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Unless otherwise defined in this announcement, capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Prospectus.

In connection with the Global Offering, Merrill Lynch (Asia Pacific) Limited through its affiliates as stabilizing manager (the “Stabilizing Manager”), its affiliates or any person acting for it, on behalf of the Underwriters, may effect transactions with a view to stabilizing or supporting the market price of the Class A ordinary shares at a level higher than that which might otherwise prevail for a limited period on and after the Listing Date. However, there is no obligation on the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it, to conduct any such stabilizing action, which, if commenced, will be done at the sole and absolute discretion of the Stabilizing Manager, its affiliates or any person acting for it, and may be discontinued at any time. Any such stabilizing activity is required to be brought to an end on the 30th day after the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. Such stabilization action, if taken, may be effected in all jurisdictions where it is permissible to do so, in each case in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulatory requirements, including the Securities and Futures (Price Stabilizing) Rules (Cap. 571W of the Laws of Hong Kong), as amended, made under the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Potential investors should be aware that stabilizing action cannot be taken to support the price of the Shares for longer than the stabilization period which begins on the Listing Date and is expected to expire on April 16, 2021, being the 30th day after the last day for the lodging of applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. After this date, no further stabilizing action may be taken, demand for the Shares, and therefore the price of the Shares, could fall.

The Company is controlled through weighted voting rights. Prospective investors should be aware of the potential risks of investing in a company with a WVR structure, in particular that the WVR beneficiary, whose interests may not necessarily be aligned with those of our Shareholders as a whole, will be in a position to exert significant influence over the outcome of Shareholders’ resolutions, irrespective of how other Shareholders vote. For further information about the risks associated with our WVR structure, please refer to the section headed “Risk Factors — Risks Related to Our Shares, ADSs and the Listing” of the Prospectus. Prospective investors should make the decision to invest in the Company only after due and careful consideration.



Baidu, Inc.

百度集團股份有限公司

(A company controlled through weighted voting rights and incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 9888)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFER PRICE

We are pleased to announce that the final offer prices for both the International Offering and the Hong Kong Public Offering (the “**Offer Price**”) have been set at HK\$252.00 per Offer Share. Subject to approval from the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the Class A ordinary shares of the Company are expected to begin trading on the Main Board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on March 23, 2021 under the stock code “9888”.

The gross proceeds to the Company from the Global Offering, before deducting underwriting fees and the offering expenses, are expected to be approximately HK\$23,940.0 million (assuming the Over-allotment Option is not exercised). In addition, we have granted the Over-allotment Option to the International Underwriters, exercisable by the Joint Representatives (for themselves and on behalf of the International Underwriters), at any time from the date of the International Underwriting Agreement to Friday, April 16, 2021, being the 30th day after the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering, to require us to allot and issue up to an aggregate of 14,250,000 additional Offer Shares, representing not more than 15% of the total number of Offer Shares initially available under the Global Offering, at the International Offer Price under the International Offering to, among other things, cover the over-allocations in the International Offering.

We plan to use the net proceeds from the Global Offering for (i) continued investment in technology and enhance commercialization of our innovations centered around AI; (ii) further growing Baidu Mobile Ecosystem and enhancing and diversifying monetization; and (iii) general corporate purposes.

We will make a further announcement regarding the net proceeds from the Global Offering, the level of indications of interest in the International Offering, the level of applications of the Hong Kong Public Offering and the basis of allocation of the Hong Kong Offer Shares on or before Monday, March 22, 2021.

By order of the Board
Baidu, Inc.
Robin Yanhong Li
*Chairman of the Board
and Chief Executive Officer*

Hong Kong, March 17, 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the board of directors of the Company comprises Mr. Robin Yanhong Li as director, and Mr. James Ding, Mr. Brent Callinicos, Mr. Yuanqing Yang and Mr. Jixun Foo as independent directors.