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# 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)

# (1) PROPOSED GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE; (2) RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS; (3) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND ADOPTION OF NEW MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION; AND (4) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

A notice convening the annual general meeting ("AGM") of the Company to be held at Unit 3707A, 37/F, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 23 June 2023 at 11: 30 a.m. is set out on pages 33 to 38 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 3707A, 37/F, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 23 June 2023 at 11:30 a.m.
"AGM Notice"	the notice convening the AGM as set out on pages 33 to 38 of this circular
"Articles of Association"	the 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
"HK\$"	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of Hong Kong
"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"	17 May 2023, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information contained herein

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"Memorandum"	the memorandum of association of the Company currently in force, as amended from time to time
"New Memorandum and Articles of Association"	the third amended and restated memorandum of association and articles of association of the Company to be adopted by the Shareholders at the AGM by way of special resolution
"Proposed Amendments"	proposed amendments to the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association as set out in Appendix III to this circular by way of the adoption of the New Memorandum and Articles of Association
"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 shareholder(s)"	has the same meaning ascribed to it under the Listing Rules
"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
"US\$"	United States dollars, the lawful currency of the United States of America
" <sup>0</sup> / <sub>0</sub> "	per cent



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Non-executive Director: Ms. Zhao Ying (Chairman)

Executive Directors: Ms. Li Xingying Ms. Wang Wei Mr. Huang Peikun

Independent non-executive Directors: Mr. Cheung Ying Kwan Dr. Wong Wing Kuen Albert Mr. Choi Hon Keung Simon Registered office: 2nd Floor The Grand Pavilion Commercial Centre 802 West Road, P.O. Box 10338 Grand Cayman KY1-1003 Cayman Islands

Head office and principal place of business in Hong Kong: Unit 3707A, 37/F West Tower Shun Tak Centre 168–200 Connaught Road Central Hong Kong

23 May 2023

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir/Madam,

# (1) PROPOSED GRANT OF ISSUE MANDATE AND REPURCHASE MANDATE; (2) RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS; (3) PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND ADOPTION OF NEW MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION; AND (4) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### **INTRODUCTION**

As disclosed in the circular of the Company dated 25 May 2022 and the poll results announcement of the annual general meeting held on 24 June 2022, 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; (iv) provide you with details of the Proposed Amendments and adoption of the New Memorandum and Articles of Association; and (v) 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 108 of the Articles of Association, Ms. Zhao Ying, Ms. Wang Wei and Mr. 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.

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.

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION AND ADOPTION OF NEW MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 9 May 2023 in relation to the Proposed Amendments and the adoption of the New Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Board proposes to seek approval from the Shareholders at the AGM for the Proposed Amendments by way of the adoption of the New Memorandum and Articles of Association, in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association so as to, (i) bring the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association in line with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules (in particular the core standards set out in Appendix 3 thereto) and the laws of the Cayman Islands; and (ii) make other consequential and housekeeping amendments to the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The Proposed Amendments include the following:

- to update the definition of "Law" which will be replaced by "Act" to reflect the change of name of all statutes, including the Companies Act, Cap. 22 (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands, brought about by the Cayman Islands Citation of Acts of Parliament Act;
- 2. to provide that the Company must hold an annual general meeting for each financial year and such annual general meeting must be held within six months after the end of the Company's financial year;
- 3. to provide that variation of class rights shall require the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate general meeting and the quorum for such separate general meeting, including an adjourned meeting, shall be not less than two persons holding or representing by proxy one-third in nominal value of the issued shares of that class;
- 4. to provide that all Shareholders shall have the right to (i) speak at a general meeting of the Company; and (ii) vote at a general meeting of the Company, except where a Shareholder is required, by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter under consideration;
- 5. to provide that any Director appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy on the Board or as an addition to the existing Board shall hold office until the first annual general meeting of the Company after his appointment and shall then be eligible for re-election;

- 6. to provide that the Shareholders may remove the auditors of the Company by ordinary resolution at any time before the expiration of his term of office;
- 7. to provide that one or more Shareholders holding not less than one tenth of the paid up capital of the Company having the right of voting at general meetings on a one vote per share basis may by requisition to the Board or the company secretary require an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business or resolution specified in such requisition;
- 8. to set out the financial year end of the Company, which is the 31st day of December in each year, unless otherwise determined by the Directors; and
- 9. to make consequential amendments in line with the above amendments.

