	123	66
– Net foreign exchange losses	<u>(3,902)</u>	<u>(356)</u>
Total finance costs	<u>(18,426)</u>	<u>(4,011)</u>
Net finance (costs)/income	<u>(14,354)</u>	<u>1,088</u>

10 INCOME TAX EXPENSE

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	RMB'000	RMB'000
Current income tax		
– PRC corporate income tax	49,871	47,605
Deferred income tax	<u>6,259</u>	<u>6,120</u>
Income tax expense	<u>56,130</u>	<u>53,725</u>

(i) Cayman Islands profits tax

The Company is not subject to any taxation in the Cayman Islands.

(ii) Hong Kong profits tax

For the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018, Hong Kong profits tax has not been provided for subsidiaries incorporated in Hong Kong as these subsidiaries did not have estimated assessable profit for the period.

(iii) PRC corporate income tax (“CIT”)

For the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018, CIT is provided at the rate of 25% on the assessable income of entities within the Group incorporated in mainland China.

(iv) PRC withholding income tax

According to the CIT Law, starting from 1 January 2008, a 10% withholding tax will be levied on the immediate holding companies established outside the PRC when their PRC subsidiaries declare dividends out of their profits earned after 1 January 2008. A lower withholding tax rate of 5% may be applied if there is a tax treaty arrangement between the PRC and the jurisdiction of the foreign immediate holding companies, including those incorporated in Hong Kong.

Such withholding tax is recorded under deferred income tax. During the year ended 31 December 2017, Tenfu (Hong Kong) Holdings Co., Ltd. (“Tenfu HK”), a subsidiary of the Company, acquired qualification for the lower tax rate of 5% for dividend received from its subsidiaries in mainland China. During the year ended 31 December 2018, the Company and Ten Rui (Hong Kong) Sales Holdings Co., Ltd. (“Ten Rui HK”), a subsidiary of the Company, acquired qualification for the lower tax rate of 5% for dividend received from its subsidiaries in mainland China. The Group revised its estimate of Ten Rui HK and Tenfu HK for the accrual based on 5% instead of 10% and reversed previous years’ charge to current year profit or loss. During the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Group applied the 5% withholding tax rate on its estimate of deferred income tax.

11 EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the owners of the Company by the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue during the period.

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	Unaudited	Unaudited
Profit attributable to the owners of the Company (RMB’000)	124,809	130,034
Weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (’000)	1,172,397	1,227,207
Basic earnings per share (RMB)	0.11	0.11

Diluted earnings per share for the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018 were the same as the basic earnings per share as there were no dilutive instruments during the periods.

12 DIVIDENDS

	Six months ended 30 June	
	2019	2018
	Unaudited	Unaudited
	RMB’000	RMB’000
Interim dividend declared	63,349	63,815

An interim dividend for 2019 of HKD6 cents (equivalent to RMB5.4 cents) (interim dividend for 2018: HKD6 cents (equivalent to RMB5.2 cents)) per share was declared by the Board on 20 August 2019 using RMB63,349,000 of the retained earnings (interim dividend for 2018: RMB63,815,000). This interim dividend, amounting to HKD70,388,000 (equivalent to RMB63,349,000) (interim dividend for 2018: HKD73,632,000 (equivalent to RMB63,815,000)), has not been recognised as liability in these condensed consolidated interim financial statements. It will be reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings for the year ending 31 December 2019. Similarly, the interim dividend for 2018 declared by the Board on 27 August 2018 was reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings for the year ended 31 December 2018 after 30 June 2018.

The final dividend for 2018 of HKD167,950,000 (equivalent to RMB146,329,000) and the one for 2017 of HKD171,809,000 (equivalent to RMB139,578,000) had been reflected as an appropriation of retained earnings for the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018 respectively after obtaining the approval from the shareholders at the Company's annual general meeting held on 14 May 2019 and 10 May 2018 respectively.

The dividend paid in the six months ended 30 June 2019 were RMB146,329,000 (six months ended 30 June 2018: RMB139,578,000).

