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# CHINA EAST EDUCATION HOLDINGS LIMITED

中國東方教育控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 667)

### PROPOSALS FOR

GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES;
RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS;
RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS;
DECLARATION OF A FINAL DIVIDEND;
AND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of China East Education Holdings Limited to be held at Conference Room, Office Building, 1009 Xuelin Road, Vocational Education Town, Xinzhan District, Hefei City, Anhui Province, China on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 3:00 p.m. is set out on pages 14 to 19 of this circular. A form of proxy for use at the annual general meeting is also enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.chinaeastedu.com). Whether or not you are able to attend the annual general meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong as soon as possible but in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude shareholders from attending and voting in person at the annual general meeting (or any adjournment thereof) if they so wish.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

In this circular, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:

"Annual General Meeting" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held

at Conference Room, Office Building, 1009 Xuelin Road, Vocational Education Town, Xinzhan District, Hefei City, Anhui Province, China on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 3:00 p.m., or any adjournment thereof and notice of which is set out on pages 14 to 19 of this

circular

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company adopted (as

amended from time to time)

"Board" the board of Directors

"BVI" British Virgin Islands

"Companies Law" the Companies Law (as revised) of the Cayman Islands

as amended, supplemented and/or otherwise modified

from time to time

"Company" China East Education Holdings Limited (中國東方教育

控股有限公司), an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability on 4 October

2018

"Director(s)" the director(s) of the Company

"General Mandate" a general mandate proposed to be granted to the

Directors at the Annual General Meeting to allot, issue and/or deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting the General Mandate

"Group" our Company, its subsidiaries and the consolidated

affiliated entities from time to time

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars and cents respectively, the lawful

currency for the time being of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the

People's Republic of China

"Latest Practicable Date" 15 April 2020, being the latest practicable date prior to

the printing of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining

certain information contained in this circular

"Listing Date" 12 June 2019, being the date on which the Shares are

listed on the Stock Exchange

# **DEFINITIONS** the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the "Listing Rules" Stock Exchange, as amended from time to time "PRC" the People's Republic of China excluding, for the purpose of this circular, Hong Kong, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan "Repurchase Mandate" a general and unconditional mandate proposed to be granted to the Directors at the Annual General Meeting to repurchase Shares not exceeding 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the relevant resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate "SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong) as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time ordinary share(s) of nominal value of HK\$0.0001 each "Share(s)" in the capital of the Company "Shareholder(s)" the holder(s) of the Shares "Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited "Takeovers Code" the Code on Takeovers and Mergers and Share Buy-backs issued by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong, as amended from time to time "Wu Junbao Education" Wu Junbao Education Company Limited (吳俊保教育有 限公司), a limited liability company established under the laws of the BVI on 12 September 2018, which is directly wholly-owned by Mr. Wu Junbao "Wu Wei Education" Wu Wei Education Company Limited (吳偉教育有限公

司), a limited liability company established under the laws of the BVI on 12 September 2018, which is

directly wholly-owned by Mr. Wu Wei

"Xiao Guoqing Education" Xiao Guoqing Education Company Limited(肖國慶教育

有限公司), a limited liability company established under the laws of the BVI on 12 September 2018, which is

directly wholly-owned by Mr. Xiao Guoqing

"%" per cent.

If there is any inconsistency between the Chinese names of entities or enterprises established in the PRC and their English translations, the Chinese names shall prevail. The English translation of company or entity names in Chinese or another language which are marked with "\*" is for identification purpose only.

# CHINA EAST EDUCATION HOLDINGS LIMITED

# 中國東方教育控股有限公司

(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 667)

Executive Directors:
Mr. Wu Wei (Chairman)

Mr. Xiao Guoqing (Deputy Chairman)

Non-Executive Directors:

Mr. Wu Junbao Mr. Lu Zhen

Independent Non-Executive Directors:

Mr. Hung Ka Hai, Clement Mr. Cheung Tsun Yung, Thomas

Dr. Zhu Guobin

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22 April 2020

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam

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AND

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to give you the notice of Annual General Meeting and the following proposals to be put forward at the Annual General Meeting: (a) granting of the General Mandate to issue Shares and the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares; (b) the re-election of the retiring Directors; (c) the re-appointment of the auditors of the Company; and (d) the declaration of a final dividend.

### GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

In order to ensure flexibility and give discretion to the Directors, in the event that it becomes desirable for the Company to issue any new Shares, approval is to be sought from the Shareholders, pursuant to the Listing Rules, for the General Mandate to issue Shares. At the Annual General Meeting, an ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) will be proposed to grant the General Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with the additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to the General Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 2,191,627,206 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to issue a maximum of 438,325,441 Shares.

In addition, subject to a separate approval of the ordinary resolution numbered 5(C), the number of Shares purchased by the Company under ordinary resolution numbered 5(B) will also be added to extend the General Mandate as mentioned in ordinary resolution numbered 5(A) provided that such additional amount shall represent up to 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing the resolutions in relation to the General Mandate and Repurchase Mandate. The Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new Shares pursuant to the General Mandate.

### REPURCHASE MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

In addition, an ordinary resolution numbered 5(B) will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to approve the granting of the Repurchase Mandate to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to repurchase Shares representing up to 10% of the number of issued Shares as at the date of passing of the resolution in relation to the Repurchase Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, there were 2,191,627,206 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the above resolution and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased after the Latest Practicable Date and up to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 219,162,720 Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

An explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to be sent to the Shareholders in connection with the proposed Repurchase Mandate is set out in Appendix II to this circular. This explanatory statement contains all information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the relevant resolution at the Annual General Meeting.

### RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

In accordance with article 84(1) of the Articles of Association, one-third of the Directors for the time being (or if their number is not a multiple of three, then the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation and shall be

eligible for re-election and re-appointment at every annual general meeting, provided that every Director shall be subject to retirement by rotation at least once every three years. Accordingly, Mr. Xiao Guoqing, Mr. Lu Zhen and Dr. Zhu Guobin shall retire by rotation at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election as Directors thereat.

In accordance with article 83(3) of the Articles of Association, any Director appointed by the Board either to fill a casual vacancy or as an addition to the Board will hold office until the next following general meeting of the Company after his appointment.

All Directors will hold office as the Director until the Annual General Meeting and are subject to re-election. Details of the retiring Directors who are subject to re-election at the Annual General Meeting are set out in Appendix I to this circular in accordance with the relevant requirements of the Listing Rules.

## **RE-APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu will retire as the auditors of the Company at the Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

The Board proposed to re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as the auditors of the Company and to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company.

# DECLARATION OF A FINAL DIVIDEND AND CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Board has recommended the payment of a final dividend of HK\$0.21 per Share in respect of the year ended 31 December 2019. Conditional upon the passing of ordinary resolution numbered 2 by the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 27 May 2020, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 2 June 2020 to Thursday, 4 June 2020 (both dates inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered and the final dividend is expected to be paid on or around Tuesday, 23 June 2020. Shareholders registered under the Hong Kong branch register of members as of Thursday, 4 June 2020 will be entitled to the final dividends. All final dividends will be paid in Hong Kong dollars. In order to determine the identity of the Shareholders who are entitled to the final dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar in Hong Kong, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 1 June 2020.

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Set out on pages 14 to 19 of this circular is the notice of the Annual General Meeting at which, inter alia, ordinary resolutions will be proposed to Shareholders to consider and approve the granting of the General Mandate to issue Shares and the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares, and the re-election of the retiring Directors.

For determining eligibility to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, the register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 22 May 2020 to Wednesday, 27 May 2020, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares will be registered. The record date for entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting shall be Wednesday, 27 May 2020. In order to be eligible to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all transfer of Shares, accompanied by the relevant share certificates, must be lodged with the Company's Hong Kong share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, for registration not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 21 May 2020.

### FORM OF PROXY

A form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Annual General Meeting. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of the Stock Exchange (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.chinaeastedu.com). Whether or not you intend to attend the Annual General Meeting, you are requested to complete the form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and return it to the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and delivery of the form of proxy shall not preclude a Shareholder from attending and voting in person at the Annual General Meeting if they so wish and in such event the form of proxy shall be deemed to be revoked.