Details of the Proposed Amendments are set out in Appendix III to this circular.

The Proposed Amendments and the proposed adoption of the New Memorandum and Articles of Association are subject to the approval of the Shareholders by way of special resolution at the AGM.

The legal advisers of the Company as to the laws of Hong Kong have confirmed to the Company that the Proposed Amendments conform with Appendix 3 to the Listing Rules; and the legal advisers of the Company as to the laws of the Cayman Islands have confirmed to the Company that the Proposed Amendments do not violate the laws of the Cayman Islands. In addition, the Company has confirmed to the Stock Exchange that there is nothing unusual about the Proposed Amendments for a company listed in Hong Kong.

# AGM

A notice convening the AGM to be held at Unit 3707A, 37/F, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 23 June 2023 at 11:30 a.m. is set out on pages 17 to 21 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; (ii) the proposed re-election of Directors, and (iii) the Proposed Amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association and adoption of the New Memorandum and Articles of Association.

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, 19 June 2023 to Friday, 23 June 2023, 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 Shops 1712–1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 16 June 2023.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the granting of the Issue Mandate, the Repurchase Mandate, the extension of the Issue Mandate, the proposed re-election of Directors and the Proposed Amendments and adoption of the New Memorandum and Articles of Association 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 subject to the provisions of the Cayman Islands Companies Act, 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 Price	
	Highest	Lowest
	HK\$	HK\$
2022		
May	0.455	0.425
June	0.460	0.430
July	0.450	0.400
August	0.400	0.400
September	0.440	0.400
October	0.450	0.430
November	0.450	0.430
December	0.400	0.530
2023		
January	0.520	0.455
February	0.495	0.415
March	0.420	0.585
April	0.440	0.400
May (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.420	0.435

# 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 a beneficiary of The Hope Trust, and sole member of The Hope Trust's protective committee, 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

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2022 (being the date to which the latest audited accounts of the Company have been made up), the Directors consider that there would not be any 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. 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

# ZHAO Ying (趙穎)

Ms. ZHAO Ying (趙穎, "Ms. Zhao"), aged 52, 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 was 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, stock code: 6166, which was delisted on 6 December 2022) from 18 February 2014 to 19 July 2021.

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 (3) 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 DIRECTOR**

# WANG Wei (王薇)

Ms. WANG Wei (王薇, "Ms. Wang"), aged 30, was appointed as an executive Director in March 2021. Ms. Wang was an executive director of China VAST Industrial Urban Development Company Limited (中國宏泰產業市鎮發展有限公司, stock code: 6166, which was delisted on 6 December 2022) from 6 November 2017 to 6 November 2022. Ms. Wang is the daughter of Ms. Zhao Ying, 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.

#### **INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### WONG Wing Kuen, Albert (王永權)

Dr. WONG Wing Kuen, Albert (王永權, "Dr. Wong"), aged 71, 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 26 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 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, 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, 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, and Dexin Services Group Limited (德信服務集團有限公司, a company listed on the Stock Exchange with stock code 2215) since April 2023. Dr. Wong served as an independent 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, 06166. HK, which was delisted on 6 December 2022) from August 2014 to December 2022, and 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) from 1 January 2018 to 1 January 2022. 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 (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 act as the independent non-executive Director based on the following:

- Dr. Wong is neither a full time member of 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 does not involve 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. Based on the foregoing, the Directors do not have reasons to believe that the various positions currently held by Dr. Wong will result in Dr. Wong not having sufficient time to act as the independent non-executive Director or not properly discharging his fiduciary duties as a director of the Company.

