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Edvantage Group Holdings Limited
中 滙 集 團 控 股 有 限 公 司
(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock code: 0382)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERIM RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

	Six months ended		
	28 February 2025 (unaudited)	29 February 2024 (unaudited)	**Percentage increase/ (decrease)**
Revenue *(RMB'000)*	**1,247,486**	1,160,191	7.5%
Gross profit *(RMB'000)*	**482,814**	578,009	(16.5%)
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company *(RMB'000)*	**243,683**	338,242	(28.0%)
Non-IFRSs measure — Adjusted net profit attributable to owners of the Company *(RMB'000) (Note)*	**258,543**	346,204	(25.3%)
Basic earnings per share *(RMB cents)*	**20.98**	29.76	(29.5%)
Dividend per share — Interim dividend (with option to elect to receive dividends in cash and/or in new shares) *(HK cents)*	**6.60**	9.60	(31.3%)
Number of student enrolments	**100,300**	96,100	4.4%

Note: For details of the adjusted net profit attributable to owners of the Company, please refer to the paragraph headed "Non-IFRSs measure — Adjusted net profit attributable to owners of the Company" under the Financial Review section.

RESULTS

The board (the "**Board**") of directors (the "**Directors**") of Edvantage Group Holdings Limited (the "**Company**") is pleased to announce the unaudited consolidated interim results of the Company and its subsidiaries (collectively be referred to as the "**Group**") for the six months ended 28 February 2025 (the "**reporting period**") with comparative figures for the six months ended 29 February 2024 as follows:

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the six months ended 28 February 2025

		Six months ended	
		28 February 2025	29 February 2024
	NOTES	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Revenue	3	**1,247,486**	1,160,191
Cost of revenue		**(764,672)**	(582,182)
Gross profit		**482,814**	578,009
Other income		**99,661**	81,612
Interest income		**9,388**	14,890
Other gains and losses	4	**(12,018)**	(7,234)
Selling and administrative expenses		**(256,609)**	(256,593)
Finance costs		**(37,225)**	(24,224)
Profit before taxation		**286,011**	386,460
Taxation	5	**(5,502)**	(8,002)
Profit for the period	6	**280,509**	378,458
Other comprehensive income (expense)			
Item that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Exchange differences arising on translation of foreign operations		**4,112**	(3,392)
Total comprehensive income for the period		**284,621**	375,066

		Six months ended	
		28 February	29 February
		2025	2024
	NOTE	***RMB'000***	*RMB'000*
		(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Profit for the period attributable to			
— owners of the Company		**243,683**	338,242
— non-controlling interests		**36,826**	40,216
		280,509	378,458
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to			
— owners of the Company		**247,795**	334,850
— non-controlling interests		**36,826**	40,216
		284,621	375,066
Earnings per share	8		
Basic *(RMB cents)*		**20.98**	29.76
Diluted *(RMB cents)*		**20.92**	29.75

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 28 February 2025

	NOTES	At 28 February 2025 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 August 2024 RMB'000 (audited)
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	9	**5,412,078**	5,262,674
Right-of-use assets	9	**921,549**	765,700
Investment properties		**130,300**	130,300
Goodwill		**135,509**	135,542
Intangible assets		**196,125**	196,286
Amounts due from a non-controlling shareholder		**45,931**	45,931
Deposits and other receivables	10	**36,991**	36,991
Deposits paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment		**39,135**	37,979
Deferred tax assets		**30,383**	27,115
		6,948,001	6,638,518
CURRENT ASSETS			
Inventories		**9,002**	10,513
Trade receivables, deposits, prepayments and other receivables	10	**123,187**	116,708
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss ("**FVTPL**")		**206,259**	213,707
Amounts due from related companies		**40,521**	—
Bank balances, deposits and cash		**1,864,569**	2,122,102
		2,243,538	2,463,030
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Contract liabilities		**1,147,778**	1,575,884
Trade payables	11	**94,258**	54,624
Other payables and accrued expenses		**391,306**	397,936
Dividend payables	7	**108,704**	100,032
Loan due to a shareholder		**36,471**	36,471
Amounts due to related parties		**4,877**	2,784
Income tax payable		**105,230**	100,194
Bank and other borrowings		**602,149**	419,266
Deferred income		**34,654**	39,101
Lease liabilities		**1,941**	1,908
		2,527,368	2,728,200
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		**283,830**	265,170
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**6,664,171**	6,373,348

	NOTE	At 28 February 2025 RMB'000 (unaudited)	At 31 August 2024 RMB'000 (audited)
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Other payable		**14,000**	44,000
Bank and other borrowings		**1,312,250**	1,252,939
Deferred income		**67,939**	71,072
Lease liabilities		**11,575**	5,364
Deferred tax liabilities		**151,874**	151,965
		1,557,638	1,525,340
		5,106,533	4,848,008
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	12	**80,978**	78,416
Reserves		**4,206,479**	3,987,342
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		**4,287,457**	4,065,758
Non-controlling interests		**819,076**	782,250
		5,106,533	4,848,008

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Company was incorporated in the Cayman Islands and registered as an exempted company with limited liability under the Companies Act (As Revised) of the Cayman Islands on 18 October 2018. Its immediate and ultimate holding company is Debo Education Investments Holdings Limited, which is incorporated in the British Virgin Islands. The shares of the Company had been listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "**Stock Exchange**") on 16 July 2019 (the "**Listing Date**"). The addresses of the Company's registered office and the principal place of business in Hong Kong are 89 Nexus Way, Camana Bay, Grand Cayman, KY1-9009, Cayman Islands and Room 1115, 11/F, Wing On Plaza, 62 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, Hong Kong, respectively.