13 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES AND PREPAYMENTS

(a) Trade and other receivables

	As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
Trade receivables due from third parties	<u>213,558</u>	<u>233,851</u>
Interest receivable on time deposits	<u>3,568</u>	2,053
Others	<u>5,881</u>	<u>7,874</u>
	<u>9,449</u>	<u>9,927</u>
Trade and other receivables	<u>223,007</u>	<u>243,778</u>

Most of the Group's sales are settled in cash or in bills by its customers. Credit sales are made to selected customers with good credit history with a credit term of 140 days.

The ageing analysis of the trade receivables based on invoice date is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
Up to 140 days	208,763	229,901
141 days to 6 months	1,637	1,079
6 months to 1 year	2,987	2,073
1 year to 2 years	171	760
2 years to 3 years	<u>–</u>	<u>38</u>
	<u>213,558</u>	<u>233,851</u>

As at 30 June 2019, no trade receivables were impaired and provided for (30 June 2018: nil).

(b) Prepayments

	As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
Non-current		
Prepayments for property, plant and equipment	1,399	1,989
Current		
Prepayments for lease of property and lease deposits	35,912	54,300
Prepayments to related parties	210	2,246
Prepayments for raw materials and packaging materials	6,378	5,063
Prepaid taxes	15,318	13,444
	57,818	75,053
	59,217	77,042

14 SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of authorised shares (thousands)	Number of issued shares (thousands)	Unaudited Ordinary shares (nominal value) RMB'000	Treasury shares RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	8,000,000	1,199,997	98,593	(1,735)	96,858
Repurchase of shares	–	–	–	(216,234)	(216,234)
Cancellation of shares	–	(49,774)	(4,067)	217,785	213,718
At and 30 June 2019	8,000,000	1,150,223	94,526	(184)	94,342
At 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2018	8,000,000	1,227,207	100,816	–	100,816

The Company repurchased 49,457,000 ordinary shares of its own through the Stock Exchange from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019. The total value of shares repurchased was approximately HKD248,576,000 (approximately RMB216,234,000) and has been deducted from shareholders' equity, and the actual payment made for the repurchase was HKD210,337,758 due to the dividends received by the Company for shares repurchased before ex-dividend date.

As at 30 June 2019, the Company cancelled 49,774,000 shares. After the cancellation, the Company's ordinary shares in issue were reduced from 1,199,997,460 to 1,150,223,460. The amount of share capital was deducted accordingly.

15 OTHER RESERVES

	Merger reserve RMB'000	Capital reserve RMB'000	Unaudited Statutory reserves RMB'000	Other RMB'000	Total RMB'000
At 1 January 2019	278,811	231	255,785	(125,511)	409,316
Cancellation of shares	—	—	—	(207,821)	(207,821)
At 30 June 2019	<u>278,811</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>255,785</u>	<u>(333,332)</u>	<u>201,495</u>
At 1 January 2018 and 30 June 2018	<u>278,811</u>	<u>231</u>	<u>237,246</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>516,288</u>

As at 30 June 2019, the Company cancelled 49,774,000 shares repurchased, resulted in a reduction to other reserve by RMB207,821,000 including the expenses attributable to the cancellation.

16 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
Trade payables – due to third parties	91,948	107,560
Trade payables – due to related parties	53,055	36,343
Total trade payables	<u>145,003</u>	<u>143,903</u>
Payables for property, plant and equipment	2,063	2,823
Other taxes payable	20,377	20,304
Employee benefit payables	20,949	27,817
Interest payable	817	92
Others	63,175	60,640
	<u>252,384</u>	<u>255,579</u>

The ageing analysis of trade payables (including amounts due to related parties of trading in nature) based on invoice date is as follows:

	As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
Up to 6 months	128,243	141,789
6 months to 1 year	16,042	542
1 year to 2 years	242	601
Over 2 years	476	971
	<u>145,003</u>	<u>143,903</u>

17 BORROWINGS

	As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
Long-term bank borrowing		
– Secured (i)	7,102	7,489
Less: Current portion	<u>(806)</u>	<u>(786)</u>
	<u>6,296</u>	<u>6,703</u>
Short-term bank borrowings		
– Secured (ii)	80,000	–
– Unsecured (iii)	310,000	342,302
Add: Current portion of long-term bank borrowing	<u>806</u>	<u>786</u>
	<u>390,806</u>	<u>343,088</u>
Total borrowings	<u>397,102</u>	<u>349,791</u>

