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# CHINA WAN TONG YUAN (HOLDINGS) LIMITED 中國萬桐園(控股)有限公司

 $({\it Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability})$ 

(Stock code: 6966)

## (1) PROPOSED GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE;

- (2) RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS; AND
- (3) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Capitalised terms used in this cover page have the same meanings as defined in this circular.

#### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES FOR THE AGM

To safeguard the health and safety of the Shareholders and to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic, the following precautionary measures will be implemented at the AGM:

- Compulsory temperature checks;
- Compulsory wearing of surgical face masks; and
- No provision of refreshments and/or souvenirs.

Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures may be denied entry to the AGM venue. The Company would like to encourage Shareholders to consider appointing the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the AGM as an alternative to attending the AGM in person.

A notice convening the annual general meeting ("AGM") of the Company to be held at Unit 3508, 35/F, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 24 June 2021 at 11:30 a.m. is set out on pages 18 to 23 of this circular.

A form of proxy for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the AGM in person, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should you so desire.

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### **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"AGM"	the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened and held at Unit 3508, 35/F, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 24 June 2021 at 11:30 a.m.
"AGM Notice"	the notice convening the AGM as set out on pages 18 to 23 of this circular
"Articles of Association"	the memorandum and articles of association of the Company currently in force, as amended from time to time
"associate(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Board"	the board of Directors
"close associate(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Company"	China Wan Tong Yuan (Holdings) Limited (中國萬桐園(控股)有限公司), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange (stock code: 6966)
"core connected person(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"Director(s)"	the director(s) of the Company
"Group"	the Company and its subsidiaries
"Hong Kong"	the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
"Issue Mandate"	a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the AGM to exercise all power of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution in relation thereto
"Latest Practicable Date"	14 May 2021, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained herein

#### **DEFINITIONS**

"Repurchase Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to

the Directors at the AGM to exercise all powers of the Company to repurchase Shares of not exceeding 10% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of

the ordinary resolution in relation thereto

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of

Hong Kong), as amended and supplemented from time to time

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of US\$0.01 each in the share capital of the

Company

"Shareholder(s)" the holder(s) of the Share(s)

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"substantial has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules

shareholder(s)"

"Takeovers Code" The Codes on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs

"the Listing Rules" The Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Main Board

of the Stock Exchange

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"US\$" United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of

America

"%" per cent



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Ms. Zhao Ying (Chairman)

Executive Directors:
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Ms. Wang Wei
Mr. Huang Peikun

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25 May 2021

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

# (1) PROPOSED GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE;

- (2) RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS; AND
- (3) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### INTRODUCTION

As disclosed in the circular of the Company dated 29 May 2020 and the poll results announcement of the annual general meeting held on 22 June 2020, resolutions were passed by the then Shareholders granting the general and unconditional mandates to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to:

(a) allot, issue and deal with Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution in relation thereto;

- (b) repurchase Shares of not exceeding 10% of the total number of issued Shares at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution in relation thereto; and
- (c) add to the general mandate to issue Shares the number of Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the repurchase mandate set out in paragraph (b) above.

The above general mandates will expire at the conclusion of the AGM.

Pursuant to Article 108 of the Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years, and each retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.

The purpose of this circular is to: (i) provide you with details of the proposed Issue Mandate and the proposed Repurchase Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate by adding to it the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; (ii) set out an explanatory statement regarding the Repurchase Mandate; (iii) furnish you with details of the proposed re-election of Directors; and (iv) give you the AGM Notice.

#### PROPOSED ISSUE MANDATE

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the Directors new general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares of not exceeding 20% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of the AGM. In addition, a separate ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to add to the Issue Mandate those Shares repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate (if so granted to the Directors at the AGM).

The Issue Mandate allows the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with new Shares only during the period ending on the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the date by which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; or (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders at a general meeting of the Company (the "Relevant Period").

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,000,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Issue Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased prior to the date of the AGM, the Directors would be authorised to allot, issue and otherwise deal with a maximum of 200,000,000 new Shares under the Issue Mandate, representing 20% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution in relation thereof.

