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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)

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This announcement is made by China 21st Century Education Group Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”) pursuant to Rules 13.09(2)(a) and 13.49(3) of the Rules (the “**Listing Rules**”) Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Stock Exchange**”) and the Inside Information Provisions (as defined in the Listing Rules) under Part XIVA of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

POSSIBLE DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THE 2024 ANNUAL RESULTS

The board (“**Board**”) of directors (“**Directors**”) of the Company would like to inform the shareholders of the Company (the “**Shareholders**”) that there may be a delay in the publication of the Company’s annual results for the year ended 31 December 2024 (the “**2024 Annual Results**”) as the auditors of the Company have not completed the relevant audit procedures due to government regulation and as a result, the audit of the 2024 Annual Results will not be able to be completed on or before 31 March 2025.

Pursuant to Rule 13.49(1) of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to publish an announcement in respect of the 2024 Annual Results no later than three months after the end of the relevant financial year, i.e. on or before 31 March 2025. In light of the abovementioned circumstances, it is expected that the Company is unable to publish the 2024 Annual Results on or before 31 March 2025, as required by the Listing Rules.

Pursuant to Rule 13.49(3) of the Listing Rules, if the Company is unable to publish the 2024 Annual Results within the prescribed timeframe, it must announce its results prepared based on the financial results which have yet to be agreed upon with the auditors (so far as such information is available). The Board, after due and careful consideration, is of the view that it would not be appropriate for the Company to publish the unaudited management accounts of the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 at this stage as they may not accurately reflect the financial performance and/or position of the Group and the publication of the unaudited management accounts could cause confusion and may be misleading to the Shareholders and potential investors of the Company.

POSSIBLE DELAY IN DESPATCH OF THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to Rule 13.46(2)(a) of the Listing Rules, the Company is required to despatch the annual report of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024 (the “**2024 Annual Report**”) to the Shareholders no later than four months after the end of the relevant financial year (i.e. on or before 30 April 2025). In view of the delay in the publication of the 2024 Annual Results, it is expected that there may be a delay in the despatch of the 2024 Annual Report. The possible delay in the despatch of the 2024 Annual Report, if materialized, will constitute a non-compliance with Rule 13.46(2)(a) of the Listing Rules. The Company will make further announcement(s) in due course to inform the Shareholders of the date of despatch of the 2024 Annual Report.

POSSIBLE DELAY OF BOARD MEETING

Due to the possible delay in the publication of the 2024 Annual Results, the meeting of the Board (the “**Board Meeting**”) to consider and approve, among other things, the announcement of the 2024 Annual Results and to consider the proposed final dividend, if any, will be delayed accordingly. The Company will make further announcement(s) in due course to inform the Shareholders of the date of the Board Meeting.

POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF TRADING

Pursuant to Rule 13.50 of the Listing Rules, if an issuer fails to publish periodic financial information in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Stock Exchange will normally require the suspension of trading in the issuer’s securities until the issuer publishes an announcement containing the requisite financial information.

The Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By order of the Board
China 21st Century Education Group Limited
Li Yasheng
Chairman

Hong Kong, 17 March 2025

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. Nan Zhenxing.