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## **HKE Holdings Limited**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 1726)**

### **VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY**

This announcement is made by HKE Holdings Limited (the “**Company**”) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the “**Group**”) on a voluntary basis.

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (the “**Directors**” and each a “**Director**”) of the Company hereby announces that Mr. Au Yeung Kin Nam (“**Mr. Au Yeung**”) has been appointed as a director and chief executive officer of Hong Kong BGE Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company whose business is the provision of virtual asset trading platform, with effect from 1 February 2023.

Mr. Au Yeung was one of the founding members of HashKey Digital Asset Group (“**HashKey**”) and has been the Head of Strategic Initiatives of HashKey and the Chief Operating Officer of its virtual asset trading platform licensed by the Securities and Futures Commission (the “**SFC**”) since 2018. He also has extensive experience in regulatory body and leading different business and service functions in global financial institutions such as SFC, Ant Group (formerly known as Ant Financial), RBC Wealth Management, Royal Bank of Scotland, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, BNP Paribas Hong Kong, Morgan Stanley and PricewaterhouseCoopers Limited.

Mr. Au Yeung is a co-founder and co-chairperson of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (“**IEEE**”) Hong Kong Blockchain Group and a member of the IEEE Standards Association. He is also the co-founder and director of Merkle Tree Innovation Foundation (“**Merkle Tree**”), a non-governmental organisation which focuses on using innovative technology to relieve or resolve social problems as well as promoting STEAM education. Merkle Tree was awarded Team of the Year in the Outstanding Financial Technologists of the Year category of IFTA FinTech and Innovator Awards 2021/2022 while Mr. Au Yeung himself was awarded Leader of the Year in the Outstanding Financial Technologists of the Year category of IFTA FinTech Achievement Awards 2019.

Mr. Au Yeung obtained a degree of bachelor of business administration in marketing with first class honours from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (“**HKUST**”) in 2002, a degree of master of medical sciences from The University of Hong Kong (“**HKU**”) in 2004 and a degree of master of laws from Tsinghua University, the People’s Republic of China in 2014. He is also an alumnus of The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania (“**UPenn**”), the USA and an affiliate alumnus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management, the USA.

Mr. Au Yeung has been a certified banker of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers since 2020, a fellow of the Hong Kong Securities and Investment Institute, an adjunct lecturer at Tsinghua University, an adjunct associate professor at HKUST and a senior lecturer at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Mr. Au Yeung is also a mentor of the Wharton Club of Hong Kong, the UPenn Wharton Undergraduate program and the HKU MBA program.

The Board takes this opportunity to welcome Mr. Au Yeung to join the Group.

By Order of the Board  
**HKE Holdings Limited**  
**Yip Chi Keung**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 1 February 2023

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises three executive Directors, namely, Mr. Lin Ho Man, Mr. Tsang Wing Fung and Mr. Koh Lee Huat, two non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Cheng Yiu Mo and Mr. Lim Kai Jia Kesley, and three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Siu Man Ho Simon, Prof. Pong Kam Keung, and Mr. Cheung Kwok Yan Wilfred.*