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 (3) 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 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.

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 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.

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Full particulars of the Proposed Amendments to the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association brought about by the adoption of the New Memorandum and Articles of Association (showing changes to the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association) are set out as follows. Unless otherwise specified, clauses, paragraphs and article numbers referred to herein are clauses, paragraphs and article numbers of the New Memorandum and Articles of Association proposed to be adopted by the Company subject to the approval of the Shareholders at the AGM.

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- 5 If the Company is registered as an exempted company as defined in the Cayman Islands Companies <u>LawAct</u>, it shall have the power, subject to the provisions of the Cayman Islands Companies <u>LawAct</u> and with the approval of a special resolution, to continue as a body incorporated under the laws of any jurisdiction outside of the Cayman Islands and to be de-registered in the Cayman Islands.
- Article Number Provisions in the New Memorandum and Articles of Association proposed to be adopted by the Company (showing changes to the existing Articles of Association)
  - (a) Table "A" of the Companies <u>LawAct</u> (as revised) shall not apply to the Company.
  - (b) Any marginal notes, titles or lead in references to Articles and the index of the Memorandum and Articles of Association shall not form part of the Memorandum or Articles of Association and shall not affect their interpretation. In interpreting these Articles of Association, unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent therewith:

**Companies** <u>LawAct</u>: means the Companies <u>LawAct</u> (as revised) of the Cayman Islands as amended from time to time and every other act, order, regulation or other instrument having statutory effect (as amended from time to time) for the time being in force in the Cayman Islands applying to or affecting the Company, the Memorandum of Association and/or the Articles of Association;

**Registered Office**: means the registered office of the Company for the time being as required by the Companies LawAct;

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- (c) In these Articles, unless there be something in the subject or context inconsistent herewith:
  - (iii) subject to the foregoing provisions of this Article, any words or expressions defined in the Companies <u>LawAct</u> (except any statutory modification thereof not in force when these Articles become binding on the Company) shall bear the same meaning in these Articles, save that "company" shall where the context permits include any company incorporated in the Cayman Islands or elsewhere; and

To the extent that the same is permissible under Cayman Islands law and sSubject to Article 13, a Special Resolution shall be required to alter the Memorandum of Association of the Company, to approve any amendment of the Articles or to change the name of the Company.

(a) If at any time the share capital of the Company is divided into different classes of Shares, all or any of the special rights attached to any class (unless otherwise provided for by the terms of issue of the Shares of that class) may, subject to the provisions of the Companies LawAct, be varied or abrogated either with the consent in writing of the holders of not less than 3/4 in nominal value of the issued Shares of that class or with the sanction of a Special Resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of the Shares of that class. To every such separate general meeting the provisions of these Articles relating to general meetings shall mutatis mutandis apply, but so that the necessary quorum (other than at including an adjourned meeting) shall be not less than two persons holding (or, in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or representing by proxy one-third in nominal value of the issued Shares of that class, that the quorum for any meeting adjourned for want of quorum shall be two Shareholders present in person (or in the case of the Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy (whatever the number of Shares held by them) and that any holder of Shares of the class present in person (or in the case of the Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative) or by proxy may demand a poll.

