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# CHEUNG KONG (HOLDINGS) LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 0001)

7th Floor, Cheung Kong Center, 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong

#### **Board of Directors**

#### **Executive Directors**

LI Ka-shing Chairman LI Tzar Kuoi, Victor Managing Director and Deputy Chairman KAM Hing Lam Deputy Managing Director IP Tak Chuen, Edmond Deputy Managing Director CHUNG Sun Keung, Davy PAU Yee Wan, Ezra WOO Chia Ching, Grace CHIU Kwok Hung, Justin

**Company Secretary** Eirene YEUNG *Non-executive Directors* LEUNG Siu Hon FOK Kin-ning, Canning Frank John SIXT

CHOW Kun Chee, Roland George Colin MAGNUS

#### Independent Non-executive Directors

KWOK Tun-li, Stanley YEH Yuan Chang, Anthony Simon MURRAY CHOW Nin Mow, Albert HUNG Siu-lin, Katherine WONG Yick-ming, Rosanna\* CHEONG Ying Chew, Henry

\* Also alternate director to Simon MURRAY

23rd April, 2010

Dear Shareholder(s),

# PROPOSED ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, PROPOSED GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE NEW SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

#### 1. Introduction

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information regarding the resolutions to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting ("AGM") of Cheung Kong (Holdings)

Limited (the "Company") to be held on 27th May, 2010 at 2:45 p.m., including (i) the ordinary resolutions proposing election of Directors who are due to retire at the AGM, and (ii) the ordinary resolutions granting the Board of Directors ("Board") general mandates to issue and repurchase shares of the Company ("Shares"); and to give you notice of the AGM at which the ordinary resolutions as set out in the Notice of AGM will be proposed.

## 2. Proposed Election of Directors

In accordance with Article 103(A) of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, Mr. Ip Tak Chuen, Edmond, Mr. Chiu Kwok Hung, Justin, Mr. Chow Kun Chee, Roland, Mr. Yeh Yuan Chang, Anthony, Mr. Chow Nin Mow, Albert and Dr. Wong Yick-ming, Rosanna will retire by rotation at the AGM and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election.

Details of the above Directors that are required to be disclosed under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited ("Stock Exchange") ("Listing Rules") are set out in **Appendix I** to this circular.

Each of Mr. Yeh Yuan Chang, Anthony, Mr. Chow Nin Mow, Albert and Dr. Wong Yick-ming, Rosanna, all being Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company eligible for re-election at the AGM, has made an annual confirmation of independence pursuant to Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules. The Company is of the view that Mr. Yeh, Mr. Chow and Dr. Wong meet the independence guidelines set out in Rule 3.13 of the Listing Rules and are independent in accordance with the terms of the guidelines.

Any shareholder who wishes to nominate a person to stand for election as a Director of the Company at the AGM must lodge with the Company at its registered office at 7th Floor, Cheung Kong Center, 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong within the period from Monday, 26th April, 2010 to Monday, 3rd May, 2010, both days inclusive, (i) his written nomination of the candidate, (ii) written confirmation from such nominated candidate of his willingness to be elected as Director and (iii) the biographical details of such nominated candidate as required under Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules for publication by the Company.

## 3. Proposed General Mandate to Issue New Shares

A general mandate is proposed to be unconditionally given to the Board to issue and dispose of additional Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of the resolution until the next annual general meeting. The relevant resolution is set out as Ordinary Resolution No. 5(1) in the Notice of AGM dated 23rd April, 2010 ("Ordinary Resolution No. (1)").

In respect of Ordinary Resolution No. (1), the Board wishes to state that they have no immediate plans to issue any new Shares. Approval is being sought from the shareholders of the Company for a general mandate for the purposes of Section 57B of the Companies Ordinance and the Listing Rules.

## 4. Proposed General Mandate to Repurchase Shares

At the last annual general meeting of the Company held on 21st May, 2009, a general mandate was given to the Board to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase the Shares. Such mandate will lapse at the conclusion of the forthcoming AGM. It is therefore proposed to seek your approval of the Ordinary Resolution No. 5(2) as set out in the Notice of AGM ("Ordinary Resolution No. (2)") to give a fresh general mandate to the Board to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Share(s).

An explanatory statement, as required by the relevant rules set out in the Listing Rules to regulate the repurchase by companies with primary listings on the Stock Exchange of their own securities on the Stock Exchange, to provide requisite information to you for your consideration of the proposal to authorise the Board to exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Share(s) up to a maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of Ordinary Resolution No. (2) ("Repurchase Proposal") is set out in **Appendix II** to this circular.

## 5. Annual General Meeting

A notice convening the AGM to be held at the Ballroom, 1st Floor, Harbour Grand Kowloon, 20 Tak Fung Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Thursday, 27th May, 2010 at 2:45 p.m. is set out in **Appendix III** to this circular.

Pursuant to the Listing Rules, any vote of shareholders at a general meeting must be taken by poll. The Chairman of the forthcoming AGM will therefore put each of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM to be voted by way of a poll pursuant to Article 74 of the Company's Articles of Association.

