



China Telecom Corporation Limited
中国电信股份有限公司

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

(Stock Code: 728)

Registered office:
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Dear Shareholders,

2008 Annual Report

We attach the 2008 Annual Report (the “Current Corporate Communication”) of China Telecom Corporation Limited (the “Company”) which has been prepared in Chinese and English.

Those shareholders who (a) have chosen to read the Current Corporate Communication posted on the Company’s website in lieu of the printed copy and would like to receive a printed copy; or (b) received the Current Corporate Communication in either the English or Chinese language only and would like to receive a printed copy in the other language; or (c) want to change their choice of language and means of receipt of all future corporate communications, please tick the appropriate box in the enclosed Change Request Form and sign and return the same with the envelope provided to the Company’s H share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, Rooms 1806–1807, 18th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong. The Change Request Form may also be downloaded from the Company’s website at www.chinatelecom-h.com.

Both the English and Chinese versions of the Current Corporate Communication are available on the Company’s website at www.chinatelecom-h.com for 5 years from the date of first publication. If you have any queries about how to obtain copies of the Current Corporate Communication or how to access those documents on the Company’s website, please call the Company’s hotline on (852) 2862 8555 during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays). If you have any difficulty in receiving or gaining access to the Current Corporate Communication posted on the Company’s website for any reason, the Company will promptly upon your notice send the printed form of the Current Corporate Communication to you free of charge. Further, shareholders are entitled at any time by reasonable notice in writing to the Company’s H share registrar or by email at chinatelecom.ecom@computershare.com.hk to change their choice of language and means of receipt of corporate communications.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Yung Shun Loy, Jacky
Company Secretary