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- 8 Any new Shares shall be issued upon such terms and conditions and with such rights, privileges or restrictions attached thereto as the general meeting resolving upon the creation thereof shall direct, and if no direction be given, subject to the provisions of the Companies <u>LawAct</u> and of these Articles, as the Board shall determine; and in particular such Shares may be issued with a preferential or qualified right to participate in Dividends and in the distribution of assets of the Company and with a special right or without any right of voting.
  - (a) All unissued Shares and other securities of the Company shall be at the disposal of the Board and it may offer, allot (with or without conferring a right of renunciation), grant options over or otherwise dispose of them to such persons, at such times, for such consideration and generally on such terms (subject to Article 9) as it in its absolute discretion thinks fit, but so that no Shares shall be issued at a discount. The Board shall, as regards any offer or allotment of Shares, comply with the provisions of the Companies LawAct, if and so far as such provisions may be applicable thereto.
  - (a) The Company may at any time pay commission to any person for subscribing or agreeing to subscribe (whether absolutely or conditionally) for any Shares or procuring or agreeing to procure subscriptions (whether absolute or conditional) for any Shares, but so that the conditions and requirements of the Companies LawAct shall be observed and complied with, and in each case the commission shall not exceed 10% of the price at which the Shares are issued.
    - (b) If any Shares are issued for the purpose of raising money to defray the expenses of the construction of any works or buildings or the provision of any plant which cannot be made profitable within a period of one year, the Company may pay interest on so much of that share capital as is for the time being paid up for the period and, subject to any conditions and restrictions mentioned in the Companies <u>LawAct</u>, may charge the sum so paid by way of interest to capital as part of the cost of construction of the works or buildings, or the provisions of the plant.

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- (d) sub-divide its Shares or any of them into Shares of smaller amount than is fixed by the Memorandum of Association, subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Companies LawAct, and so that the resolution whereby any Share is sub-divided may determine that, as between the holders of the Shares resulting from such sub-division, one or more of the Shares may have any such preferred or other special rights over, or may have such deferred rights or be subject to any such restrictions as compared with the others as the Company has power to attach to unissued or new Shares;
- (a) Subject to the Companies LawAct, or any other law or so far as not prohibited by any law and subject to any rights conferred on the holders of any class of Shares, the Company shall have the power to purchase or otherwise acquire all or any of its own Shares (which expression as used in this Article includes redeemable Shares) provided that the manner and terms of purchase have first been authorised by an Ordinary Resolution of the Shareholders, and to purchase or otherwise acquire warrants and other securities for the subscription or purchase of its own Shares, and shares and warrants and other securities for the subscription or purchase of any shares in any company which is its Holding Company and may make payment therefor in any manner and terms authorised or not prohibited by law, including out of capital, or to give, directly or indirectly, by means of a loan, a guarantee, an indemnity, the provision of security or otherwise howsoever, financial assistance for the purpose of or in connection with a purchase or other acquisition made or to be made by any person of any Shares or warrants or other securities in the Company or any company which is a Holding Company of the Company and should the Company purchase or otherwise acquire its own Shares or warrants or other securities neither the Company nor the Board shall be required to select the Shares or warrants or other securities to be purchased or otherwise acquired rateably or in any other manner and terms as between the holders of Shares or warrants or other securities of the same class or as between them and the holders of Shares or warrants or other securities of any other class or in accordance with the rights as to Dividends or capital conferred by any class of Shares provided always that any such purchase or other acquisition or financial assistance shall only be made in accordance with the relevant code, rules or regulations issued from time to time by the HK Stock Exchange and/or the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong from time to time in force.

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- (b) Subject to the provisions of the Companies <u>LawAct</u> and the Memorandum of Association of the Company, and to any special rights conferred on the holders of any Shares or attaching to any class of Shares, Shares may be issued on the terms that they may, at the option of the Company or the holders thereof, be liable to be redeemed on such terms and in such manner, including out of capital, as the Board may deem fit.
- (a) The Board shall cause to be kept the Register and there shall be entered therein the particulars required under the Companies LawAct.
- (b) Subject to the provisions of the Companies <u>LawAct</u>, if the Board considers it necessary or appropriate, the Company may establish and maintain a principal or branch register of Shareholders at such location as the Board thinks fit and, during the Relevant Period, the Company shall keep its principal or a branch register of Shareholders in Hong Kong.