Proxy form for use at the AGM is enclosed with this circular. The proxy form can also be downloaded from the Company's website at http://www.ckh.com.hk or the website of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited at http://www.hkexnews.hk. Whether or not you are able to attend the AGM in person, please complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy form in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to the Company's registered office at 7th Floor, Cheung Kong Center, 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the holding of the AGM or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude you from attending and voting at the AGM or any adjournment thereof should you so wish.

An announcement will be made by the Company following the conclusion of the AGM to inform you of the results of the AGM.

## 6. Recommendation

The Board considers that the ordinary resolutions as set out in the Notice of AGM are all in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. The Board also considers that it is in the interests of the Company and its shareholders to elect those Directors proposed to be re-elected. Accordingly, the Board recommends you to vote in favour of such resolutions at the AGM.

Yours faithfully,

## Li Ka-shing Chairman

The following are the particulars of the seven Directors (as required by the Listing Rules) proposed to be elected at the AGM:

1. LI Tzar Kuoi, Victor, aged 45, joined the Group in 1985 and acted as Deputy Managing Director from 1993 to 1998. He has been Deputy Chairman since 1994 and Managing Director since 1999. He is also the Deputy Chairman of Hutchison Whampoa Limited, the Chairman of Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Limited and CK Life Sciences Int'l., (Holdings) Inc., an Executive Director of Hongkong Electric Holdings Limited, Co-Chairman of Husky Energy Inc., all being listed companies, and a Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited. Mr. Victor Li serves as a member of the Standing Committee of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the People's Republic of China. He is also a member of the Commission on Strategic Development, the Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council and the Council for Sustainable Development of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and Vice Chairman of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Victor Li is the Honorary Consul of Barbados in Hong Kong. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, a Master of Science degree in Structural Engineering and an honorary degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa (LL.D.).

Mr. Victor Li is a son of Mr. Li Ka-shing, the Chairman of the Company and a substantial shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance ("SFO"), and a nephew of Mr. Kam Hing Lam, Deputy Managing Director of the Company. Mr. Victor Li also holds directorships in certain companies controlled by certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Corporation Limited ("TDT1") as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Discretionary Trust ("DT1"), Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Company Limited ("TDT2") as trustee of another discretionary trust ("DT2"), and Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Company Limited as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust in which each of TDT1 and TDT2 holds units, are substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. The discretionary beneficiaries of each of DT1 and DT2 include Mr. Victor Li, his wife and children. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Victor Li does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr. Victor Li has a personal interest of 220,000 shares of the Company, a family interest of 100,000 shares of the Company, a corporate interest of 1,529,000 shares of the Company and other interest of 857,794,744 shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Victor Li and the Company. The Director's fee of Mr. Victor Li as Managing Director and Deputy Chairman of the Company is HK\$120,000 per annum. The emoluments of Directors are determined by reference to the Company's performance and profitability, as well as remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market conditions.

Mr. Victor Li previously held directorship in Star River Investment Limited ("Star River") *(ceased to act as director on 4th June, 2005)*, a company owned as to 50% by the Company with its place of incorporation in Hong Kong and active in acquiring property for development. Star River commenced creditors' voluntary winding up on 28th September, 2004, with a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company being the petitioning creditor. The amount involved in the winding up was HK\$17,259,710.34 and Star River was dissolved on 4th June, 2005.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Victor Li that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

2. IP Tak Chuen, Edmond, aged 57, has been an Executive Director since 1993 and Deputy Managing Director since 2005. He is also an Executive Director and Deputy Chairman of Cheung Kong Infrastructure Holdings Limited, the Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of CK Life Sciences Int'l., (Holdings) Inc., a Non-executive Director of ARA Asset Management Limited (an Asian real estate fund management company listed in Singapore), TOM Group Limited, AVIC International Holding (HK) Limited, Excel Technology International Holdings Limited, Ruinian International Limited and Shougang Concord International Enterprises Company Limited, all being listed companies, and a Director of ARA Asset Management (Fortune) Limited (formerly known as ARA Asset Management (Singapore) Limited) as the manager of Fortune REIT and ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited as the manager of Suntec REIT. Fortune REIT is listed in Hong Kong and Singapore whereas Suntec REIT is listed in Singapore. He was previously a Director of Critical Path, Inc. (whose shares were formerly listed on The Nasdaq National Market in the United States) (resigned on 31st July, 2007) and a Non-executive Director of The Ming An (Holdings) Company Limited (whose shares were withdrawn from listing on 2nd November, 2009) (resigned on 27th November, 2009). He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and a Master of Science degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Ip is a Director of certain companies controlled by certain substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Ip does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. He does not have interests in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Ip and the Company. The Director's fee of Mr. Ip as Deputy Managing Director of the Company is HK\$120,000 per annum. The emoluments of Directors are determined by reference to the Company's performance and profitability, as well as remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market conditions.