#### PROPOSED REPURCHASE MANDATE

At the AGM, an ordinary resolution will be proposed to grant to the Directors new general and unconditional mandate to repurchase Shares of not exceeding 10% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of the AGM. The Repurchase Mandate allows the Company to make purchases of Shares only during the Relevant Period.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,000,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are allotted and issued or repurchased prior to the date of the AGM, the Company would be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 100,000,000 Shares under the Repurchase Mandate, representing 10% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the ordinary resolution in relation thereto.

An explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules is set out in Appendix I to this circular to provide the requisite information regarding the Repurchase Mandate to the Shareholders to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate.

#### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with Article 108(a) of the Articles of Association, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not three or a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third), shall retire from office by rotation provided that every Director (including those appointed for a specific term) shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. A retiring Director shall be eligible for re-election.

In accordance with Article 112 of the Articles of Association, any Director appointed by the Board as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office only until the next following annual general meeting of the Company and shall then be eligible for re-election.

In accordance with Article 108 of the Articles of Association, Ms. Zhao Ying and Dr. Wong Wing Kuen, Albert will retire from office as Directors by rotation and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election as Directors at the AGM.

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 29 March 2021 in relation to the appointments of Ms. Wang Wei and Mr. Huang Peikun as executive Directors with effect from 29 March 2021. In accordance with Article 112 of the Articles of Association, Ms. Wang Wei and Mr. Huang Peikun will hold office only until the AGM and shall be eligible for re-election thereat.

Biographical details of the above Directors who are subject to re-election at the AGM are set out in Appendix II to this circular in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules.

Save as disclosed above and in Appendix II in relation to the Directors, there is no other matters that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders regarding their re-election.

#### **AGM**

A notice convening the AGM to be held at Unit 3508, 35/F, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 24 June 2021 at 11:30 a.m. is set out on pages 18 to 23 of this circular. At the AGM, resolutions will be proposed to approve, *inter alia*, (i) the granting of the Issue Mandate and Repurchase Mandate and the extension of the Issue Mandate by the addition thereto of the number of Shares repurchased pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate; and (ii) the proposed re-election of Directors.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, any vote of Shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll except where the chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Therefore, all the resolutions proposed at the AGM will be voted on by way of poll. Announcement will be made by the Company after the AGM on the poll results of the AGM in accordance with the Listing Rules.

A form of proxy for use by Shareholders at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. Whether or not you intend to attend and vote at the AGM in person, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting in person at the AGM or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should you so desire and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

#### **CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 21 June 2021 to Thursday, 24 June 2021, both dates inclusive. During such period, no share transfers will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the AGM, all transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 18 June 2021.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the granting of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate and the proposed re-election of Directors referred to in this circular are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders as a whole. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the AGM and as set out in the AGM Notice.

#### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

By order of the Board
China Wan Tong Yuan (Holdings) Limited
Zhao Ying
Chairman

The following is an explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to provide the Shareholders with requisite information reasonably necessary for them to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the ordinary resolution to be proposed at the AGM in relation to the granting of the Repurchase Mandate.

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the issued share capital of the Company comprised 1,000,000,000 Shares. Subject to the passing of the relevant resolution to approve the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued and allotted or repurchased between the Latest Practicable Date and the date of the AGM, the Company will be allowed under the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase a maximum of 100,000,000 Shares, representing 10% of the total number of the issued Shares of the Company as at the date of the AGM.

#### 2. SOURCE OF FUNDS

The Directors propose that the repurchase of Shares under the Repurchase Mandate would be made out of profits, out of its share premium account, out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose of the repurchase, or if so authorized by the Articles of Association and subject to the provisions of the Cayman Companies Law, out of capital.

In repurchasing the Shares, the Company may only apply funds which are legally available for such purposes in accordance with the constitutional documents of the Company, the Listing Rules and the applicable laws and regulations of the Cayman Islands. The Company will not purchase the Shares for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange from time to time.