- (i) The long-term bank borrowing of RMB8,946,000 represented the mortgage loan for the purchase of a store premise under construction. The borrowing bears interest at the rates quoted by People's Bank of China from time to time and requires monthly instalment of repayment up to November 2026. As at 30 June 2019, the remaining balance of the loan was RMB7,102,000.
- (ii) As at 30 June 2019, short-term bank borrowings of RMB80,000,000 (31 December 2018: nil) were secured by the pledge of time deposits of RMB80,000,000 (31 December 2018: nil) as collateral.
- (iii) As at 30 June 2019, short-term bank borrowings of RMB260,000,000 (31 December 2018: RMB172,302,000) were guaranteed by Mr. Lee Rie-Ho, Mr. Lee Chia Ling and Mr. Lee Kuo-Lin, all of them are directors of the Company, either separately or jointly.

The Group had the following undrawn borrowing facilities:

	As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
Fixed rate:		
– expiring within one year (bank borrowings)	399,362	110,647
– expiring over one year and within three years (bank borrowings)	<u>40,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>439,362</u>	<u>120,647</u>

18 CONTRACT LIABILITIES

	As at 30 June 2019 Unaudited RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 Audited RMB'000
Advances from customers	60,704	61,952
Customer loyalty programme	<u>15,445</u>	<u>15,653</u>
	<u>76,149</u>	<u>77,605</u>

The Group operates a loyalty programme where customers accumulate reward points for purchases made and the points would entitle them to redeem products of the Group in the future. Accordingly certain portion of the revenue from sale transaction is required to be deferred. Revenue from the reward points is recognised when the points are redeemed. Unused reward points will expire after one year.

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

BUSINESS REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

In the first half of 2019, the Group achieved revenue of RMB839.8 million, up 2.5% from the corresponding period in 2018, and recorded profit for the period of RMB124.8 million, down 4.0% from the corresponding period in 2018. The increase in the Group's revenue for the period was attributable mainly to an upturn of China's consumption market and a change in product structure to increase the sales of high margin products.

In the first half of 2019, the macro economy recovered in the PRC and the consumer market got an upward trend. Under this environment, the Group is still maintaining its market position, pursuing further development and adjusting its marketing strategies to protect and expand its market share, and achieved good performance in results.

- 1. Leading brand position.** Being ranked first among 2017 China's Top 100 tea industry enterprises in terms of comprehensive strength, the "Tenfu" (天福) brand has one of the highest levels of brand awareness amongst tea product consumers in the PRC. With its high level of brand awareness and more than 25 years of presence in the market, as well as its diversified product range, the Group believes that it is in a good position to continue to occupy a large market share of branded traditional Chinese tea leaves and wait for the market re-bounce.
- 2. Adjusting and optimising sales network.** The Group has continued adjusting retail outlets and retail points with a view to optimising the reach of its sales network for its tea products in the PRC. As at 30 June 2019, the Group had a total of 1,113 self-owned and third-party owned retail outlets and retail points, down a net of 7 retail stores and retail points from a total of 1,120 as at 31 December 2018.
- 3. Adjustment in each tea product category and development of diversified product lines.** In the first half of 2019, the Group adjusted its tea product categories, increasing the sales percentage of middle- and higher-ended products to meet Chinese consumers' need. Additionally, the Group established cooperation with Kinmen Kaoliang Liquor Inc. of Taiwan to sell the sorghum liquor with double brands, i.e. Tenfu and KKL in the PRC from mid of 2019.