The Company is an investment holding company. Its subsidiaries are mainly engaged in the operation of private higher education and vocational education institutions in the People's Republic of China (the "**PRC**" or "**China**") and overseas.

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Renminbi ("**RMB**"), which is also the functional currency of the Company.

Basis of preparation of consolidated financial statements

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (the "**IASB**") as well as with the applicable disclosure requirements of Appendix D2 to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "**Listing Rules**").

The Group had net current liabilities of RMB283,830,000 as at 28 February 2025. The Directors have reviewed the Group's cash flow projections prepared by the management of the Group. The cash flow projections cover a period not less than twelve months from the end of the reporting period. The Directors are of the opinion that the Group will have sufficient working capital to meet its financial obligations as and when they fall due for the next twelve months from the end of the reporting period after taking into consideration that as at 28 February 2025, included in the current liabilities of the Group was contract liabilities of approximately RMB1,147,778,000 representing the prepayments of tuition and boarding fees received by the Group before commencement of school terms which would be recognised as revenue over the remaining contract terms. Such contract liabilities shall not in itself result in any cash outflow for the Group. In addition, the Group could generate sufficient operating cash inflow as well as available bank facilities to meet its future obligations.

Taking into account the above-mentioned considerations, these condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis except for investment properties and certain financial instruments, which are measured at fair values at the end of each reporting period.

Other than additional accounting policies resulting from application of amendments to International Financial Reporting Standards ("**IFRSs**") and application of certain accounting policies which became relevant to the Group, the accounting policies and methods of computation used in the condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 28 February 2025 are the same as those presented in the Group's annual financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Application of amendments to IFRSs

In the reporting period, the Group has applied the following amendments to IFRSs issued by the IASB, for the first time, which are mandatorily effective for the annual period beginning on or after 1 September 2024 for the preparation of the Group's condensed consolidated financial statements:

Amendments to IFRS 16	Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
Amendments to IAS 1	Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
Amendments to IAS 1	Non-current Liabilities with Covenants
Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7	Supplier Finance Arrangements

The application of the amendments to IFRSs in the current period has had no material impact on the Group's financial positions and performance for the current and prior periods and/or on the disclosures set out in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

3. REVENUE AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

Revenue from major services

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue from its major service lines:

	Six months ended	
	28 February 2025	29 February 2024
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Tuition fees recognised overtime	**1,062,894**	1,018,416
Boarding fees recognised overtime	**102,671**	98,794
Non-formal vocational education service fees recognised overtime	**81,921**	42,981
	1,247,486	1,160,191

Segment information

The Group is mainly engaged in the provision of private higher education and vocational education institution services in the PRC and overseas. Operating segments have been identified on the basis of internal management reports and prepared in accordance with the relevant accounting principles and financial regulations which conform with IFRSs, that are regularly reviewed by the chief operating decision makers ("**CODM**"), Mr. Liu Yung Chau and Ms. Chen Yuan, Rita, executive Directors, for the purposes of resource allocation and assessment of segment performance focusing on types of services provided.

For education operation in the PRC, the information reported to the CODM is further categorised into different locations within the PRC, each of which is considered as a separate operating segment by the CODM. For segment reporting, these individual operating segments have been aggregated into a single reportable segment as they are located in the same country and under similar environment constitutes an operating segment.

For education operation in Australia and Singapore, they are considered as a separate operating segment by the CODM. None of these segments met the quantitative thresholds for the reportable segments in both current and prior period. Accordingly, these segments were grouped in "Overseas higher education and vocational education".

Specifically, the Group's reportable segments under IFRS 8 Operating Segments are as follows:

1. PRC higher education and vocational education — operation of higher, secondary and non-formal vocational education institutions in the PRC; and

2. Overseas higher education and vocational education — operation of higher and vocational education institutions in the regions other than the PRC.