#### 3. REASONS FOR SHARE REPURCHASE

Although the Directors have no present intention of exercising the proposed Repurchase Mandate, the Directors believe that the flexibility afforded by the proposed Repurchase Mandate would be beneficial to the Company and the Shareholders. An exercise of the Repurchase Mandate may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net asset value and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchase of the Company Shares will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

#### 4. SHARE PRICES

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the 12 months prior and up to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

	Shares	<b>Shares Price</b>	
	Highest	Lowest	
	HK\$	HK\$	
2020			
May	0.650	0.500	
June	0.610	0.500	
July	0.610	0.570	
August	0.600	0.540	
September	0.530	0.455	
October	0.500	0.445	
November	0.485	0.430	
December	0.590	0.425	
2021			
January	0.580	0.520	
February	0.560	0.500	
March	0.560	0.500	
April	0.530	0.455	
May (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.490	0.465	

#### 5. UNDERTAKING

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the powers of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate and in accordance with the Listing Rules, the applicable laws of the Cayman Islands and the Articles of Association.

#### 6. EFFECT OF THE TAKEOVERS CODE

If a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases as a result of a repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. As a result, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (as defined under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase of the shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the following Shareholders had interests representing 5% or more of the issued share capital of the Company:

			Approximate percentage of total issued Shares  If the	
Name of Shareholders	Capacity/ Nature of Interest	Number of Shares held/ interested in	As at the Latest Practicable Date	Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full
Ms. Zhao Ying (Note 1)	Founder of a discretionary trust who can influence how the trustee exercises its discretion	700,000,000	70%	77.8%
Tai Shing International Investment Company Limited	Beneficial owner	700,000,000	70%	77.8%
Lily Charm Holding Limited (Note 2)	Interest in a controlled corporation	700,000,000	70%	77.8%
TMF (Cayman) Ltd. (Note 3)	Trustee	700,000,000	70%	77.8%
Fairich Trading Limited	Beneficial owner	87,650,000	8.8%	9.7%
Ms. Xing Junying (Note 4)	Interest in a controlled corporation	87,650,000	8.8%	9.7%

#### Notes:

- 1. Ms. Zhao Ying is the chairman and a non-executive Director of the Company. She is the settlor and sole member of The Hope Trust's protective committee and a beneficiary of The Hope Trust, which is a discretionary trust and TMF (Cayman) Ltd. is the trustee of The Hope Trust. TMF (Cayman) Ltd. owns the entire share capital of Lily Charm Holding Limited which in turn owns the entire issued share capital of Tai Shing International Investment Company Limited. Therefore, Ms. Zhao Ying is deemed to be interested in the 700,000,000 Shares directly held by Tai Shing International Investment Company Limited.
- 2. Lily Charm Holding Limited holds the entire of issued share capital of Tai Shing International Investment Company Limited, thus Lily Charm Holding Limited is deemed to be interested in the 700,000,000 Shares of the Company.
- 3. TMF (Cayman) Ltd. is the trustee of The Hope Trust, which is a discretionary trust set up by Ms. Zhao Ying, the chairman and a non-executive Director of the Company. TMF (Cayman) Ltd. directly holds the entire issued share capital of Lily Charm Holding Limited. Therefore, TMF (Cayman) Ltd. is deemed to be interested in 700,000,000 Shares of the Company.
- 4. Fairich Trading Limited is directly wholly owned by Ms. Xing Junying, therefore, Ms. Xing Junying is deemed to be interested in 87,650,000 Shares of the Company.

Based on the shareholding of the substantial Shareholders set out above, in the event that the Directors exercise the power to repurchase Shares under the Repurchase Mandate to be proposed at the AGM in full, and assuming there is no change in the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate, to the extent of repurchasing 100,000,000 Shares, the interest in the Company of each of Ms. Zhao Ying, Tai Shing International Investment Company Limited, Lily Charm Holding Limited and TMF (Cayman) Ltd. would be increased to approximately 77.8% of the issued Shares and the Directors are not aware that such increase would give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors do not intend to exercise the power to repurchase Shares to an extent which would render any Shareholder or group of Shareholders obliged to make a mandatory offer under Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code.

The Directors would not exercise the Repurchase Mandate in whole or in part to the extent as may result in the number of the issued Shares in the hands of the public falling below 25%, being the relevant minimum prescribed percentage for the Company as required by the Listing Rules.