In addition, the successful initial public offering on the main board of the Stock Exchange on 26 September 2011 (the “**Listing**”) provided the Company with a fully-integrated financial platform to support its future development. The Company raised net proceeds of RMB933.3 million from the Listing. The table below sets out the Company’s planned use of the net proceeds at the time of Listing and its use of such net proceeds as at 30 June 2019:

	Planned use of net proceeds at the Listing		Net proceeds used as at 30 June 2019		Remaining balance as at 30 June 2019		Expected time of full utilisation of remaining balance
	Amount *	Percentage *	Amount *	Percentage *	Amount *	Percentage *	
	(million RMB)	(%)	(million RMB)	(%)	(million RMB)	(%)	
Expand and optimize network of self-owned retail outlets and retail points	373.3	40.0	270.3	29.0	103.0	11.0	By 31 December 2024
Acquire store premises for self-owned retail outlets	233.3	25.0	233.3	25.0	0	0	–
Working capital and other general corporate purposes	93.3	10.0	93.3	10.0	0	0	–
Maintain and promote brands	140.0	15.0	111.3	11.9	28.7	3.1	By 31 December 2022
Expand production capacity	93.3	10.0	93.3	10.0	0	0	–
Total	<u>933.3</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>801.6</u>	<u>85.9</u>	<u>131.7</u>	<u>14.1</u>	

* Each of the figures is rounded up to one decimal place and may not add up due to rounding.

In the second half of 2019, with the recovery of the macro economy in the PRC, the Group plans to keep its market share, continue with its expansion, optimise its network of self-owned and third-party owned retail outlets and retail points. In particular, the Group plans to:

- 1. Continue to adjust and optimise its retail sales network.** The Group will further adjust retail outlets and retail points, including both self-owned and third-party owned retail outlets and retail points, according to the economic development of the PRC. As part of this goal, the Group plans to establish new retail outlets on high-traffic streets in the central business districts of selected cities, as well as retail points in popular shopping malls. In addition, the Group plans to continue to strengthen its business relationships with major department stores and hypermarkets by entering into further cooperation agreements to expand the circulation of its tea products. To capture more customers who prefer to buy their tea products on-line, the Group continues to promote internet sales through its subsidiary, namely, Xiamen Tianyu Commerce and Trading Co., Limited (廈門天鈺商貿有限公司). The Group will continue to monitor other opportunities for multi-channel sales and distribution network, which enables the Group to access a broad market audience and penetrate into different regions in the PRC, and continue to rapidly expand their sales.

2. **Continue to enhance brand reputation and consumer awareness.** The Group plans to maintain and promote its high level of brand awareness through targeted marketing and promotional activities. The Group will devote further efforts to promote its products and brands during major traditional Chinese festivals, and continue opening tea cultural flagship stores in order to maintain and promote the well-known “Tenfu” (天福) brand. The Group also plans to continue the promotion of an enhanced rewards program for its customers in order to encourage repeating business and increase customer loyalty.
3. **Continue to develop new concepts for tea-related products.** The Group believes that a broad portfolio of products will help it maintain its leading brand awareness and keep pace with constantly changing consumer preferences and trends. To this end, the Group plans to develop and introduce new concepts for tea-related products and expand its product portfolio. Xiamen Tianqia Catering Management Co., Limited (廈門天洽餐飲管理有限公司), a subsidiary of the Group, offers the tea drink (including milk tea) with the trademark of “放牛斑”. Xiamen Daily Plus Food Beverage Management Co., Ltd. (廈門天天佳盈餐飲管理有限公司), a joint venture company with Ten Ren Tea (Hong Kong) Limited (天仁茶業股份有限公司), further developed the tea drink business with the trademark of “喫茶趣 TO GO”. The Group cooperated with Caffaina Coffee Gallery, a Taiwan dessert and coffee restaurant brand, to open a restaurant in Shanghai, namely, Shanghai Caffaina Coffee Gallery. The Group will further monitor the opportunity and expand its market share in other tea products once available.
4. **Expand production capacity through the increase of the number of processing facilities.** The Group plans to cater for future growth and anticipated increases in the demand for tea and tea-related products by expanding production capacity when suitable acquisition opportunities arise or suitable construction sites can be acquired. The Group has production facilities strategically located in different parts of China, which would achieve optimisation in procurement costs.
5. **Quality control.** The Group considers product quality control to be essential to its operations, and places particular emphasis on inspecting and controlling the quality of raw materials in its supply chain. The Group will continue its commitment to quality assurance going forward by further enhancing its internal testing capabilities. In October 2015, the Group got the qualification certification for its egg roll and candy production line and related auxiliary areas, reaching the consolidated standards for prerequisite and food safety programs of American Institute of Baking. Tea mooncakes of the Group have obtained the titles of “high quality mooncakes” and “China mooncakes” of China Mooncakes Culture Festival since 2012 for eight consecutive years.