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- (a) Every person whose name is entered as a Shareholder in the Register shall be entitled to receive within the relevant time limit as prescribed in the Companies LawAct or as the HK Stock Exchange may from time to time determine, whichever is shorter, after allotment or lodgement of a transfer (or within such other period as the conditions of issue shall provide or is required by the applicable rules of the stock exchange of the Relevant Territory) one certificate for all his Shares, or, if he shall so request, in a case where the allotment or transfer is of a number of Shares in excess of the number for the time being forming a stock exchange board lot for the purposes of the stock exchange of the Relevant Territory on which the Shares are listed upon payment of such sum (in the case of a transfer, not exceeding in the case of any share capital listed on a stock exchange in Hong Kong, HK\$2.50 or such other sum as may from time to time be allowed or not prohibited under the Listing Rules, and in the case of any other Shares, such sum in such currency as the Board may from time to time determine to be reasonable in the territory in which the relevant Register is situated, or otherwise such other sum as the Company may by Ordinary Resolution determine) for every certificate after the first as the Board may from time to time determine, such number of certificates for Shares in stock exchange board lots or whole multiples thereof as he shall request and one for the balance (if any) of the Shares in question, provided that in respect of a Share or Shares held jointly by several persons the Company shall not be bound to issue a certificate or certificates to each such person, and the issue and delivery of a certificate or certificates to one of the joint holders shall be sufficient delivery to all such holders.
- Subject to the Companies <u>LawAct</u>, all transfers of Shares shall be effected by transfer in writing in the usual or common form or in such other form as the Board may accept provided always that it shall be in such a form prescribed by the HK Stock Exchange and may be under hand only or, if the transferor or transferee is a Clearing House (or its nominee(s)), under hand or by machine imprinted signature or by such other means of execution as the Board may approve from time to time.
  - (c) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles, the Company shall as soon as practicable and on a regular basis record in the principal Register all removals of Shares effected on any branch Register and shall at all times maintain the principal Register and all branch Registers in all respects in accordance with the Companies LawAct.

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- At all times during the Relevant Period other than the year of the Company's adoption of these Articles, the Company shall in each year hold a general meeting for each financial year as its annual general meeting within six months after the end of its financial year in addition to any other meeting in that year and shall specify the meeting as such in the notice calling it; and not more than 15 Months (or such longer period as may be authorised by the HK Stock Exchange) shall elapse between the date of one annual general meeting of the Company and that of the next. The annual general meeting shall be held in the Relevant Territory or elsewhere as may be determined by the Board and at such time and place as the Board shall appoint. A meeting of the Shareholders or any class thereof may be held by means of such telephone, electronic or other communication facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously, and participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence at such meetings.
- The Board may, whenever it thinks fit, convene an extraordinary 64 general meeting. Extraordinary general meetings shall also be convened on the requisition of one or more Shareholders holding, at the date of deposit of the requisition, not less than one tenth of the paid up capital of the Company having the right of voting at general meetings on a one vote per share basis. Such requisition shall be made in writing to the Board or the Secretary for the purpose of requiring an extraordinary general meeting to be called by the Board for the transaction of any business or resolution specified in such requisition. Such meeting shall be held within two Months after the deposit of such requisition. If within 21 days of such deposit, the Board fails to proceed to convene such meeting, the requisitionist(s) himself (themselves) may do so in the same manner, and all reasonable expenses incurred by the requisitionist(s) as a result of the failure of the Board shall be reimbursed to the requisitionist(s) by the Company.
- 79BAll Shareholders have the right to (a) speak at a general meeting; and<br/>(b) vote at a general meeting except where a Shareholder is required,<br/>by the Listing Rules, to abstain from voting to approve the matter<br/>under consideration.