### 7. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS OF DIRECTORS, THEIR CLOSE ASSOCIATES AND CORE CONNECTED PERSONS

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors nor, to the best of their respective knowledge and belief and having made all reasonable enquiries, their close associates, had any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company or any of its subsidiaries under the Repurchase Mandate if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders and is exercised.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, no core connected person of the Company has notified the Company that he/she/it has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or has undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

#### 8. MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 7 May 2021 in relation to a loan in the principal amount of RMB100,000,000 (or its equivalent in Hong Kong dollars) provided by the Company as lender to China VAST Industrial Urban Development Company Limited as borrower, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent (the "Loan").

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2020 (being the date to which the latest audited accounts of the Company have been made up), the Directors consider that there could be material adverse impact on the working capital or the gearing position of the Company in the event that the Repurchase Mandate were to be carried out in full during the Relevant Period and if the Loan is eventually drawn or consummated.

The Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital of the Company or the gearing position which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

### 9. SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchase of Shares has been made by the Company (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

Details of the Directors who will be proposed for re-election at the AGM are set forth below:

### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. ZHAO Ying (趙穎, "Ms. Zhao"), aged 50, joined the Group in January 2017 and was further designated as a non-executive Director in March 2017. Ms. Zhao has been serving as a director of Wan Tong (HK) Company Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, since January 2017. Ms. Zhao has been serving as a director of Langfang City Property Development Co., Ltd. (廊坊市城區房地產開發有限公司) since February 2008 and a non-executive director of China VAST Industrial Urban Development Company Limited (中國宏泰產業市鎮發展有限公司, a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 6166) since February 2014. Ms. Zhao is the mother of Ms. Wang Wei, an executive Director. As at the Latest Practicable Date, Ms. Zhao was the settlor and sole member of the protective committee of The Hope Trust (a discretionary trust founded by Ms. Zhao who can influence how the trustee exercises its discretion). As Tai Shing International Investment Company Limited was indirectly wholly-owned by TMF (Cayman) Ltd., the trustee of The Hope Trust, Ms. Zhao was deemed to be interested 700,000,000 Shares, representing 70% of the issued share capital of the Company, under Part XV of the Securities and Future Ordinance (Cap 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Ms. Zhao has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years which could be terminated by either party giving three months' prior written notice and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at least once every three years at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. She is not entitled to any remuneration under such service contract but the expenses incurred in connection with the discharge of her duties are borne by the Company.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

Ms. WANG Wei (王薇, "Ms. Wang"), aged 28, was appointed as an executive Director in March 2021. Ms. Wang is an executive Director of China VAST Industrial Urban Development Company Limited (6166.HK), the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange, since November 2017. Ms. Wang is the daughter of Ms. Zhao, the chairman of the Group, a non-executive Director and a controlling Shareholder. Ms. Wang obtained a bachelor's degree in finance from Shanghai University of Finance and Economics in June 2013, and has extensive experience in corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions.

Ms. Wang has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years, which shall continue for further successive periods until terminated by either party giving at least two (2) months' notice to the other. The appointment of Ms. Wang is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at general meeting(s) of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Listing Rules. Pursuant to her service agreement with the Company, Ms. Wang is not entitled to any remuneration, discretionary bonuses, or other benefits as an executive Director.

Mr. HUANG Peikun (黃培坤, "Mr. Huang"), aged 58, was appointed as an executive Director and chief financial officer of the Company in March 2021. Mr. Huang is an executive director of China VAST Industrial Urban Development Company Limited (6166.HK), the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange, since March 2014. Mr. Huang has 16 years of experience in business management. He received his master's degree in Management Science and Engineering (管理科學與工程) from Zhejiang University (浙江大學), located in the People's Republic of China, in December 1999 and his Executive Master of Business Administration degree from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (香港科技大學), in June 2012. He was qualified as a senior accountant (高級會計師) of the Department of Personnel Affairs of Guangdong Province (廣東省人事廳) in February 2000. Mr. Huang was an executive director of China Merchants Land Limited (00978.HK, the shares of which are listed on the Stock Exchange) from 2 June 2012 to 8 August 2013.