Segment revenue and results

The following is an analysis of the Group's revenue and results by operating and reportable segments:

For the six months ended 28 February 2025 (unaudited)

	PRC higher education and vocational education *RMB'000*	**Overseas higher education and vocational education** *RMB'000*	**Total** *RMB'000*
Revenue			
External sales and segment revenue	**1,234,456**	**13,030**	**1,247,486**
Segment profit (loss)	**326,298**	**(6,178)**	**320,120**
Unallocated corporate expenses			**(25,792)**
Unallocated corporate income			**1,494**
Unallocated other gains and losses			**(9,811)**
Profit before taxation			**286,011**

For the six months ended 29 February 2024 (unaudited)

	PRC higher education and vocational education *RMB'000*	Overseas higher education and vocational education *RMB'000*	Total *RMB'000*
Revenue			
External sales and segment revenue	1,144,813	15,378	1,160,191
Segment profit (loss)	398,239	(4,116)	394,123
Unallocated corporate expenses			(16,181)
Unallocated corporate income			4,229
Unallocated other gains and losses			4,289
Profit before taxation			386,460

The accounting policies of the operating segments are the same as the Group's accounting policies. Segment profit (loss) represent the profit earned by/loss incurred from each segment without allocation of certain administrative expenses, selling expenses, certain other income, certain investment income and certain other gains and losses. This is the measure reported to the CODM of the Group for the purposes of resource allocation and performance assessment.

4. OTHER GAINS AND LOSSES

	Six months ended	
	28 February 2025	29 February 2024
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Fair value change on financial assets at FVTPL	**3,489**	1,724
Net foreign exchange (loss) gain	**(9,811)**	4,289
Impairment loss under Expected Credit Loss ("**ECL**") model, net of reversal	**—**	(11,177)
Others	**(5,696)**	(2,070)
	(12,018)	(7,234)

5. TAXATION

	Six months ended	
	28 February 2025	29 February 2024
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Current tax		
— Hong Kong Profits Tax	**699**	1,078
— Enterprise Income Tax	**8,162**	7,170
	8,861	8,248
Deferred tax	**(3,359)**	(246)
Total	**5,502**	8,002

6. PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD

	Six months ended	
	28 February 2025	29 February 2024
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Profit for the period has been arrived at after charging:		
Staff costs, including directors' remuneration		
— salaries and other allowances	**424,009**	374,720
— retirement benefit scheme contributions	**43,667**	35,396
— share-based payments	**5,049**	845
Total staff costs	**472,725**	410,961
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	**111,380**	112,946
Depreciation of right-of-use assets	**13,842**	12,645
Short-term lease expenses	**753**	669

7. DIVIDENDS

The Company recognised the following dividends as payable during the six months ended 28 February 2025 and as distribution during the six months ended 29 February 2024:

	Six months ended	
	28 February 2025	29 February 2024
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Final dividend for the year ended 31 August 2024 of HK10.00 cents per ordinary share *(Note (i))* (six months ended 29 February 2024: final dividend for the year ended 31 August 2023 of HK9.00 cents per ordinary share *(Note (ii))*)	**108,704**	93,261

Notes:

(i) The final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 August 2024 totalling approximately RMB108,704,000 is expected to be satisfied partly in the form of allotment of new shares of the Company and partly in cash on 30 May 2025.

(ii) The final dividend in respect of the year ended 31 August 2023 totalling RMB93,261,000 has been satisfied partly in the form of allotment of new shares of the Company and partly in cash on 31 May 2024. The number of ordinary shares settled and issued as scrip dividends was 461,894 and the total amount of dividend paid as scrip dividends was RMB1,068,000 while cash dividend amounted to RMB92,193,000.

Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the Directors have determined that an interim dividend of HK6.60 cents per ordinary share for the six months ended 28 February 2025 (six months ended 29 February 2024: HK9.60 cents per ordinary share), in an aggregate amount of approximately HK$77,763,000 (six months ended 29 February 2024: HK$109,614,155) which is calculated based on the number of issued shares of the Company at the end of the reporting period (i.e. 28 February 2025), will be declared and paid to the shareholders of the Company ("**Shareholders**") whose names appear in the Company's register of members on 30 September 2025. The interim dividend will be payable in cash with a scrip alternative, allowing eligible Shareholders ("**Eligible Shareholders**") to elect to receive such interim dividend wholly in new shares of the Company, or partly in new shares of the Company and partly in cash, or wholly in cash.

8. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to the owners of the Company is based on the following data:

	Six months ended	
	28 February 2025	29 February 2024
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Earnings:		
Profit for the period attributable to owners of the Company for the purposes of calculating basic and diluted earnings per share	**243,683**	338,242

	Six months ended	
	28 February 2025 (unaudited)	29 February 2024 (unaudited)
Number of shares:		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share	**1,161,738,475**	1,136,739,687
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares:		
Unvested awarded shares	**3,213,572**	317,079
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share	**1,164,952,047**	1,137,056,766

The computation of diluted earnings per share does not assume the exercise of certain share options of the Company because those share options were anti-diluted during the six months ended 28 February 2025 and 29 February 2024.

9. MOVEMENTS IN PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT/RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS

During the reporting period, the Group's addition in property, plant and equipment was RMB261,186,000 (six months ended 29 February 2024: RMB278,114,000).

During the reporting period, the Group has made payments for leasehold land amounting to RMB160,268,000 (six months ended 29 February 2024: RMB16,230,000) which were recognised as additions to right-of-use assets.