Looking forward, the Group’s primary goal is to continue growing its business and increasing its market share by leveraging on its strong market position and sales network and the anticipated long-term growth in the PRC tea market.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Revenue

During the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Group was engaged in the sales and marketing of a comprehensive range of tea products and the development of product concepts, tastes and packaging designs. The Group has manufacturing plants in Fujian province, Sichuan province, Zhejiang province and Guizhou Province, the PRC. The Group's key products are tea leaves, tea snacks and tea ware, which it sells through a nationwide network of self-owned and third-party owned retail outlets and retail points.

During the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Group derived substantially all of its revenue from the sales of tea leaves, tea ware and tea snacks. The revenue of the Group increased by 2.5% from RMB818.9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB839.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019. The following table sets forth a breakdown of revenue by product category for the periods indicated:

	Six months ended 30 June			
	2019		2018	
	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>RMB'000</i>	<i>%</i>
Revenue contributed from:				
Sales of tea leaves	583,989	69.5	572,104	69.9
Sales of tea snacks	108,035	12.9	107,624	13.1
Sales of tea ware	104,221	12.4	97,323	11.9
Others ⁽¹⁾	43,529	5.2	41,890	5.1
Total	839,774	100.0	818,941	100.0

Note:

(1) "Others" include revenue from restaurants, hotels, tourists, management services and catering management, beverage production and sales of pre-packaged food. The Group derived its revenue from these operations through the provision of accommodation, food and beverages and other ancillary services and ticket sales from its tea museums.

Revenue from sales of the Group's tea leaves increased by 2.1% from RMB572.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB584.0 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019. Revenue from sales of the Group's tea snacks increased by 0.4% from RMB107.6 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB108.0million for the six months ended 30 June 2019. Revenue from sales of the Group's tea ware increased by 7.1% from RMB97.3 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB104.2million for the six months ended 30 June 2019. The increase in revenue across all three product categories were mainly due to the overall economic development trend, an upturn of consumer market, a change in product structure and a success in sales promotion.

As at 30 June 2019, the Group had approximately 266 self-owned retail outlets and 200 wholesalers throughout Mainland China accounted for approximately 52% and 43% of the total revenue respectively, compared with approximately 278 self-owned retail outlets and 200 wholesalers as at 31 December 2018.

Cost of sales

Cost of sales of the Group primarily comprises costs of inventory (mainly including costs of raw materials) and labour costs. Cost of sales of the Group increased by 2.3% from RMB318.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB325.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, primarily due to an increase in sales.

Gross profit and gross profit margin

As a result of cost control and sales promotion, gross profit of the Group increased by 2.7% from RMB500.9 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB514.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, with gross profit margin increasing from 61.2% for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to 61.3% for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

Distribution costs

The distribution costs of the Group decreased by 2.0% from RMB216.6 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB212.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019. The decrease of distribution costs was primarily due to optimisation of self-owned retail outlets.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses for the Group increased by 6.6% from RMB112.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB119.6 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019. The increase was primarily due to an increase of labour costs.

Other income

Other income of the Group increased by 13.9% from RMB10.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB11.5 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019. The increase was primarily due to an increase in the PRC government grants which were recognised as income immediately.

Other gains – net

Other gains of the Group was RMB0.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, which was approximately the same for the six months ended 30 June 2018.

Finance income

Finance income of the Group decreased from RMB5.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB4.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, primarily due to a decrease in interest income.

Finance costs

Finance costs of the Group increased by 360.0% from RMB4.0 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB18.4 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, primarily due to an increase in interest expenses on bank borrowings and foreign exchange losses.

Share of profits less losses of investments accounted for using equity method

Share of profits less losses of investments accounted for using equity method of the Group was a net profit amounting to RMB1.7 million and a net profit amounting to RMB0.8 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019 and 2018, respectively.

Income tax expense

Income tax expense of the Group increased by 4.5% from RMB53.7 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB56.1 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019, primarily due to an increase in the Group's accrual of withholding taxes due to the distribution percentage change of shareholder dividend by subsidiaries.