Mr. Huang has entered into a service contract with the Company for a term of three years, which shall continue for further successive periods until terminated by either party giving at least two (2) months' notice to the other. The appointment of Mr. Huang is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at general meeting(s) of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association and the Listing Rules. Pursuant to his service agreement with the Company, Mr. Huang is not entitled to any remuneration, discretionary bonuses, or other benefits as an executive Director.

#### INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. WONG Wing Kuen, Albert (王永權, "Dr. Wong"), aged 69, was appointed as an independent non-executive Director, the chairman of audit committee and the chairman of remuneration committee in September 2017. Dr. Wong has approximately 25 years of experience in accounting. Dr. Wong has a broad range of experience serving as an independent non-executive director of various listed companies, including China VAST Industrial Urban Development Company Limited (中國宏泰產業市鎮發展有限公司, a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 6166) since August 2014, APAC Resources Limited (亞太資源有限公司, a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 1104) since July 2004, Solargiga Energy Holdings Limited (陽光能源控股有限公司, a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 757) since January 2008, China Merchants Land Limited (招商局置地有限公司, a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 978) since June 2012, Capital Finance Holdings Limited (首都金融控股有限 公司, a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 8239) since January 2018, China Medial & HealthCare Group Limited (中國醫療網絡有限公司, a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 383) since December 2018, and Dexin China Holdings Company Limited (德信中國控股有限公司, a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 2019) since January 2019. He served as a principal consultant of KND & Co. CPA Limited (冠達會計師事務所有限公司) from April 1994 to December 2017. Dr. Wong has been appointed as a principal consultant of KND Associates CPA Limited, Hong Kong (冠泓會計師行有限公司) since January 2018.

Dr. Wong received a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration from the Bulacan State University, Republic of the Philippines in December 2010. Dr. Wong is a member of the following institutions, including: a fellow member of The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators; a fellow member of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries; a fellow member of The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong; a member of the Hong Kong Securities Institute; a fellow member of Association of International Accountants; a fellow member of Society of Registered Financial Planners; a member of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators; an associate member of The Chartered Institute of Bankers in Scotland; and a full member of Macau Society of Certified Practicing Accountants.

Pursuant to Code Provision A.5.5 of the Corporate Governance Code set out in Appendix 14 to the Listing Rules, if a proposed independent non-executive director will be holding his seventh (or more) listed company directorship, the circular should set out why the Board believes such person would still be able to devote sufficient time to the Board.

Notwithstanding Dr. Wong's engagement as an independent non-executive director of another seven companies listed on the Stock Exchange, Dr. Wong confirmed that he would devote sufficient time to his appointment as a independent non-executive Director based on the following:

- Dr. Wong is neither engaged in a full time employment with the above-named companies nor involved in the day-to-day operations or management of such companies. As such, he has no executive and management responsibility therein;
- Dr. Wong is primarily required to attend relevant board meetings, committee meetings and shareholders' meetings of the above-named listed companies. He has maintained a high attendance rate for board meetings, committee meetings and shareholders' meetings for such listed companies during the respective latest financial periods since his appointment dates;
- Dr. Wong's role as a principal consultant of KND Associates CPA Limited is on a
  part-time basis and he is not involved in the daily management of KND
  Associates CPA Limited;
- with his background and experience, Dr. Wong is fully aware of the responsibilities and expected time involvements for independent non-executive director. He has not found difficulties in devoting to and managing his time with numerous companies and he is confident that with his experience in being responsible for several roles, he will be able to discharge his duties to the Company;
- since his appointment of independent non-executive Director from September 2017, Dr. Wong has actively participated in the board meetings, board committee meetings and general meetings of the Company;

- none of the above-named listed companies that he has directorship with has questioned or complained about his time devoted to such companies; and
- Dr. Wong's role in the Group is non-executive in nature and he will not be involved in the daily management of the Group's business, thus his engagement as the independent non-executive Director will not require his full-time participation.

Taking into account the abovementioned factors, the confirmation given by Dr. Wong, his high attendance rate, active participation in the relevant board meetings, committee meetings and shareholders' meetings and past contributions to the governance of the Company, the Board considers that Dr. Wong will continue to be able to devote sufficient time and attention to perform the duties as an independent non-executive Director notwithstanding the fact that he holds seven other listed company directorships. In view of the above, Dr. Wong's re-election is considered to be beneficial to the Company.