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- (b) Where a Shareholder is a Clearing House (or its nominee(s)), it may (subject to Article 93) authorise such person or persons as it thinks fit to act as its representative or representatives at any meeting of the Company or at any meeting of any class of Shareholders provided that if more than one person is so authorised, the authorisation shall specify the number and class of Shares in respect of which each such representative is so authorised. A person so authorised pursuant to the provisions of this Article shall be deemed to have been duly authorised without further evidence of the facts and be entitled to exercise the same rights and powers on behalf of the Clearing House (or its nominee(s)) which he represents as that Clearing House (or its nominee(s)) could exercise as if such person were an individual Shareholder, including the right to <u>speak and</u> vote individually on a show of hands.
- 96 The number of Directors shall not be less than two (2). The Company shall keep at its Registered Office a register of its directors and officers in accordance with the Companies LawAct.
- 112 The Board shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any person as a Director either to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director but so that the number of Directors so appointed shall not exceed the maximum number determined from time to time by the Shareholders in general meeting. Any Director so appointed by the Board to fill a casual vacancy shall hold office only until the first general meeting of the Company after his appointment, and be subject to re-election at such meeting. 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 after his appointment, and shall then be eligible for re-election. Any Director appointed under this Article shall not be taken into account in determining the Directors or the number of Directors who are to retire by rotation at an annual general meeting.
- 116 The Board may raise or secure the payment or repayment of such sum or sums in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as it thinks fit and in particular but subject to the provisions of the Companies <u>LawAct</u>, by the issue of debentures, debenture stock, bonds or other securities of the Company, whether outright or as collateral security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Company or of any third party.

- 119 The Directors shall cause a proper register to be kept, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies <u>LawAct</u>, of all mortgages and charges specifically affecting the property of the Company and shall duly comply with such provisions of the Companies <u>LawAct</u> with regard to the registration of mortgages and charges as may be specified or required.
- 127 The business of the Company shall be managed by the Board who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these Articles expressly conferred upon it, may exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done or approved by the Company and are not hereby or by the Companies <u>LawAct</u> expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Company in general meeting, but subject nevertheless to the provisions of the Companies <u>LawAct</u> and of these Articles and to any regulations from time to time made by the Company in general meeting not being inconsistent with such provisions or these Articles, provided that no regulation so made shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made.
- 144 The Secretary shall be appointed by the Board for such term, at such remuneration and upon such conditions as it may think fit, and any Secretary so appointed may, without prejudice to his right under any contract with the Company, be removed by the Board. Anything by the Companies <u>LawAct</u> or these Articles required or authorised to be done by or to the Secretary, if the office is vacant or there is for any other reason no Secretary capable of acting, may be done by or to any assistant or deputy Secretary, or if there is no assistant or deputy Secretary capable of acting, by or to any officer of the Company authorised generally or specifically on behalf of the Board.
- 145 The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Shareholders and shall keep correct minutes of such meetings and enter the same in the proper books provided for the purpose. He shall perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Companies <u>LawAct</u> and these Articles, together with such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board.
- A provision of the Companies <u>LawAct</u> or of these Articles requiring or authorising a Same person not to act in two capacities thing to be done by or to a Director and the Secretary shall not be satisfied by its being done by or to the same person acting both as Director and as, or in place of the Secretary.

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- (a) Subject to the Companies LawAct, the Company shall have one or more Seals as the Board may determine, and may have a Seal for use outside the Cayman Islands. The Board shall provide for the safe custody of each Seal, and no Seal shall be used without the authority of the Board or a committee authorised by the Board in that behalf.
- 153 (a) The Company in general meeting may, upon the recommendation of the Board, resolve to capitalise any sum standing to the credit of any of the Company's reserve accounts which are available for distribution (including its share premium account and capital redemption reserve fund, subject to the Companies LawAct) and to appropriate such sums to the holders of Shares on the Register at the close of business on the date of the relevant resolution (or such other date as may be specified therein or determined as provided therein) in the proportions in which such sum would have been divisible amongst them had the same been a distribution of profits by way of Dividend and to apply such sum on their behalf in paying up in full unissued Shares for allotment and distribution credited as fully paid-up to and amongst them in the proportion aforesaid.