Profit for the period

As a result of the foregoing factors, profit of the Group, all of which was attributable to the owners of the Company, decreased by RMB5.2 million, or 4.0%, from RMB130.0 million for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to RMB124.8million for the six months ended 30 June 2019. Net profit margin of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2019 decreased correspondingly from 15.9% for the six months ended 30 June 2018 to 14.9%.

Liquidity and capital resources

Cash position

The operations of the Group are capital intensive, and its liquidity requirements arise principally from the need for working capital to finance its operations and expansions. The Group has historically met its working capital and other capital requirements principally from cash generated from its operations, bank borrowings and capital contributions by its shareholders.

The Group's cash and cash equivalents decreased by RMB403.9 million, or 60.6%, from RMB666.8 million as at 31 December 2018 to RMB262.9 million as at 30 June 2019, primarily due to repurchasing of shares of the Company and dividends paid to the owners of the Company.

The Group had net cash inflow from operating activities of RMB146.7 million, net cash outflow from investing activities of RMB133.5 million and net cash outflow from financing activities of RMB413.2 million for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

Bank borrowings and gearing ratio

The Group had total bank borrowings of RMB397.1 million as at 30 June 2019 compared to RMB349.8 million as at 31 December 2018. As at 30 June 2019, the weighted average effective interest rate of the Group's bank borrowings was 4.4%, and 100% of the Group's bank borrowings were denominated in RMB.

The long-term bank borrowing of RMB8,946,000 represented the mortgage loan for the purchase of a store premise under construction. The borrowing bears interest at the rates quoted by People's Bank of China from time to time and requires monthly instalment of repayment up to November 2026. As at 30 June 2019, short-term bank borrowings of RMB260,000,000 (31 December 2018: RMB172,302,000) were guaranteed by Mr. Lee Rie-Ho, Mr. Lee Chia Ling and Mr. Lee Kuo-Lin, all of them are the Directors, either separately or jointly. As at 30 June 2019, short-term bank borrowings of RMB80,000,000 (31 December 2018: nil) were secured by the pledge of time deposits of RMB80,000,000 (31 December 2018: nil) as collateral.

The Directors are of the view that the guarantee of bank borrowings of RMB260 million as at 30 June 2019 by Mr. Lee Rie-Ho, Mr. Lee Chia Ling and Mr. Lee Kuo-Lin, being a form of financial assistance (as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the "**Listing Rules**") on the Stock Exchange) for the benefit of the Group, was on normal commercial terms where no security over the assets of the Group was granted in respect of such financial assistance provided by Mr. Lee Rie-Ho, Mr. Lee Chia Ling and Mr. Lee Kuo-Lin. Accordingly, such guarantee is exempt from all reporting, announcement and independent shareholders' approval requirements pursuant to Rule 14A.90 of the Listing Rules.

The Group regularly monitors its gearing ratio, which represents total debt as a percentage of total capital. Total debt is calculated as total borrowings and total lease liabilities. Total capital is calculated as total equity plus total debt. As at 30 June 2019, the gearing ratio of the Group was 23.0%, compared to 14.7% as at 31 December 2018. The increase during the first half of 2019 was primarily due to an increase in total borrowings and the inclusion of total lease liabilities in the total debt pursuant to the latest accounting principles.

Working capital

	As at 30 June 2019 RMB'000	As at 31 December 2018 RMB'000
Trade and other receivables	223,007	243,778
Trade and other payables	252,384	255,579
Inventories	689,694	648,687
Trade receivables turnover days ⁽¹⁾	91	96
Trade payables turnover days ⁽²⁾	80	72
Inventories turnover days ⁽³⁾	370	330

Notes:

- (1) *Trade receivables turnover days = the average of the beginning and ending trade receivables balances for the period, divided by revenue from wholesales to third-party retailers plus sales from the Group's self-owned retail points located in hypermarkets and department stores and sales through other sales channels mainly representing wholesales to other end customers for the period, multiplied by the number of days in the period.*
- (2) *Trade payables turnover days = the average of the beginning and ending trade payables balances for the period, divided by cost of sales for the period, multiplied by the number of days in the period.*
- (3) *Inventories turnover days = the average of the beginning and ending inventory balances for the period, divided by the cost of sales for the period, multiplied by the number of days in the period.*

The Group's trade and other receivables represent primarily balances due from third-party retailers. The Group's trade and other receivables decreased by RMB20.8 million from RMB243.8 million as at 31 December 2018 to RMB223.0 million as at 30 June 2019, primarily due to a decrease of trade receivables from the third parties.