The Company and nomination committee of the Company will from time to time quantitatively and qualitatively review the performance of each Director, and in particular Directors holding multiple listed company directorships so as to ensure that each of the Directors would devote sufficient time and attention to the affairs of the Company.

Dr. Wong has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years which could be terminated by either party giving three months' prior written notice and is subject to retirement by rotation and re-election at least once every three years at the annual general meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association. His emoluments are determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities with the Company and the Company's remuneration policy. Dr. Wong has received directors' emoluments in the total sum of approximately RMB89,000 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Based on the information contained in the confirmation on independence provided by Dr. Wong on the Company pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules, the Board and the nomination committee have reviewed and evaluated the independence of Dr. Wong and is satisfied that he has met the criteria of independence expected of an independent non-executive director under the Listing Rules. The Board is of the view that Dr. Wong is considered independent, and has the character, integrity, independence and experience required to fulfill and discharge the role and duties of an independent non-executive Director in the event that he is re-elected at the AGM.

Save as disclosed in this circular, as at the Latest Practicable Date, each of Ms. Zhao, Ms. Wang, Mr. Huang and Dr. Wong did not (i) hold other position with the Company or its subsidiaries; (ii) have any relationship with any Director, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company; (iii) have or be deemed to have interest in any Shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO; (iv) hold any other directorships in public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years; and (v) have any other major appointments or professional qualifications.

#### APPENDIX II DETAILS OF DIRECTORS PROPOSED TO BE RE-ELECTED AT THE AGM

Save as disclosed in this circular, as at the Latest Practicable Date, so far as the Directors are aware, there were no matters concerning the re-election of each of Ms. Zhao, Ms. Wang, Mr. Huang and Dr. Wong that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders or the Stock Exchange nor was there any information that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.



# CHINA WAN TONG YUAN (HOLDINGS) LIMITED 中國萬桐園(控股)有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)

(Stock code: 6966)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an annual general meeting (the "**AGM**") of China Wan Tong Yuan (Holdings) Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Unit 3508, 35/F, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on Thursday, 24 June 2021 at 11:30 a.m., to consider and, if thought fit, to pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions:

#### ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

- 1. To receive, consider and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "**Directors**") and the auditors of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020;
- 2. To re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the auditors of the Company and to authorise the board of Directors (the "Board") to fix their remuneration;
- 3. (a) To re-elect Ms. Zhao Ying as a non-executive Director;
  - (b) To re-elect Ms. Wang Wei as an executive Director;
  - (c) To re-elect Mr. Huang Peikun as an executive Director;
  - (d) To re-elect Dr. Wong Wing Kuen, Albert as an independent non-executive Director;
  - (e) To authorise the Board to fix the remuneration of the Directors;

and, as special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

#### 4. "THAT:

(a) subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution, and pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Main Board (the "Listing Rules") of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"), the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of US\$0.01 (the "Share") each in the share capital of the Company or

securities convertible into such shares or options, warrants, or similar right to subscribe for any shares or convertible securities of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such power, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which would or might require the exercise of such powers (including but not limited to the power to allot, issue and deal with additional Shares in the capital of the Company) during or after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted and issued (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined); (ii) the exercise of any options granted under any share option scheme adopted by the Company or similar arrangement for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or any eligible persons thereunder of shares or rights to subscribe for shares in the capital of the Company; (iii) any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement providing for the allotment and issue of shares in the Company in lieu of the whole or part a dividend pursuant to the articles of association of the Company (the "Articles of **Association**") from time to time; or (iv) an issue of shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants of the Company or any securities which are convertible into shares of the Company, shall not exceed 20% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (d) for the purpose 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; or
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; or

(iii) the date upon which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company (the "Shareholders") in a general meeting of the Company.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares of the Company open for a period fixed by the Company or the Directors to the Shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares as at that date (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 recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange)."

