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China Telecom Corporation Limited*
中國電信股份有限公司

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

ANNOUNCEMENT
EXERCISE OF OVER-ALLOTMENT OPTION

- The Company announces that the Over-allotment Option referred to in the Prospectus was partially exercised by the Joint Global Coordinators on behalf of the International Underwriters and the US Underwriters on December 14, 2002 in respect of 471,010,000 Over-allotment Shares (as defined below) on the terms detailed below.
- 428,148,100 Over-allotment Shares will be issued and allotted by the Company and 42,861,900 Over-allotment Shares will be sold by the Selling Shareholders at HK\$1.48 per H Share (which is equivalent to the Offer Price under the Hong Kong Public Offering of HK\$1.47 per H Share plus brokerage, transaction levy and Stock Exchange trading fee), being the offer price per H Share under the International Offering and US Offering.

The Company announces that the Over-allotment Option was partially exercised by the Joint Global Coordinators on behalf of the International Underwriters and the US Underwriters on December 14, 2002 in respect of 471,010,000 additional H Shares (the "Over-allotment Shares") (representing approximately 6.23% of H Shares initially offered under the Global Offering and 5.87% of H Shares offered under the Global Offering following such partial exercise of the Over-allotment Option), solely to cover over-allocations in the International Offering and the US Offering. The Over-allotment Shares comprise 428,148,100 new H Shares to be issued by the Company and 42,861,900 H Shares to be sold by the Selling Shareholders. The Over-allotment Shares will be issued and allotted by the Company and sold by the Selling Shareholders (as the case may be) at HK\$1.48 per H Share (which is equivalent to the Offer Price under the Hong Kong Public Offering of HK\$1.47 per H Share plus brokerage, transaction levy and Hong Kong Stock Exchange trading fee), being the offering price per H Share under the International Offering and the US Offering. Except for the above, no other H Shares will be issued by the Company and/or sold by the Selling Shareholders under the Over-allotment Option. Listing of and permission to deal in the Over-allotment Shares have already been granted by the Listing Committee of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Dealings in the Over-allotment Shares are expected to commence on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange on December 20, 2002.

The shareholding structures of the Company immediately before and after the issue and sale of the 471,010,000 Over-allotment Shares are respectively as follows:

Shareholders	Before the issue and sale of the Over-allotment Shares		After the issue and sale of the Over-allotment Shares	
	Number of Domestic/ H Shares	Approximate % of issued share capital	Number of Domestic/ H Shares	Approximate % of issued share capital
China Telecommunications Corporation	58,846,415,482	78.27%	58,809,120,182	77.78%
Guangdong Rising Assets Management Co., Ltd.	5,662,196,987	7.53%	5,658,608,387	7.48%
Jiangsu Guoxin Investment Group Co., Ltd.	965,233,536	1.28%	964,621,836	1.28%
Zhejiang Financial Development Company	2,155,792,398	2.87%	2,154,426,098	2.85%
Public investors	7,556,400,000	10.05%	8,027,410,000	10.62%
Total number of Shares	<u>75,186,038,403</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>75,614,186,503</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

The aggregate net proceeds from the issue and sale of the Over-allotment Shares is approximately HK\$675 million, of which the aggregate net proceeds to the Company is approximately HK\$614 million, which will be used by the Company as described in the Prospectus.

By order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Li Ping
Company Secretary

Hong Kong, December 14, 2002

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Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in The South China Morning Post.