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**21世紀教育**

21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

**China 21st Century Education Group Limited**

**中國21世紀教育集團有限公司**

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

**(Stock Code: 1598)**

## **APPLICATION FOR WAIVER FROM STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 14.41(a) OF THE LISTING RULES**

References are made to the announcements of China 21st Century Education Group Limited (the “**Company**”) dated 6 September 2023 and 25 September 2023 in relation to the upward adjustment to the consideration of (1) the General Construction Contract for Comprehensive Teaching Buildings; and (2) the General Construction Contract for Canteens and Dormitory Buildings, both due to the change of construction plan and the incurrence of additional raw materials, machinery usage fee and labour cost, etc. (collectively the “**Announcements**”). Reference is also made to the announcement of the Company dated 26 September 2023 in relation to the grant of waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules (the “**Waiver Announcement**”). Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalised terms used in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the Announcements and the Waiver Announcement.

As stated in the Waiver Announcement, the Company was granted with the waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules to despatch the Circular within 15 business days after the publication of the announcement on 25 September 2023, and the deadline for despatch of the Circular was extended to 25 October 2023.

As additional time is required for the Company to prepare and finalize the information to be contained in the Circular, the Company has applied to the Stock Exchange for a waiver from strict compliance with Rule 14.41(a) of the Listing Rules for a further extension of the date of despatch of the Circular (the “**Waiver**”). The Company will make a further announcement for the expected date of the despatch of the Circular after obtaining the Waiver from the Stock Exchange.

By order of the Board

**China 21st Century Education Group Limited**

**Li Yasheng**

*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 25 October 2023

*As at the date of this announcement, the chairman of the Board and the non-executive Director is Mr. Li Yasheng; the executive Directors are Ms. Liu Hongwei, Mr. Ren Caiyin and Ms. Yang Li; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Guo Litian, Mr. Yao Zhijun and Mr. Wan Joseph Jason.*