### VOTING BY POLL

There is no Shareholder who has any material interest in the proposed resolutions regarding the General Mandate and Repurchase Mandate, therefore none of the Shareholders is required to abstain from voting on such resolutions.

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules and article 66(1) of the Articles of Association, any resolution put to the vote of the Shareholders at a general meeting shall be decided on a poll except where the chairman of the annual general meeting, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands. Accordingly, each of the resolutions set out in the notice will be taken by way of poll.

On a poll, every Shareholder present in person or by proxy or, in the case of a Shareholder being a corporation, by its duly authorised representative, shall have one vote for every fully paid Share of which he/she is the holder. A Shareholder entitled to more than one vote needs not use all his/her votes or cast all the votes he/she uses in the same way.

### RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors, having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors consider that the proposed resolutions for the granting of the General Mandate to issue Shares, the Repurchase Mandate to repurchase Shares, the re-election of the retiring Directors, the re-appointment of auditors of the Company and the declaration of a final dividend are in the interests of the Group and the Shareholders as a whole. The Directors therefore recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of all the resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Your attention is also drawn to the additional information set out in the appendices to this circular.

Yours faithfully
By order of the Board
China East Education Holdings Limited
Wu Wei
Chairman

# DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

The following are the particulars of the retiring Directors (as required by the Listing Rules) proposed to be re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the following Directors, save as disclosed herein, had any interest in Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

Save as disclosed herein, none of the following Directors holds any position with the Company or any other member of the Group, or any directorships in other public companies, the securities of which are listed on any securities market in Hong Kong or overseas in the last three years. Save as disclosed herein, the following Directors are not otherwise related to any Directors, senior management, substantial Shareholders or controlling Shareholders (as defined in the Listing Rules) of the Company.

Save as disclosed herein, there is no other matter in relation to the following Directors that needs to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders and there is no other information relating to the following Directors which is required to be disclosed pursuant to any of the requirements of Rule 13.51(2)(h) to (v) of the Listing Rules.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

### Mr. Xiao Guoqing

Mr. Xiao Guoqing (肖國慶), aged 51, is an executive Director and the deputy chairman of the Board of the Company and is responsible for business management and providing opinion and judgement to our Board.

Mr. Xiao obtained the qualification of senior economist granted by the Personnel Bureau of Hefei City (合肥市人事局) in July 2004. He graduated from Renmin University of China (中國人民大學) in Beijing, the PRC with a degree of master of business administration in April 2004 and a degree of executive master of business administration executive in January 2009, and a master degree of business administration executive in October 2012 from Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business (長江商學院). Mr. Xiao has over 20 years of experience in education.

Save as Mr. Xiao has been a director of Xin'an Financial Group Co., Ltd.\* (安徽新安金融集團有限公司), a company whose shares are listed on the National Equities Exchange and Quotations (stock code: 834397) since August 2014, Mr. Xiao did not hold any directorship in any other listed companies during the last three years.

Mr. Xiao has entered into a service contract with the Company for an initial term of three years commencing from the Listing Date, which may be terminated by not less than three months' notice in writing served by either Mr. Xiao or the Company and subject to the relevant provisions of retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Xiao's existing remuneration is HK\$360,000 per annum, which is determined based on appropriate criteria

# DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

including but not limited to meritocracy and common market practice for comparable board compensations of other listed issuers and is approved by the Board with reference to the prevailing market situation.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Xiao was deemed to be interested in 490,017,995 Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Mr. Lu Zhen

Mr. Lu Zhen (陸真), aged 44, is a non-executive Director of the Company and is responsible for providing opinion and judgment to our Board.

Mr. Lu graduated from Zhengzhou Institute of Textile Engineering\* (鄭州紡織工學院), currently known as Zhongyuan University of Technology\* (中原工學院), in Zhengzhou, Henan province, the PRC, with a bachelor degree majoring in mechanical engineering in July 1999, and from Nanjing University (南京大學) in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, the PRC, with a master degree of business administration in March 2009. Mr. Lu has over 10 years of experience in education.