#### 5. "THAT:

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares in the share capital of the Company on the Main Board of the Stock Exchange or on any other stock exchange on which the securities of the Company may be listed and which is recognised by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong and the Stock Exchange for this purpose, and that the exercise by the Directors of all powers to repurchase such shares are subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements of the Listing Rules or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors on behalf of the Company during the Relevant Period to procure the Company to repurchase its shares at a price determined by the Directors;
- (c) the number of shares of the Company repurchased or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this resolution during the Relevant Period shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company as at the date of the passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

- (d) for the purpose 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; or
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held by the Articles of Association or any applicable laws of the Cayman Islands; or
  - (iii) the date upon which the authority given under this resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company."
- 6. "THAT conditional upon the passing of resolutions Nos. 4 and 5 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part, the general mandate granted to the Directors pursuant to resolution No. 4 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the total number of the issued shares of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution No. 5 as set out in this notice convening the AGM of which this resolution forms part, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the total number of the issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution."

By order of the Board
China Wan Tong Yuan (Holdings) Limited
Zhao Ying
Chairman

Hong Kong, 25 May 2021

#### Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the AGM is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A member who is the holder of two or more shares may appoint more than one proxy to represent him and vote on his behalf at the AGM. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. The instrument appointing a proxy shall be in writing under the hand of the appointer or his attorney duly authorised in writing, or if the appointer is a corporation, either under seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney duly authorized on its behalf.
- 3. Where there are joint registered holders of any shares, any one of such persons may vote at the AGM (or any adjournment thereof), either personally or by proxy, in respect of such share as if he were solely entitled thereto; but if more than one of such joint holders by present at the AGM personally or by proxy, that one of the said persons so present whose name stands first on the register of members of the Company in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect thereof.

- 4. In order to be valid, the proxy form, together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy thereof, must be deposited at the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the AGM or any adjournment thereof.
- 5. Delivery of an instrument appointing a proxy shall not preclude a shareholder from attending and voting in person at the AGM and, in such event, the instrument appointing a proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.
- 6. In relation to resolution No. 3, Ms. Zhao Ying, Ms. Wang Wei, Mr. Huang Peikun and Dr. Wong Wing Kuen, Albert will retire from office as Directors at the AGM in accordance with the Articles of Association and, being eligible, will offer themselves for re-election. Biographical details of these Directors are set out in Appendix II to the circular of the Company dated 25 May 2021 (the "Circular").
- 7. An explanatory statement as required by the Listing Rules in connection with the repurchase mandate under resolution No. 5 above is set out in Appendix I to the Circular.
- 8. BAD WEATHER ARRANGEMENTS: If a Typhoon Signal No. 8 or above is hoisted or a Black Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force at or at any time after 8:00a.m. on the date of the meeting, the meeting will be postponed and Shareholders will be informed of the date, time and venue of the postponed AGM by an announcement posted on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. The meeting will be held as scheduled when an Amber or Red Rainstorm Warning Signal is in force and Shareholders will be informed of the date, time and venue of the postponed AGM by an announcement posted on the websites of the Company and the Stock Exchange. Shareholders should decide on their own whether they would attend the meeting under bad weather condition bearing in mind their own situations.
- 9. The transfer books and register of members of the Company will be closed from Monday, 21 June 2021 to Thursday, 24 June 2021, both dates inclusive. During such period, no share transfers will be effected. In order to qualify for attending the AGM, all transfer documents, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's branch share registrar and transfer office in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 18 June 2021.
- 10. A form of proxy for use by shareholders at the AGM is enclosed.

11. The following precautionary measures will be taken by the Company for the AGM to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic: (i) compulsory temperature checks; (ii) compulsory wearing of surgical face masks; and (iii) no provision of refreshments and/or souvenirs. Any person who does not comply with the precautionary measures may be denied entry into the AGM venue. Shareholders are encouraged to appoint the chairman of the AGM as their proxy to vote on the relevant resolutions at the AGM as an alternative to attending the AGM in person.

As at the date of this notice, the Board of the Company comprises the chairman and non-executive Director of the Company, namely Ms. Zhao Ying, three executive Directors of the Company, namely Ms. Li Xingying, Ms. Wang Wei and Mr. Huang Peikun, and three independent non-executive Directors of the Company, namely Mr. Cheung Ying Kwan, Dr. Wong Wing Kuen Albert and Mr. Choi Hon Keung Simon.