10. TRADE RECEIVABLES, DEPOSITS, PREPAYMENTS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	At 28 February 2025	At 31 August 2024
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	(audited)
Trade receivables	**19,828**	6,762
Less: allowance for credit losses	**(1,263)**	(1,263)
	18,565	5,499
Receivables from education departments	**2,215**	2,218
Deposits, prepayments and other receivables	**139,398**	145,982
Total	**160,178**	153,699
Less: Amounts due within one year shown under current assets	**(123,187)**	(116,708)
Amounts shown under non-current assets	**36,991**	36,991

The following is an analysis of trade receivables, net of allowance for credit losses, by age, presented based on debit note.

	At 28 February 2025	At 31 August 2024
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	(audited)
0–30 days	**11,621**	599
31–90 days	**69**	167
91–180 days	**6,875**	4,733
Total	**18,565**	5,499

11. TRADE PAYABLES

The credit period granted by suppliers on purchase of consumables and provision of services ranged from 30 days to 60 days.

The following is an aging analysis of trade payables presented based on invoice date at the end of reporting period.

	At 28 February 2025 *RMB'000* **(unaudited)**	At 31 August 2024 *RMB'000* (audited)
0–60 days	**51,578**	30,233
61–180 days	**16,475**	8,551
181–365 days	**23,031**	8,404
Over 365 days	**3,174**	7,436
	94,258	54,624

12. SHARE CAPITAL

	Number of shares	**Amount** *US$*	**Shown in the condensed consolidated financial statements** *RMB'000*
Ordinary share of US$0.01 each			
Authorised:			
At 1 September 2023, 29 February 2024, 1 September 2024 and 28 February 2025	1,500,000,000	15,000,000	
Issued and fully paid			
At 1 September 2023	1,141,304,113	11,413,040	78,347
Issue of shares upon exercise of share options	510,000	5,100	36
Issue of shares	461,894	4,619	33
At 1 September 2024	1,142,276,007	11,422,759	78,416
Issue of shares	35,954,419	359,544	2,562
At 28 February 2025	1,178,230,426	11,782,303	80,978

MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Business Progress

During the reporting period, the Group operated nine schools at home and abroad, i.e. Guangzhou Huashang College ("**Huashang College**"), Guangzhou Huashang Vocational College ("**Huashang Vocational College**") and Guangdong Huashang Technical School ("**Huashang Technical School**") in Guangdong Province, the PRC; Urban Vocational College of Sichuan ("**Urban Vocational College**") and Urban Technician College of Sichuan ("**Urban Technician College**") in Sichuan Province, the PRC; GBA Business School ("**GBABS**") in Hong Kong, the PRC; Global Business College of Australia ("**GBCA**") and Edvantage Institute Australia ("**EIA**") in Melbourne, Australia; and Edvantage Institute (Singapore) ("**EIS**") in the downtown of Singapore. Since its establishment, the Group has consistently aligned with national policies, steadfastly pursuing a path of high-quality development. Upholding the educational philosophy of "building a century-old prestigious school and nurturing outstanding talents for China", we have continuously deepened the integration of industry and education, as well as international cooperation and exchanges. We are committed to comprehensively improving the quality of education, teaching, and talent cultivation, with all our endeavors demonstrating sustainable and high-quality development. During the reporting period, the major business progress is as follows:

Deepening Roots in the Greater Bay Area, Continuously Strengthening Educational Resources

Leveraging the exceptional regional advantages of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area ("**GBA**"), the Group has achieved steady year-on-year growth in student enrollment in recent years. As disclosed in the Group's annual report for the year ended 31 August 2024, the Group sees the importance of increasing investment in education towards the establishment of a high-quality education brand, and the Group has been making precise investment in the campus environment, facilities and equipment and teaching staff, and has continuously enriched our school operation and our teaching team, so as to enhance the quality of our education and the standard of our school operation. During the reporting period, we further increased the educational investments in the GBA by acquiring the land use rights of three parcels of land situate in Xinhui District, Jiangmen City, Guangdong Province for construction of the Jiangmen campus, continuously expanding school capacity to provide a solid foundation for future student growth and consolidating our leading position in the region.

In terms of teaching faculty, we have been expanding our team of "dual-qualified" instructors (combining academic and industry expertise), improving salary and benefits for highly educated and credentialed teachers, and actively recruiting industry experts and academic leaders. These efforts have yielded outstanding results in high-quality faculty development.

As the development of the GBA progresses, we will continue to deepen collaborations with enterprises in the region, explore innovative, open and shared models of industry-education integration. This will further enhance education quality and research capabilities, driving the high-quality development of vocational education.

Proactively Embracing Educational Transformation, Vigorously Developing AI and Digitalisation

Amid the accelerated advancement of artificial intelligence ("**AI**") and digitalisation, the Group has actively seized the trends of industrial upgrading and evolving talent demands, adopting "AI-empowered vocational education" as a core strategy to comprehensively integrate AI technology with digital teaching.

During the reporting period, we proactively embraced educational transformation by increasing investments in smart education. Key initiatives included building an intelligent education platform and introducing innovative applications such as AI teaching assistants, virtual simulation training, and personalised learning analytics, significantly enhancing teaching efficiency and students' employability.