Save as Mr. Lu has been an executive director of China Xinhua Education Group Limited (stock code: 2779) since October 2017, Mr. Lu did not hold any directorship in any other listed companies during the last three years.

Mr. Lu has entered into a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of three years commencing from the Listing Date, subject to the relevant provisions of retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Mr. Lu's existing remuneration is HK\$360,000 per annum, which is determined based on appropriate criteria including but not limited to meritocracy and common market practice for comparable board compensations of other listed issuers and is approved by the Board with reference to the prevailing market situation.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lu was interested in the Company's share options to subscribe for 981,510 Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

# INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Dr. Zhu Guobin

Dr. Zhu Guobin (朱國斌), aged 58, is an independent non-executive Director of the Company.

Dr. Zhu obtained a bachelor's degree in history, a master's degree in history and a master's degree in law from Renmin University of China in July 1983, July 1986 and June 2007, a master of laws from the University of Hong Kong in December 1999, and a doctorate in law and an accreditation to supervise research (Diplôme d'Habilitation à Diriger

# DETAILS OF RETIRING DIRECTORS PROPOSED FOR RE-ELECTION

des Recherches) from the University of Aix-Marseilles in France in June 1994. Dr. Zhu obtained a certificate in administrative engineering class from the National School of Administration (Ecole Nationale d'Administration) in France from June 1989 to March 1990. Dr. Zhu was a visiting scholar of Harvard Law School, the U.S., from 2007 to 2008 and 2020, and a visiting scholar of Columbia Law School, the U.S., in 2011.

Dr. Zhu is a guest professor of law in Shandong University and Sichuan University in the PRC, an adjunct professor of law at school of Law of Zhejiang University, Wuhan University and Qingdao University in the PRC, respectively. Dr. Zhu is a titular member of the International Academy of Comparative Law (Paris, France), a member of International Association of Constitutional Law, a member of the French Society of Comparative Legislation, a council member of the Chinese Association of Constitutional Law (中國憲法學研究會), a council member of the Chinese Society of Judicial Studies (中華司法研究會), a member of the Chinese Association of the Hong Kong & Macao Studies, and a member of the Association of Hong Kong Basic Law and Macao Basic Law.

Dr. Zhu has entered a letter of appointment with the Company for a term of one year commencing from the Listing Date, subject to the relevant provisions of retirement by rotation and re-election at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association. Dr. Zhu's existing remuneration is HK\$360,000 per annum, which is determined based on appropriate criteria including but not limited to meritocracy and common market practice for comparable board compensations of other listed issuers and is approved by the Board with reference to the prevailing market situation.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Zhu did not hold any Shares within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO.

# FURTHER INFORMATION IN RELATION TO THE RE-ELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The recommendation of the appointment of the above independent non-executive Director to the Board was made in accordance with the Company's nomination policy and objective criteria (including without limitation professional experience, skills, knowledge, gender, age, cultural and educational background, ethnicity, and length of service), with due regard for the benefits of diversity, as set out under the Company's board diversity policy. The Board has also taken into account the contributions of the above independent non-executive Director and his commitment to his role. The Company has also received his independence confirmation pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and was satisfied with his independence.

In view of the above, the Board believes the above independent non-executive Director is independent and his education, background and experience will allow him to provide valuable insights and contribute to the diversity of the Board and therefore should be re-elected.

The following is an explanatory statement required to be sent to the Shareholders under the Listing Rules in connection with the proposed Repurchase Mandate.

## **SHARE CAPITAL**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of issued Shares was 2,191,627,206 Shares of nominal value of HK\$ 0.0001 each which have been fully paid. Subject to the passing of the resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no further Shares are issued or repurchased before the Annual General Meeting, the Company will be allowed to repurchase a maximum of 219,162,720 Shares which represent 10% of the issued Shares during the period ending on the earlier of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; or (ii) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the Articles of Association to be held; or (iii) the passing of an ordinary resolution by Shareholders in general meeting of the Company revoking or varying such mandate.