The Group's trade and other payables principally comprise payables to its raw material suppliers, employee benefit payables, other taxes payable, accrued operating expenses and advances from customers. The Group's trade and other payables decreased from RMB255.6 million as at 31 December 2018 to RMB252.4 million as at 30 June 2019, primarily due to the payment arrangement.

The Group's inventories comprise raw materials (including packaging materials), work-in-progress and finished goods. The Group's inventories increased from RMB648.7 million as at 31 December 2018 to RMB689.7 million as at 30 June 2019, because of an increase in purchase volume.

As at 30 June 2019, the Group has sufficient working capital and financial resources to support for its regular operations.

Foreign exchange risk

The Group's normal operating activities are principally conducted in RMB, since all of its operating subsidiaries are based in the PRC. As at 30 June 2019, most of the operating entities' revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities were denominated in RMB. The Group's foreign exchange risk mainly arises from the portion of its sales and purchases of products denominated in USD and financing activities denominated in USD and HKD. The Directors are of the view that the Group does not have significant foreign currency risk.

Any future depreciation of RMB could adversely affect the value of any dividends the Group pays to its shareholders. There are limited hedging instruments available in the PRC to reduce our exposure to exchange rate fluctuations between the RMB and other currencies. The Group currently does not engage in hedging activities designed or intended to manage such exchange rate risk.

Contingent liabilities

The Group had no material contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2019.

EMPLOYEE AND REMUNERATION POLICY

As at 30 June 2019, the Group had a total of 4,098 employees with 4,094 employees based in the PRC and 4 employees based in Hong Kong. For the six months ended 30 June 2019, the labour cost of the Group was RMB158.7 million.

The Group's employee remuneration policy is determined by reference to factors such as remuneration in respect of the local market, the overall remuneration standard in the industry, inflation level, corporate operating efficiency and employee performance. The Group conducts performance appraisal once every year for its employees, the results of which are applied in annual salary review and promotional assessment. The Group's employees are considered for annual bonuses according to certain performance criteria and appraisal results. Social insurance contributions are made by the Group for its PRC employees in accordance with the relevant PRC regulations.

The Group also provides continuous learning and training programs to its employees to enhance their skills and knowledge, so as to maintain their competitiveness and improve customer service. The Group did not experience any major difficulties in recruitment, nor did it experience any material loss in manpower or any material labour dispute during the six months ended 30 June 2019.

The Company adopted a share option scheme on 17 December 2010. During the years ended 31 December 2010 and 2011, no share options were granted. Subsequently, the Company granted share options to subscribe for an aggregate of 7,046,000 shares on 6 January 2012 to certain Directors, employees and independent third party distributors of the Group and an aggregate of 1,307,000 shares options on 12 January 2012 to certain Directors. On 18 March 2013, the Company granted share options to certain Directors, employees and independent third party distributors of the Group to subscribe for an aggregate of 8,353,000 shares. These share options vest in tranches over a period of up to 3 years. During the three years ended 31 December 2014, 2015 and 2016, no share options were granted. During the year ended 31 December 2015, 8,133,000 and 61,000 share options were lapsed due to unfulfillment of vesting conditions, i.e., unrealisation of performance targets set out for the three years ended 31 December 2014 and the resignation of the employees, respectively, and none of the share options were exercised by the grantees, or cancelled by the Company during the year ended 31 December 2015. During the year ended 31 December 2016, 8,191,000 and 10,000 share options were lapsed due to unfulfilment of vesting conditions, i.e., unrealisation of performance targets set out for the three years ended on 31 December 2015 and the resignation of the employees, respectively, and none of the share options were exercised by the grantees, or cancelled by the Company during the year ended 31 December 2016. During the two years ended 31 December 2017 and 2018 and the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Company did not grant any options to subscribe for shares of the Company (the “Shares”). The Company has no outstanding share options as at 30 June 2019.

