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

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 1317)

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (the "AGM") of China Maple Leaf Educational Systems Limited (the "Company") will be held at Falcon Room I, Basement, Gloucester Luk Kwok Hong Kong, 72 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 22 January 2020 at 9:00 a.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and the reports of the directors and auditors for the year ended 31 August 2019.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of HK\$5.6 cents per share for the year ended 31 August 2019.
- 3. To consider and approve, each as a separate resolution, if thought fit, the following resolutions:
  - (a) To re-elect Mr. Shu Liang Sherman Jen as Executive Director.
  - (b) To re-elect Mr. Howard Robert Balloch as Non-executive Director.
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Peter Humphrey Owen as Independent Non-executive Director.
  - (d) To re-elect Mr. Alan Shaver as Independent Non-executive Director.
  - (e) To authorize the board of Directors (the "Board") to fix the respective Directors' remuneration.

<sup>\*</sup> For identification purposes only.

- 4. To re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the auditors and to authorize the Board to fix their remuneration.
- 5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

## "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph 5(b) below, a general mandate be and is hereby generally and unconditionally given to the directors of the Company to exercise during the Relevant Period (as defined below) all the powers of the Company to repurchase its shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and recognized by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations including the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange ("Listing Rules") or of any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed as amended from time to time;
- (b) the total number of shares of the Company to be repurchased pursuant to the mandate in paragraph 5(a) above shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares is conducted, the maximum number of shares that may be repurchased under the mandate in paragraph 5(a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution:
  - "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
  - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting."

6. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

## "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph 6(c) below, a general mandate be and is hereby generally and unconditionally given to the directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as defined below) to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers;
- (b) the mandate in paragraph 6(a) above shall authorize the directors of the Company to make or grant offers, agreements and options during the Relevant Period which would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the aggregate number of shares allotted and issued or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the directors pursuant to the mandate in paragraph 6(a) above, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below);
  - (ii) the exercise of options under a share option scheme of the Company; and
  - (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company,

shall not exceed 20% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and if any subsequent consolidation or subdivision of shares is conducted, the maximum number of shares that may be issued under the mandate in paragraph 6(a) above as a percentage of the total number of issued shares at the date immediately before and after such consolidation or subdivision shall be the same; and

(d) for the purposes of this resolution:

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

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the articles of association of the Company or any applicable laws to be held; and
- (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the directors to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange)."

7. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"THAT conditional upon the passing of the resolutions set out in items 5 and 6 of the notice convening this meeting (the "Notice"), the general mandate referred to in the resolution set out in item 6 of the Notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to the aggregate number of shares which may be allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued by the directors pursuant to such general mandate of the number of shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the mandate referred to in resolution set out in item 5 of the Notice, provided that such number of shares shall not exceed 10% of the total number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution."

By Order of the Board China Maple Leaf Educational Systems Limited Shu Liang Sherman Jen

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, 18 December 2019

Notes:

- 1. All resolutions at the meeting will be taken by poll (except where the chairman decides to allow a resolution relating to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands) pursuant to the Listing Rules. The results of the poll will be published on the websites of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited and the Company in accordance with the Listing Rules.
- 2. Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. If more than one proxy is appointed, the number of shares in respect of which each such proxy so appointed must be specified in the relevant form of proxy. Every shareholder present in person or by proxy shall be entitled to one vote for each share held by him.
- 3. In order to be valid, the form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authority, if any, under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the above meeting or the adjourned meeting thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude a shareholder of the Company from attending and voting in person at the meeting and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

- 4. For determining the entitlement to attend and vote at the above meeting, the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 16 January 2020 to Wednesday, 22 January 2020, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the AGM, unregistered holders of shares of the Company shall ensure that all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 15 January 2020.
- 5. For determining the entitlement to the proposed final dividend (subject to approval by the shareholders at the AGM), the Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 4 February 2020 to Wednesday, 5 February 2020, both dates inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend, unregistered holders of shares of the Company shall ensure that all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Investor Services Limited, at Level 54, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 3 February 2020.
- 6. A circular containing further details concerning items 3, 5, 6 and 7 set out in the above notice will be sent to all shareholders of the Company together with the 2019 Annual Report.

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 Non-executive Director; and Mr. Peter Humphrey Owen, Mr. Alan Shaver and Mr. Lap Tat Arthur Wong as Independent Non-executive Directors.