

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual general meeting of China Telecom Corporation Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 2005 will be held at 11:00 am on 23 May 2006 in the Ballroom, Level 3, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong, Pacific Place, 88 Queensway, Hong Kong to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following businesses:

ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS

1. **THAT** the consolidated financial statements of the Company, the report of the Board of Directors, the report of the Supervisory Committee and the report of the international auditors for the year ended 31 December 2005 be considered and approved, and the Board of Directors be authorised to prepare the budget of the Company for year 2006;
2. **THAT** the profit distribution proposal and the declaration and payment of a final dividend for the year ended 31 December 2005 be considered and approved;
3. **THAT** the reappointment of KPMG and KPMG Huazhen as the international auditors and domestic auditors of the Company respectively for the year ending 31 December 2006 be considered and approved, and the Board of Directors of the Company be authorised to fix the remuneration of the auditors;
4. **THAT** Mr. Wei Leping's resignation from the position as an executive director of the Company be considered and approved; and

to consider and approve other businesses (if any).

And as special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following as special resolutions:

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

5. **THAT** the issue of short-term commercial paper by the Board of Directors be considered, approved, confirmed and ratified.
 - (1) **THAT** the Company's issue of short-term commercial paper before end of October 2006 pursuant to *The Notice of the People's Bank of China on the Issue of Short-term Commercial Paper by China Telecom Corporation Limited* (Yin Fa [2005] No. 286) and based on the need of the Company and the market conditions, and with a maximum outstanding repayment amount of RMB30 billion be approved; **THAT** the Company's issue of short-term commercial paper, in one or more tranches, from end of October 2006 to the day before the date on which the annual general meeting of the Company for the year ending 31 December 2006 is held, and with a maximum outstanding repayment amount of RMB40 billion be approved (the "Issue").
 - (2) **THAT** the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") or any two or more directors of the Company (the "Directors") duly authorised by the Board, taking into consideration the specific needs of the Company and other market conditions, be and are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised to:
 - (a) determine the specific terms, conditions and other matters of the Issue (including, but not limited to, the determination of the actual aggregate amount, interest rate, rating, guarantee arrangements and use of proceeds of the Issue);
 - (b) do all such acts which are necessary and incidental to the Issue (including, but not limited to, the securing of approvals, the determination of underwriting arrangements and the preparation of relevant application documents); and
 - (c) take all such steps which are necessary for the purposes of executing the Issue (including, but not limited to, the execution of all requisite documentation and the disclosure of relevant information in accordance with applicable laws),

and to the extent that any of the aforementioned acts and steps have already been undertaken by the Board or the Directors in connection with the Issue, such acts and steps be hereby approved, confirmed and ratified.

6. **“THAT:**

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the board of directors of the Company during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares of the company (“Shares”) and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers be hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) shall authorise the board of directors of the Company during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (c) the amount of additional domestic Shares or overseas-listed foreign invested shares (“H Shares”) (as the case may be) allotted, issued and dealt with or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted, issued and dealt with either separately or concurrently once every twelve months by the board of directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as hereinafter defined) or (ii) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment of Shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on Shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company shall not exceed 20% of each of the Company’s existing domestic Shares and H Shares (as the case may be) in issue at the date of passing this special resolution; and

- (d) for the purpose of this special resolution 6:

“Relevant Period” means the period from the passing of special resolution 6 until the earliest of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the 12 months period following the passing of these special resolutions; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given to the board of directors of the Company under these special resolutions by a special resolution of the Company’s shareholders in general meeting.

“Rights Issue” means an offer of shares open for a period fixed by the board of directors of the Company to holders of Shares on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion of their then holdings of such Shares (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the board of directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any legal or practical restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirement of, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in any territory applicable to the Company) and an offer, allotment or issue of shares by way of rights shall be construed accordingly.”

- 7. **“THAT** the board of directors of the Company be authorised to increase the registered capital of the Company to reflect the issue of shares in the Company authorised under special resolution 6, and to make such appropriate and necessary amendments to the articles of association of the Company as they think fit to reflect such increases in the registered capital of the Company and to take any other action and complete any formality required to effect such increase of the registered capital of the Company.”

By Order of the Board

Li Ping Yung Shun Loy, Jacky
Joint Company Secretaries

Beijing, PRC
3 April 2006

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Notes:

- (1) Mr. Wei Leping proposed to retire from his position as executive director of the Company, which will be effective after approval in the annual general meeting.
- (2) Buyers who submit the share transfer application forms to the Company's share registrar before 4:00 pm on 21 April 2006 and then register as shareholders on the register of members of the Company are entitled to attend the annual general meeting.
- (3) Each shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the annual general meeting may appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote on his behalf at the annual general meeting. A proxy need not be a shareholder. Each shareholder who wishes to appoint one or more proxies should first review the annual report of the Company for the year 2005, which is expected to be despatched to shareholders around 4 April 2006.
- (4) To be valid, the form of proxy together with the power of attorney or other authorisation document (if any) signed by the authorised person or notarially certified power of attorney must be delivered to the Office of the Board of the Company for holders of domestic shares and to the Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited for holders of H shares not less than 24 hours before the designated time for the holding of the annual general meeting. Completion and return of a form of proxy will not preclude a shareholder from attending in person and voting at the annual general meeting if he so wishes.

The address of the share registrar for the Company's H shares is as follows:

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited
46th Floor, Hopewell Centre,
183 Queen's Road East,
Wanchai, Hong Kong

- (5) A proxy of a shareholder may vote by hand or vote on a poll, but a proxy of a shareholder who has appointed more than one proxy may only vote on a poll.
- (6) The registration procedure for attending the annual general meeting:
 - (a) shareholders attending the annual general meeting in person or by proxy shall present their identity certification. If the attending shareholder is a corporation, its legal representative or person authorised by the board or other decision making authority shall present a copy of the relevant resolution of the board or other decision making authority in order to attend the annual general meeting.
 - (b) shareholders intending to attend the annual general meeting shall return the attendance slip via hand delivery, mail or fax to the Office of the Board of the Company on or before 2 May 2006.
- (7) Closure of the register of members:

The register of members of the Company will be closed from 24 April 2006 to 23 May 2006 (both days inclusive).
- (8) The annual general meeting is expected to last for half a day and shareholders (in person or by proxy) attending the annual general meeting shall be responsible for their own transport and accommodation expenses.
- (9) The address of the Office of the Board is as follows:

31 Jinrong Street
Xicheng District, Beijing 100032
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