Simultaneously, we deepened industry-education integration, establishing strong partnerships with leading enterprises (e.g., Huawei, Baidu, JD.com, etc.), research institutions, and trade associations. Together, we developed a collaborative education platform integrating "industry, academia, research, application, and innovation", co-creating cutting-edge curricula in emerging fields like AI, big data, and smart manufacturing to ensure precise alignment with industry needs.

Looking ahead, we will continue optimising our digital education ecosystem, exploring innovative "AI + vocational education" models to drive quality upgrades through technology. By consistently cultivating high-skilled talent for national strategic industries, we aim to further solidify our leadership in the sector.

From Classroom to Industry And Workshops as Incubators for Innovative Talent

Since its establishment, the Group has placed paramount importance on cultivating students' innovative and practical capabilities. Our schools have partnered with leading enterprises to establish industry-education integration workshops, inviting corporate mentors to co-design curricula and ensure precise alignment between academic content and industry demands.

During the reporting period, we launched a series of cutting-edge workshops, including:

"AI-Driven Integrated Marketing Communications Workshop", "New Narrative x Jim Chim PIP Performance Masterclass", "ESG Workshop", "Super Writing Dream Factory" and "Game Development Workshop".

These programmes deeply integrate frontier industry needs with pedagogical practice. Featuring case-based learning, sandbox simulations, and real-world corporate projects, the workshops enable students to master core competencies through immersive scenarios.

Moving forward, we will expand workshop coverage across more disciplines, strengthen school-enterprise collaborative education mechanisms, and optimise the "learning-practice-employment" pipeline. Our commitment remains steadfast: to continuously nurture high-quality, application-oriented talent equipped with innovative thinking and hands-on capabilities.

Outstanding Achievements in Student Competitions Showcase High-Quality Educational Outcomes

During the reporting period, the Group has achieved remarkable success in cultivating students' innovative and practical capabilities through our industry-education integration model. By implementing a "competition-driven learning and training" approach, our faculty-student teams have consistently excelled in national and international competitions across emerging fields such as AI, smart manufacturing, and digital media.

Notable accomplishments of the Group during the reporting period include the following: teams from Huashang College dominated the "2024 National Business Elite Challenge — International Trade Competition (Cross-border E-commerce Track)", winning national championship, first prize, and top honors in the trade exhibition; a faculty member from Huashang College published a first-author paper in the prestigious journal "PLOS ONE" and received the "Exemplary Case Award" at the 7th Higher Education Industry-Education Integration Curriculum Development Seminar; students from Huashang Vocational College secured second prize in the "Cloud Computing category" at the "2024 BRICS Skills Development and Technology Innovation International Finals" and two accounting teams from Urban Vocational College won the first prizes in the "Big Data Financial Applications competition" at the "2024 BRICS Skills Challenge".

Moving forward, we will continue leveraging competitions as a catalyst for educational excellence, transforming contest achievements into teaching resources to further enhance the quality of talent development.

Number of Student Enrolments

The table below sets forth the number of student enrolments in the Group's schools for the six months ended 28 February 2025 and for the year ended 31 August 2024:

Number of student enrolments (approx.)	**Six months ended 28 February 2025**	Year ended 31 August 2024
Higher Formal Vocational Education		
Huashang College	**31,190**	31,990
Huashang Vocational College	**25,680**	21,810
Urban Vocational College	**25,870**	21,800
Schools outside mainland China[1]	**940**	1,760
Secondary Formal Vocational Education		
Urban Technician College	**10,360**	11,170
Huashang Technical School	**6,260**	7,100

Note 1: Schools outside mainland China include GBCA, EIA, EIS and GBABS.

Range of Tuition Fees and Boarding Fees

The table below sets forth the range of tuition fees and boarding fees charged by the Group's schools to each student for the 2024/2025 and 2023/2024 school years:

	2024/2025 school year *RMB*	2023/2024 school year *RMB*	**2024/2025 school year** *RMB*	2023/2024 school year *RMB*
	Range of tuition fees		**Range of boarding fees**	
Higher Formal Vocational Education				
Huashang College				
Regular undergraduate programmes	**28,000–58,000**	28,000–48,000	**2,000–4,800**	2,000–4,800
Upgrading programmes	**28,000–42,000**	28,000–39,000	**2,000–4,800**	2,000–4,800
Huashang Vocational College				
Regular junior college programmes	**18,500–30,800**	18,500–30,800	**1,800–4,980**	1,800–4,980
Urban Vocational College				
Regular junior college programmes	**9,800–18,800**	9,800–34,000	**1,200–3,300**	1,200–3,300
Overseas schools[1]	**AUD3,800–25,000**	AUD3,800–25,000	**N/A**	N/A
Secondary Formal Vocational Education				
Urban Technician College				
Secondary vocational education diploma programmes	**9,800**	9,800	**1,200–2,000**	1,200–2,000
Huashang Technical School				
Secondary vocational education diploma programmes	**11,500–33,500**	11,500–33,500	**1,800–4,800**	1,800–4,800

Note 1: As the Group's overseas schools do not provide accommodation for their students, only the range of tuition fees for the educational services provided by them are presented.