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- Subject to the Companies LawAct, whenever such a resolution as (b) aforesaid shall have been passed, the Board shall make all appropriations and applications of the reserves or profits and undivided profits resolved to be capitalised thereby, and attend to all allotments and issues of fully paid Shares, debentures, or other securities and generally shall do all acts and things required to give effect thereto. For the purpose of giving effect to any resolution under this Article, the Board may settle any difficulty which may arise in regard to a capitalisation issue as it thinks fit, and in particular may disregard fractional entitlements or round the same up or down and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any Shareholders in lieu of fractional entitlements or that fractions of such value as the Board may determine may be disregarded in order to adjust the rights of all parties or that fractional entitlements shall be aggregated and sold and the benefit shall accrue to the Company rather than to the Shareholders concerned, and no Shareholders who are affected thereby shall be deemed to be, and they shall be deemed not to be, a separate class of Shareholders by reason only of the exercise of this power. The Board may authorise any person to enter on behalf of all Shareholders interested in a capitalisation issue any agreement with the Company or other(s) providing for such capitalisation and matters in connection therewith and any agreement made under such authority shall be effective and binding upon all concerned. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any such agreement may provide for the acceptance by such persons of the Shares, debentures or other securities to be allotted and distributed to them respectively in satisfaction of their claims in respect of the sum so capitalised.
- 154 Subject to the Companies <u>LawAct</u> and these Articles, the Company in general meeting may declare Dividends in any currency but no Dividends shall exceed the amount recommended by the Board.
  - (a) No Dividend shall be declared or paid or shall be made otherwise than in accordance with the Companies LawAct.

- (b) Subject to the provisions of the Companies LawAct but without prejudice to paragraph (a) of this Article, where any asset, business or property is bought by the Company as from a past date (whether such date be before or after the incorporation of the Company) the profits and losses thereof as from such date may at the discretion of the Board in whole or in part be carried to revenue account and treated for all purposes as profits or losses of the Company, and be available for Dividend accordingly. Subject as aforesaid, if any Shares or securities are purchased cum Dividend or interest, such Dividend or interest may at the discretion of the Board be treated as revenue, and it shall not be obligatory to capitalise the same or any part thereof or to apply the same towards reduction of or writing down the book cost of the asset, business or property acquired.
- 171 The Board shall make or cause to be made such annual or other returns or filings as may be required to be made in accordance with the Companies LawAct.
- 172 The Board shall cause proper books of account to be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Company, and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take place; and of the assets and liabilities of the Company and of all other matters required by the Companies <u>LawAct</u> necessary to give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs and to show and explain its transactions.
- 174 No Shareholder (not being a Director) or other person shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Company except as conferred by the Companies <u>LawAct</u> or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction or authorised by the Board or the Company in general meeting.

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- The Company shall at each annual general meeting by Ordinary (a) Resolution appoint one or more firms of auditors to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting on such terms and with such duties as may be agreed with the Board, but if an appointment is not made, the Auditors in office shall continue in office until a successor is appointed. A Director, officer or employee of any such Director, officer or employee shall not be appointed Auditors of the Company. The Board may fill any casual vacancy in the office of Auditors, but while any such vacancy continues the surviving or continuing Auditors (if any) may act. The remuneration of the Auditors shall be fixed by or on the authority of the Company in the annual general meeting by way of an Ordinary Resolution except that in any particular year the Company in general meeting may delegate the fixing of such remuneration to the Board and the remuneration of any Auditors appointed to fill any casual vacancy may be fixed by the Board.
- (b) The Shareholders may, at any general meeting convened and held in accordance with these Articles, remove the Auditors by <u>SpecialOrdinary</u> Resolution at any time before the expiration of the term of office and shall, by Ordinary Resolution, at that meeting appoint new auditors in its place for the remainder of the term.
- (a) Except where otherwise expressly stated, any notice or document to be given to or by any person pursuant to these Articles shall be in writing or, to the extent permitted by the Companies LawAct and the Listing Rules from time to time and subject to this Article, contained in an electronic communication. A notice calling a meeting of the Board need not be in writing.