### REASONS FOR AND FUNDING OF REPURCHASES

The Directors believe that it is in the best interests of the Company and the Shareholders to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Company to repurchase its Shares in the market. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the Company's net asset value and/or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and the Shareholders as a whole.

Repurchase of the Shares must be funded out of funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with the Articles of Association, the Listing Rules, the Companies Law and any other applicable laws of the Cayman Islands. The Directors may not repurchase the Shares on the Stock Exchange for a consideration other than cash or for settlement otherwise than in accordance with the trading rules of the Stock Exchange.

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase any Shares and they would only exercise the power to repurchase in circumstances where they consider that the repurchase would be in the best interests of the Company. The Directors believe that if the Repurchase Mandate is exercised in full, it may not have a material adverse impact on the working capital and gearing position of the Company, as compared with the positions disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company as at 31 December 2019, being the date to which the latest published audited consolidated financial statements of the Company were made up. The Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such an extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or its gearing levels which, in the opinion of the Directors, are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

### **GENERAL**

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge, having made all reasonable enquiries, their respective close associates (as defined in the Listing Rules), have any present intention if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders, to sell any Shares to the Company.

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules, the Articles of Association, the Companies Law, and any other applicable laws of the Cayman Islands.

No core connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he or she has a present intention to sell any Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

### TAKEOVERS CODE

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate, a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purposes of the Takeovers Code. Accordingly, a Shareholder, or a group of Shareholders acting in concert (within the meaning under the Takeovers Code), depending on the level of increase in the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and thereby become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeovers Code. Save as aforesaid, the Directors are not aware of any consequences which would arise under the Takeovers Code as a result of any repurchase of Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date and to the best of knowledge and belief of the Company, the following Shareholders were directly or indirectly interested in 10% or more of the number of issued ordinary shares that carry a right to vote in all circumstances at general meetings of the Company:

			Approximate percentage (%) of issued share capital as at Latest	Approximate percentage (%) of issued share capital if the Repurchase
	Capacity and	Number of	Practicable	Mandate is
Name	nature of interest	Shares held	Date	fully exercised
Wu Junbao Education	Beneficial interest	743,743,602	33.94%	37.71%
Wu Wei Education	Beneficial interest	509,386,109	23.24%	25.82%
Xiao Guoqing Education	Beneficial interest	490,017,995	22.36%	24.84%

In the event that the Directors exercised in full the power to repurchase Shares in accordance with the terms of the ordinary resolution numbered 5B to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting, the aforesaid interests of the abovementioned substantial Shareholders in the issued share capital of the Company would be proportionally increased as set out above. Such increase will give rise to an obligation for Wu Junbao Education to make a mandatory general offer under the Takeovers Code.

The Directors have no present intention to repurchase the Shares to the extent that will trigger the obligations under the Takeovers Code to make a mandatory offer.

The Listing Rules prohibit a company from making repurchase on the Stock Exchange if the result of the repurchase would be that less than 25% (or such other prescribed minimum percentage as determined by the Stock Exchange) of the total number of issued shares of the Company would be in public hands. The Directors do not propose to repurchase Shares which would result in less than the prescribed minimum percentage of Shares in public hands.

### SHARE REPURCHASE MADE BY THE COMPANY

No repurchases of Shares have been made by the Company during the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).

### **SHARE PRICES**

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares were traded on the Stock Exchange from the Listing Date to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

Month	Highest prices HK\$	Lowest prices HK\$
	$HK\psi$	ΠΙ
2019		
June	11.42	9.60
July	13.50	10.80
August	14.46	11.98
September	15.50	12.50
October	17.56	14.16
November	17.24	14.38
December	16.38	14.12
2020		
January	17.80	14.24
February	16.86	13.96
March	16.24	11.22
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	13.28	10.62

