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(A company controlled through weighted voting rights and incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
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INSIDE INFORMATION
TERMINATION OF THE SHARE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH JOYY INC.

This announcement is issued by Baidu, Inc. (the “Company”) pursuant to Rules 13.09 and 13.10B of the Rules Governing the Listing of the Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Listing Rules”) and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Moon SPV Limited, an affiliate of the Company, exercised on January 1, 2024 its contractual right to terminate the Share Purchase Agreement, dated November 16, 2020, by and between Moon SPV Limited, Baidu (Hong Kong) Limited, JOYY Inc. (“JOYY”) and other parties thereto (as subsequently amended or supplemented, the “Share Purchase Agreement”).

The Company previously announced that Baidu (Hong Kong) Limited had entered into the Share Purchase Agreement, pursuant to which Baidu (Hong Kong) Limited agreed to acquire and JOYY agreed to sell JOYY’s domestic video-based entertainment live streaming business in China. Pursuant to the Share Purchase Agreement, the closing of the proposed acquisition is subject to certain conditions including, among others, obtaining necessary regulatory approvals from governmental authorities, and the Share Purchase Agreement is subject to termination by either party if the closing does not occur by the long stop date. As of December 31, 2023, the long stop date, the closing conditions provided for in the Share Purchase Agreement had not been fully satisfied.
The Company seeks to discuss with JOYY on the next steps following the termination of the Share Purchase Agreement.

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

Hong Kong, January 1, 2024

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