Future Development

Looking ahead, as the Group embraces the industrial upgrading of the GBA and the opportunities presented by national strategic emerging industries, the Group will seize the "Golden 15-year window period" (黃金十五年窗口期) for high-quality development in higher vocational education. The Group will actively align with the GBA's demand for advanced manufacturing, new engineering disciplines, and the health industry, dynamically optimising our academic programme offerings with a focus on cutting-edge fields such as "AI", "New Energy Vehicles" and "Smart Healthcare". To deepen industry-education integration, the Group will collaborate with leading enterprises to establish industry-specific colleges, creating an "industry-academia-research-application-innovation" talent development ecosystem.

The Group will continue enhancing education quality and strengthening its educational distinctiveness, striving to become a globally recognised education brand while delivering long-term, sustainable value to the shareholders.

Financial Review

Revenue

The Group's revenue mainly represents income derived from tuition fees and boarding fees for the education services provided in the normal course of business at its schools in and outside mainland China, and non-formal vocational education service fees at its schools in the PRC. For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the Group's revenue was approximately RMB1,247.5 million, representing an increase of 7.5% as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year, which was mainly attributable to the increase in the number of student enrolments of Huashang Vocational College and Urban Vocational College of the Group and increase in the average tuition fees of the schools in the PRC.

Cost of Revenue

Cost of revenue consists primarily of staff costs, education expenses, depreciation, property management expenses and other costs. For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the Group's cost of revenue amounted to approximately RMB764.7 million, representing an increase of 31.3% as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year. The increase was primarily driven by the Group's increasing investment in education especially the Group's strategic investments in talent development and teaching quality, including: (i) increase in the number of full-time teachers and their average salaries, with total full-time teacher salaries increasing by approximately RMB49.3 million; (ii) increase in expenditures on student incentive subsidies and teacher training by approximately RMB38.9 million; and (iii) expansion of teaching facilities, such as adding of teaching facilities at the Huashang Vocational College's Xinhui campus and enhancement of existing teaching building facilities with advanced technology, leading to higher costs for teaching support, equipment maintenance, and property repairs, with related expenses increasing by approximately RMB55.9 million.

For advancing the connotation construction of the Group's schools, the Group will continue its investment in the aforementioned aspects during the six months ending 31 August 2025.

Gross Profit and Gross Margin

For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the Group recorded a gross profit of approximately RMB482.8 million, representing a decrease of 16.5% as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year. The drop was mainly due to the Group's adherence to a connotation development strategy and the increasing investment in strengthening the construction of a high quality education team.

Notwithstanding the immediate challenges, the Group's commitment to delivering high-quality education and enhancing operational scalability through these strategic initiatives is anticipated to bolster its competitive stance, enhance pricing authority, and foster sustainable long-term growth as one-time expenses diminish and efficiencies from increased scale are achieved.

Selling and Administrative Expenses

Selling expenses consist of advertising expenses, recruiting expenses and salary expenses. For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the Group's selling expenses amounted to approximately RMB19.8 million, representing a decrease of 31.4% as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year. It was mainly attributable to the decrease in student recruitment expenses for the Group.

Administrative expenses primarily consist of administrative payroll, repair, maintenance and property management expenses, professional consulting fees, office expenses, depreciation, business development related expenses, other tax expenses and others. For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the Group's administrative expenses amounted to approximately RMB236.8 million, representing a slight increase of 4.0% as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Profit Before Taxation

For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the Group recorded a profit before taxation of approximately RMB286.0 million, representing a decrease of 26.0% as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year.

Non-IFRSs measure — Adjusted net profit attributable to owners of the Company

To supplement the Group's consolidated results prepared and presented in accordance with IFRSs, the Group uses adjusted net profit attributable to owners of the Company as an additional financial measure.

Adjusted net profit attributable to owners of the Company is determined by adjusting profit for the period for the effect of net foreign exchange gain or loss, share-based payments, non-cash impairment loss recognised under ECL model and profit for the period attributable to non-controlling interests (if any). For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the Group's adjusted net profit attributable to owners of the Company amounted to approximately RMB258.5 million, representing a decrease of 25.3% as compared with the corresponding period of the preceding year.