# CHINA EAST EDUCATION HOLDINGS LIMITED

# 中國東方教育控股有限公司

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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the annual general meeting of China East Education Holdings Limited (the "Company") will be held at Conference Room, Office Building, 1009 Xuelin Road, Vocational Education Town, Xinzhan District, Hefei City, Anhui Province, China on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 at 3:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and adopt the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2019 and the reports of the directors of the Company (the "Directors") and auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare a final dividend of HK\$0.21 per share for the year ended 31 December 2019.
- 3. (a) To re-elect the following retiring Directors:
  - (i) Mr. Xiao Guoqing as an executive Director;
  - (ii) Mr. Lu Zhen as a non-executive Director; and
  - (iii) Dr. Zhu Guobin as an independent non-executive Director;
  - (b) To authorise the board of Directors (the "Board") to fix the remuneration of the Directors.
- 4. To re-appoint Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company and to authorise the Board to fix their remuneration for the year ending 31 December 2020.
- 5. To consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without modification the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions:

# (A) "That:

(i) subject to paragraph (iii) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and/or otherwise deal with additional shares of the Company or securities convertible into shares, or options, warrants or similar rights to subscribe for shares or such convertible securities of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options (including bonds, warrants and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which may require the exercise of such powers, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (ii) the approval in paragraph (i) above shall be in addition to any other authorisation given to the Directors and shall authorise the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) to make or grant offers, agreements and/or options which may require the exercise of such power after the end of the Relevant Period;
- (iii) the aggregate number of shares allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to options or otherwise) by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) pursuant to paragraph (i) above, otherwise than pursuant to paragraph (i) of this resolution, otherwise than pursuant to:
  - (a) any Rights Issue (as defined hereinafter);
  - (b) the grant or exercise of any option under any share option scheme of the Company (if applicable) or any other option, scheme or similar arrangements for the time being adopted for the grant or issue to the Directors, officers and/or employees of the Company and/or any of its subsidiaries and/or other eligible participants specified thereunder of options to subscribe for Shares or rights to acquire shares;
  - (c) any scrip dividend or similar arrangement providing for the allotment and issue of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend on shares in accordance with the articles of association of the Company; or
  - (d) any issue of shares upon the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any existing convertible notes issued by the Company or any existing securities of the Company which carry rights to subscribe for or are convertible into Shares, shall not exceed the aggregate of:
    - (1) 20% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing this resolution; and
    - (2) (if the Board is so authorised by resolution numbered 5(C)) the aggregate number of shares of the Company repurchased by the Company subsequent to the passing of resolution numbered 5(B) (up to a maximum equivalent to 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing resolution numbered 5(B)),

and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and

- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:-
  - (a) "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:—
    - (1) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
    - (2) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held; or
    - (3) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution; and
  - (b) "Rights Issue" means an offer of shares of the Company or an issue of warrants, options or other securities giving rights to subscribe for shares of the Company, open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares of the Company on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares of the Company (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or, having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, or the expense or delay which may be involved in determining the exercise or extent of any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of, any jurisdiction applicable to the Company, any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange applicable to the Company)."

# (B) "That:

(i) subject to paragraph (ii) of this resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined hereinafter) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") or on any other stock exchange on which the shares of the Company may be listed and which is recognised for this purpose by the Securities and Futures Commission and the Stock Exchange under the Code on Share Buy-backs and, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange (the "Listing Rules"), be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (ii) the aggregate number of the shares to be repurchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (i) of this resolution shall not exceed 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of this resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (iii) subject to the passing of each of the paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution, any prior approvals of the kind referred to in paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this resolution which had been granted to the Directors and which are still in effect be and are hereby revoked; and
- (iv) for the purpose of this resolution:-

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this resolution until whichever is the earliest of:—

- (a) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (b) the expiry of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by any applicable laws or the articles of association of the Company to be held; or
- (c) the passing of an ordinary resolution by the shareholders of the Company in general meeting revoking or varying the authority given to the Directors by this resolution."
- (C) "That conditional upon the resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) set out in this notice being passed, the general mandate granted to the Directors to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and/or otherwise deal with new shares of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options which might require the exercise of such powers pursuant to the resolution numbered 5(A) set out in this notice be and is hereby extended by the addition to the number of the issued shares of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditional or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to such general mandate of an amount representing the number of the issued shares of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to resolution numbered 5(B) set out in this notice, provided that such extended amount shall represent up to 10% of the number of issued shares of the Company as at the date of passing of the said resolutions."