- (b) Except where otherwise expressly stated, any notice or document to be given to or by any person pursuant to these Articles (including any corporate communications within the meaning ascribed thereto under the Listing Rules) may be served on or delivered to any Shareholder either personally or by sending it through the post in a prepaid envelope or wrapper addressed to such Shareholder at his registered address as appearing in the register or by leaving it at that address addressed to the Shareholder or by any other means authorised in writing by the Shareholder concerned or (other than share certificate) by publishing it by way of advertisement in the Newspapers. In case of joint holders of a share, all notices shall be given to that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the register and notice so given shall be sufficient notice to all the joint holders. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing but subject to the Companies LawAct and the Listing Rules, a notice or document may be served or delivered by the Company to any Shareholder by electronic means to such address as may from time to time be authorised by the Shareholder concerned or by publishing it on a website and notifying the Shareholder concerned that it has been so published.
- 188 Subject to the Companies <u>LawAct</u>, a resolution that the Company be wound up by the Court or be wound up voluntarily shall be passed by way of a Special Resolution.
- 190 If he Company shall be wound up (in whatever manner) the liquidator may, with the sanction of a Special Resolution and any other sanction required by the Companies LawAct, divide among the Shareholders in specie or kind the whole or any part of the assets of the Company whether the assets shall consist of property of one kind or shall consist of properties of different kinds and the liquidator may, for such purpose, set such value as he deems fair upon any one or more class or classes of property to be divided as aforesaid and may determine how such division shall be carried out as between the Shareholders or different classes of Shareholders and Shareholders within each class. The liquidator may, with the like sanction, vest any part of the assets in trustees upon such trusts for the benefit of Shareholders as the liquidator, with the like sanction, shall think fit, but so that no Shareholder shall be compelled to accept any Shares or other assets upon which there is a liability.
- 195 The following provisions shall have effect to the extent that they are not prohibited by and are in compliance with the Companies LawAct:

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

196 The following provisions shall have effect at any time and from time to time provided that they are not prohibited by or inconsistent with the Companies LawAct:

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# FINANCIAL YEAR END

197Unless otherwise determined by the Directors, the financial year of<br/>the Company shall end on the 31st day of December in each year.



# 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 3707A, 37/F, West Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168–200 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 23 June 2023 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 2022;
- 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 executive Director;
  - (c) To re-elect Dr. Wong Wing Kuen Albert as an independent non-executive Director;
  - (d) 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 S as set out in this notice convening the AGM of the total number of the AGM of which this resolution S as set out in this notice convening the AGM of the total number of the issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution."

and, as special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as a special resolution:

# **SPECIAL RESOLUTION**

# 7. **"THAT**:

- (a) the proposed amendments to the existing memorandum of association and articles of association of the Company as set out in Appendix III of the circular of the Company dated 23 May 2023 (the "**Proposed Amendments**") be and are hereby approved with immediate effect after the close of the AGM;
- (b) the existing memorandum of association and articles of association of the Company as amended by the Proposed Amendments (together, the "Third Amended M&A"), a copy of which has been produced to the AGM and marked "A" and initialled by the chairman of the AGM for the purpose of identification be and are hereby approved and adopted in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing memorandum of association and articles of association of the Company respectively with immediate effect after close of the AGM; and
- (c) any one Director or officer of the Company be and is hereby authorised to do all such acts and things and execute and deliver all relevant documents for and on behalf of the Company as he/she consider(s) necessary, desirable, appropriate or expedient for the purpose of, or in connection with, the implementation of and giving effect to the aforesaid paragraphs (a) and (b)."

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

Hong Kong, 23 May 2023

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 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 23 May 2023 (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 8:00 a.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, 19 June 2023 to Friday, 23 June 2023, 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 Shops 1712–1716, 17/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong for registration no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 16 June 2023.
- 10. A form of proxy for use by shareholders at the AGM is enclosed.

As at the date of this notice, the Board of the Company comprises the chairman and nonexecutive 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.