OTHER INFORMATION

Purchase, Sales or Redemption of Shares

During the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Company repurchased a total of 49,457,000 Shares on the Stock Exchange at an aggregate consideration of HKD247,813,560. 49,174,000 Shares and 600,000 Shares repurchased were cancelled on 22 May 2019 and 24 June 2019, respectively.

Details of the Share repurchases during the six months ended 30 June 2019 are as follows:

Month	Total number of Shares repurchased	Purchase price paid per Share		
		Highest HKD	Lowest HKD	Aggregate consideration HKD
2019				
January	683,000	5.62	5.19	3,727,850
March	23,000	5.22	5.12	119,430
April	387,000	5.29	5.15	2,019,860
May	48,275,000	5.30	4.99	241,492,380
June	89,000	5.15	5.05	454,040
	<u>49,457,000</u>			<u>247,813,560</u>

The Board considers that the current trading price of the Shares does not reflect their intrinsic value. The Board believes that the share repurchases reflected the Company's confidence in its long-term business prospects and would ultimately benefit the Company and create value for the shareholders (the “**Shareholders**”) of the Company. The Board also believes that the Company's strong financial position will enable it to conduct the share repurchases while maintaining a solid financial position for the continuation of the Company's business and growth in the current financial year.

Save as disclosed above, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries had purchased, sold or redeemed any of the listed securities of the Company during the six months ended 30 June 2019.

Corporate Governance

The Company is committed to the establishment of stringent corporate governance practices and procedures with a view to enhancing investor confidence and the Company's accountability and transparency. The Company strives to maintain a high standard of corporate governance. For the six months ended 30 June 2019, the Company has complied with the code provisions included in the Corporate Governance Code (the “**CG Code**”) as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules and there has been no deviation from the code provisions as set forth under the CG Code for the six months ended 30 June 2019.

Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors

The Board has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers (the “**Model Code**”) as set out in Appendix 10 of the Listing Rules as the code for dealings in securities transactions by the Directors. Specific enquiries have been made with all Directors and they have confirmed their compliance with the required standard set out in the Model Code throughout the six months ended 30 June 2019.

Interim Dividend

At the Board meeting held on 20 August 2019, it was resolved that an interim dividend of HKD0.06 (equivalent to RMB0.054) per share (2018 interim dividend: HKD0.06 (equivalent to RMB0.052) per share) be paid on or around 26 September 2019 to the Shareholders whose names appear on the Company's register of members on 10 September 2019. The total amount of the dividend to be paid is approximately 50% of the consolidated after tax net profit of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2019, which is similar to the basis of dividend paid for the same period last year.

Closure of Register of Members

For determining the entitlement to the interim dividend, the register of members of the Company will be closed from 6 September 2019 to 10 September 2019, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares of the Company will be registered. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfers of shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, located at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on 5 September 2019.

Review of Accounts

The audit committee of the Company (the “**Audit Committee**”) comprises the three independent non-executive Directors and one non-executive Director. The Audit Committee and the Company’s management have reviewed the accounting principles and practices adopted by the Group, and discussed risk management, internal control and financial reporting matters including review of the unaudited interim results of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2019. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Group for the six months ended 30 June 2019 have also been reviewed by PricewaterhouseCoopers, the external auditor of the Company, in accordance with Hong Kong Standard on Review Engagement 2410 “Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity” issued by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Publication of Interim Report

This interim results announcement is published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (<http://www.hkexnews.hk>) and the Company (<http://www.tenfu.com>). The interim report of the Company for the six months ended 30 June 2019 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be despatched to the Shareholders and made available for review on the aforesaid websites in due course.

By order of the Board
Tenfu (Cayman) Holdings Company Limited
Lee Chia Ling
Director

Hong Kong, 20 August 2019

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises nine members, of which Mr. Lee Rie-Ho, Mr. Lee Shih-Wei, Mr. Lee Chia Ling and Mr. Lee Kuo-Lin are the executive Directors; Mr. Tseng Ming-Sung and Ms. Li Jie are the non-executive Directors; and Mr. Lo Wah Wai, Mr. Lee Kwan Hung, Eddie and Mr. Fan Ren Da, Anthony are the independent non-executive Directors.