By order of the Board

China East Education Holdings Limited

Mr. Wu Wei

Chairman

Hong Kong, 22 April 2020

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#### Notes:

- (i) Resolution numbered 5(C) will be proposed to the shareholders of the Company for approval provided that resolutions numbered 5(A) and 5(B) are passed by the shareholders of the Company.
- (ii) A shareholder entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend, speak and vote in his/her stead. The proxy does not need to be a shareholder of the Company.
- (iii) Where there are joint registered holders of any shares, any one of such persons may vote at the above meeting (or at any adjournment of it), either personally or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he/she were solely entitled thereto but the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the vote(s) of the other joint holders and, for this purpose, seniority shall be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the relevant joint holding.
- (iv) In order to be valid, the completed form of proxy, must be deposited at the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong together with the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a certified copy of that power of attorney or authority (such certification to be made by either a notary public or a solicitor qualified to practice in Hong Kong), at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the above meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be). The completion and return of the form of proxy shall not preclude shareholders of the Company from attending and voting in person at the above meeting (or any adjourned meeting thereof) if they so wish.
- (v) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 22 May 2020 to Wednesday, 27 May 2020, both days inclusive, in order to determine the eligibility of shareholders to attend the above meeting, during which period no share transfers will be registered. To be eligible to attend the above meeting, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, 21 May 2020.
- (vi) The register of members of the Company will be closed from Tuesday, 2 June 2020 to Thursday, 4 June 2020, both days inclusive, in order to determine the entitlement of shareholders to receive the final dividend of the Company, during which period no share transfers will be registered. To qualify for the final dividend, all properly completed transfer forms accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged for registration with the Hong Kong share registrar of the Company, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, 1 June 2020.
- (vii) In respect of resolutions numbered 3 above, those Directors will retire, and being eligible to be re-elected. Details of the above retiring Directors are set out in Appendix I to the circular dated 22 April 2020.

- (viii) In respect of the resolution numbered 5(A) above, the Directors wish to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new shares of the Company referred therein. Approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company as a general mandate for the purposes of the Listing Rules.
- (ix) In respect of resolution numbered 5(B) above, the Directors wish to state that they will exercise the powers conferred by the general mandate to repurchase shares of the Company in circumstances which they deem appropriate and for the benefits of shareholders of the Company. The explanatory statement containing the information necessary to enable shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution to approve the repurchase by the Company of its own shares, as required by the Listing Rules, is set out in Appendix II to the circular dated 22 April 2020.
- (x) Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, voting for all the resolutions set out in this notice will be taken by poll at the above meeting.
- (xi) In the event that the containment of the novel coronavirus pneumonia pandemic is still ongoing at the time of the Annual General Meeting, in order to cooperate with the prevention and control of the pandemic so as to safeguard the health and safety of the shareholders and the participants of the meeting, at the same time ensuring that the shareholders may exercise their respective shareholders' rights, the Company recommends shareholders and their proxies intending to attend the Annual General Meeting to vote by completing and submitting the proxy form, i.e. to indicate how you wish your votes to be casted in the proxy form, and appoint the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting as your proxy to vote on your behalf on site.
  - In case shareholders of their proxies choose to attend the meeting in person by then, they must comply with the policies and requirements of Hefei City regarding the containment of novel coronavirus pneumonia pandemic. On the way to, from and at the venue of the Annual General Meeting, please adopt proper personal preventive measures. Upon arrival at the venue of the Annual General Meeting, please follow the arrangement and guidance of the staff and cooperate with the pandemic prevention and control requirements including, among others, attendee registration, temperature check and wearing of masks.
- (xii) The Annual General Meeting is expected to last for no more than a half of a working day. Shareholders and their proxies attending the meeting shall be responsible for their own traveling and accommodation expenses.

As at the date of this notice, the Board comprises Mr. Wu Wei and Mr. Xiao Guoqing as executive Directors; Mr. Wu Junbao and Mr. Lu Zhen as non-executive Directors; and Mr. Hung Ka Hai, Clement, Mr. Cheung Tsun Yung, Thomas and Dr. Zhu Guobin as independent non-executive Directors.