	Six months ended	
	28 February 2025	29 February 2024
	RMB'000	*RMB'000*
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)
Profit for the period	**280,509**	378,458
Adjustments for:		
Net foreign exchange loss/(gain)	**9,811**	(4,289)
Share-based payments	**5,049**	845
Non-cash impairment loss recognised under ECL model	**—**	11,406
	14,860	7,962
Adjusted net profit	**295,369**	386,420
Less: profit for the period attributable to non-controlling interests	**(36,826)**	(40,216)
Adjusted net profit attributable to owners of the Company	**258,543**	346,204

Whilst adjusted net profit attributable to owners of the Company is not required by or presented in accordance with IFRSs, the management of the Company believes that such non-IFRSs financial measure provides useful supplementary information to investors in assessing the results of the Group's core businesses by excluding the impact of certain foreign exchange loss and share-based payments. However, such unaudited non-IFRSs financial measure should be regarded as supplement to, and not substitute for, the Group's financial results prepared in accordance with IFRSs. In addition, the definition of such non-IFRSs financial measure does not have a standardised meaning prescribed by IFRSs and therefore may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies, and may differ from similar terminology used by other companies. Accordingly, the use of such non-IFRSs measure has limitation as an analytical tool, and investors should not consider it in isolation form, or as a substitute for analysis of our results of operations or financial conditions as reported under IFRSs.

Property, Plant and Equipment

As of 28 February 2025, the Group's property, plant and equipment amounted to approximately RMB5,412.1 million, representing an increase of 2.8% as compared with 31 August 2024. Such an increase was a result of (i) the construction of a new campus for Huashang Vocational College at Xinhui District, Jiangmen City, Guangdong Province; (ii) the construction of teaching facilities of Huashang College at Sihui District, Zhaoqing city, Guangdong Province; and (iii) the construction of campus in Meishan, Sichuan Province.

Capital Expenditures

For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the Group recorded approximately RMB421.5 million in capital expenditures. It was mainly attributable to (i) acquisition of land use rights of the land parcels in Xinhui District, Jiangmen City, totalling approximately RMB143.1 million, and the construction of the Xinhui new campus and new teaching facilities, totalling approximately RMB114.9 million for Huashang Vocational College; (ii) acquisition of land use rights and the construction of new teaching facilities at Guangdong Zengcheng campus and Sihui campus, totalling approximately RMB90.8 million; and (iii) construction of new teaching facilities on Meishan Campus of Urban Vocational College and enhancement of the existing teaching facilities on Meishan and Chengdu Campuses totalling approximately RMB68.6 million.

Financial Assets at Fair Value Through Profit or Loss (the "FVTPL")

As at 28 February 2025, the Group's financial assets at FVTPL amounted to approximately RMB206.3 million (31 August 2024: RMB213.7 million), being structured deposits invested in banks and financial institutions in the PRC as the Company's treasury management purpose is maximising its return on the surplus cash received from its business operations without interfering with its business operations or capital expenditures, for which the Group expected that such structured deposits would earn a better yield than current deposits generally offered by banks in the PRC. For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the Group recorded a fair value change on financial assets at FVTPL of approximately RMB3.5 million (31 August 2024: RMB1.3 million), which was mainly derived from the structured deposits interest income received and receivable. As at 28 February 2025, no single investment in such structured deposits of the Group accounted for more than 5% of the total assets of the Group.

Bank Balances, Deposits and Cash

As of 28 February 2025, the Group's bank balances, deposits and cash was approximately RMB1,864.6 million, representing a decrease of 12.1% as compared with that as of 31 August 2024. Such decrease was mainly attributable to the fact that during the reporting period, the Group recorded capital expenditures in the sum of approximately RMB421.5 million.

Liquidity, Financial Resources and Gearing Ratio

As at 28 February 2025, the Group had liquid funds (representing bank balances, deposits and cash and structured deposits recognised in financial assets at FVTPL) of approximately RMB2,070.8 million (31 August 2024: RMB2,335.8 million) and bank and other borrowings of approximately RMB1,914.4 million (31 August 2024: RMB1,672.2 million).

As at 28 February 2025, the gearing ratio (calculated based on the total amount of bank and other borrowings divided by the total equity of the Group) was 37.5% (31 August 2024: 34.5%) and the debt to asset ratio (calculated based on the total amount of bank and other borrowings divided by the total assets of the Group) was 20.8% (31 August 2024: 18.4%).

Foreign Exchange Risk Management

For the Group's operation in the PRC, the major revenue and expenses are denominated in RMB, while there are certain monetary assets and monetary liabilities that are denominated in Hong Kong, Australian and Singapore dollars, which would expose the Group to foreign exchange risk. The Group currently does not have a foreign currency hedging policy. However, the management of the Company closely monitors foreign exchange exposure and will consider hedging significant foreign currency exposure when the need arises. For the Group's operations outside the PRC, the major revenue and expenses are denominated in local currencies.

Material Acquisitions and Disposals

The Group did not have any material acquisitions or disposals of subsidiaries, associates and joint ventures during the reporting period.

Charge on the Group's Assets

As at 28 February 2025, the Group's bank and other borrowings had been secured by the equity interests of a subsidiary, certain deposits of the Group and the rights to receive the tuition fees and boarding fees of each of Huashang College, Huashang Vocational College and Urban Vocational College.

Save as disclosed above, there was no other material charge on the Group's assets as at 28 February 2025.

Contingent Liabilities

As at 28 February 2025, the Group had no significant contingent liabilities.

Human Resources

As at 28 February 2025, the Group had approximately 8,182 employees. The Group offers competitive remuneration packages to the employees, which are determined in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of the local jurisdictions where the Group operates and the individual qualification, experience and performance of the relevant employees, as well as the prevailing salary levels in the market. In addition, the Group provides other comprehensive fringe benefits to the employees, including social insurance and mandatory provident funds, in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations. For the six months ended 28 February 2025, the staff costs (including Directors' remuneration) of the Group were approximately RMB472.7 million.

Moreover, the Company has adopted the 2024 share option scheme and 2024 share award scheme on 19 January 2024. Please refer to the circular of the Company dated 4 January 2024 for details of the aforementioned share schemes.

Besides, the Group provides relevant training programmes for the employees based on their respective personal career development.

SUBSEQUENT EVENT

So far as the Directors are aware, there are no important events after 28 February 2025 and up to the date of this announcement.

INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board has resolved to declare an interim dividend in the sum of HK6.60 cents per share in respect of the six months ended 28 February 2025 (six months ended 29 February 2024: HK9.60 cents) to shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company at the close of business on 30 September 2025, Tuesday, whereas the interim dividend will be payable in cash with a scrip dividend alternative which allows Eligible Shareholders to elect to receive the interim dividend wholly in new shares or partly in new shares and partly in cash or wholly in cash (the "**Scrip Dividend Scheme**").

For the purpose of calculating the number of new shares to be allotted and issued under the Scrip Dividend Scheme, the issue price of the new shares will be HK$1.707 per share, which is determined with reference to the average closing price per share as stated in the daily quotation sheet of the Stock Exchange for the three consecutive trading days commencing from 22 April 2025 to 24 April 2025.

The Scrip Dividend Scheme is subject to the Stock Exchange granting the listing of and permission to deal in the new shares to be issued pursuant thereto.

A circular giving full details of the Scrip Dividend Scheme together with the relevant form of election will be disseminated to the Eligible Shareholders on or around 3 October 2025, Friday. It is expected that the interim dividend cheques and certificates for the new shares (in case the Eligible Shareholders have elected to receive part or all of their interim dividend in the form of new shares) will be despatched to the Eligible Shareholders on or around 31 October 2025, Friday.

CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The register of members of the Company will be closed during the period from 25 September 2025, Thursday to 30 September 2025, Tuesday, both days inclusive and during which period no share transfer will be effected, for the purpose of ascertaining shareholders' entitlement to the interim dividend. In order to qualify for the interim dividend, all transfer documents accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Company's Hong Kong branch share registrar and transfer office, MUFG Corporate Markets Pty Limited, at Suite 1601, 16/F., Central Tower, 28 Queen's Road Central, Central, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on 24 September 2025, Wednesday.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

The Company recognises the importance of good corporate governance for enhancing the management of the Company as well as preserving the interests of the shareholders as a whole. The Company has adopted the code provisions as set out in the Corporate Governance Code (the "**CG Code**") as contained in Appendix C1 to the Listing Rules, as its own code to govern its corporate governance practices.

The Company has complied with the relevant code provisions contained in Part 2 of the CG Code during the reporting period.

The Board will continue to review and monitor the practices of the Company with an aim of maintaining a high standard of corporate governance.

MODEL CODE FOR SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS

The Company has adopted the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Issuers as set out in Appendix C3 to the Listing Rules (the "**Model Code**") as its own code of conduct regarding dealings in the securities of the Company by the Directors and the Company's senior management who, because of his/her office or employment, is likely to possess inside information in relation to the Company or its securities.

Upon specific enquiry, all Directors confirmed that they have complied with the Model Code during the reporting period. In addition, the Company is not aware of any non-compliance of the Model Code by the senior management of the Group during the reporting period.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's listed securities (including the sale of treasury shares) during the reporting period.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Audit Committee

The Company has established an audit committee (the "**Audit Committee**") with written terms of reference in accordance with the Listing Rules. The Audit Committee comprises three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. O'Yang Wiley, Mr. Xu Gang and Mr. Li Jiatong. Mr. O'Yang Wiley is the chairman of the Audit Committee.

The Group's consolidated interim results for the six months ended 28 February 2025 have not been audited but the Audit Committee had reviewed, together with the management of the Company, the Group's unaudited consolidated interim results for the six months ended 28 February 2025, the accounting principles and policies adopted by the Group and discussed internal control and financial reporting matters of the Group.

PUBLICATION OF INTERIM RESULTS ANNOUNCEMENT AND INTERIM REPORT

This announcement is published on the website of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company's website (www.edvantagegroup.com.hk). The interim report of the Company for the six months ended 28 February 2025 containing all the information required by the Listing Rules will be disseminated to shareholders and published on the above websites in due course.

By Order of the Board
Edvantage Group Holdings Limited
Liu Yung Chau
Chairman and Executive Director

Hong Kong, 25 April 2025

As at the date of this announcement, the executive Directors are Mr. Liu Yung Chau, Ms. Chen Yuan, Rita and Ms. Liu Yi Man, the non-executive Director is Mr. Liu Yung Kan; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Xu Gang, Mr. O'Yang Wiley and Mr. Li Jiatong.