Mr. Ip previously held directorships in CrossCity Motorway Pty Ltd, CrossCity Motorway Nominees No. 1 Pty Ltd, CrossCity Motorway Nominees No. 2 Pty Ltd, CrossCity Motorway Holdings Pty Ltd and CrossCity Motorway Finance Pty Ltd (collectively the "CrossCity companies") *(all resigned on 22nd December, 2006)*, all incorporated in Australia. The principal business of the CrossCity companies was the design, construction and operation of the Cross City Tunnel in Sydney, Australia. A voluntary administrator and a receiver and manager were appointed in respect of the CrossCity companies on 27th December, 2006

as they were insolvent. Following a competitive tender process, ownership of the project contracts in respect of the Cross City Tunnel was transferred to a new consortium formed by ABN AMRO and Leighton Contractors, under sale contracts which were executed on 19th June, 2007 and completed on 27th September, 2007.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Ip that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

3. CHIU Kwok Hung, Justin, aged 59, joined the Group in 1997 and has been an Executive Director since 2000. He is the Chairman of ARA Asset Management Limited (an Asian real estate fund management company listed in Singapore), ARA Asset Management (Fortune) Limited (formerly known as ARA Asset Management (Singapore) Limited) as the manager of Fortune REIT (listed in Hong Kong and Singapore), ARA Trust Management (Suntec) Limited as the manager of Suntec REIT (listed in Singapore), and ARA Asset Management (Prosperity) Limited as the manager of Prosperity REIT (listed in Hong Kong). Mr. Chiu is also a Director of ARA Fund Management (Asia Dragon) Limited as the manager of the ARA Asia Dragon Fund. Mr. Chiu has more than 30 years of international experience in real estate in Hong Kong and various countries. He is a member of the 11th Shanghai Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the People's Republic of China, a Fellow of Hong Kong Institute of Real Estate Administrators and a member of the Board of Governors of Hong Kong Baptist University Foundation, and he holds Bachelor degrees in Sociology and Economics.

Mr. Chiu is a Director of a company controlled by a substantial shareholder of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chiu does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. He does not have interests in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Chiu and the Company. The Director's fee of Mr. Chiu as an Executive Director of the Company is HK\$120,000 per annum. The emoluments of Directors are determined by reference to the Company's performance and profitability, as well as remuneration benchmark in the industry and the prevailing market conditions.

Mr. Chiu was a Director of Best Partner Resources Limited ("Best Partner") (a company incorporated in Hong Kong for engaging in the food court business in Hong Kong and owned as to 30% by the Company) for the period from December 2001 to July 2004. Best Partner was put into liquidation by a petition presented by its creditor on 27th September, 2004. The amount involved was HK\$1,284,654.20 plus interest and costs and a winding-up order was made by the Court on 10th November, 2004. Mr. Chiu had resigned as a Director of Best Partner before commencement of the winding up proceeding and he did not take part in any matters giving rise to the winding up. Best Partner was dissolved on 20th November, 2009.

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Chiu that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

4. CHOW Kun Chee, Roland, aged 72, is a Non-executive Director of the Company and has been a Director since 1993. He was an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company prior to his re-designation as a Non-executive Director of the Company in September 2004. Mr. Chow is a solicitor of the High Court of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and is a consultant of Messrs. Herbert Tsoi and Partners, Solicitors. He holds a Master of Laws degree from the University of London.

Mr. Chow is a cousin of Mr. Leung Siu Hon, a Non-executive Director of the Company. Mr. Chow is a Director of Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Company Limited as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust, Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Corporation Limited as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Discretionary Trust and Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustcorp Limited as trustee of another discretionary trust, all being substantial shareholders of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO, and a Director of certain companies controlled by certain substantial shareholders of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chow does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. He has a personal interest of 65,600 shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Chow and the Company. The Director's fee of Mr. Chow as a Non-executive Director of the Company is HK\$120,000 per annum (subject to review by the Board of the Company from time to time).

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Chow that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

5. **YEH Yuan Chang, Anthony**, aged 86, is an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company. He has been a Director since 1993. Mr. Yeh holds a Master's degree in Science (Mechanical Engineering). He is the Honorary Life President of Tai Ping Carpets International Limited, a listed company.

Mr. Yeh does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. He holds a family interest of 384,000 shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Yeh and the Company. The Director's fee of Mr. Yeh as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company is HK\$120,000 per annum (subject to review by the Board of the Company from time to time).

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Yeh that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

6. CHOW Nin Mow, Albert, aged 60, has been a Director of the Company since 1983. Mr. Chow acted as a Non-executive Director from April 1997 to October 2004 and has been an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company since October 2004. He is the Chairman and Managing Director of Wah Yip (Holdings) Limited.

Mr. Chow does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. He does not have interests in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. There is no service contract entered into between Mr. Chow and the Company. The Director's fee of Mr. Chow as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company is HK\$120,000 per annum (subject to review by the Board of the Company from time to time).

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Mr. Chow that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

WONG Yick-ming, Rosanna, DBE, JP, aged 57, has been an Independent Non-executive 7. Director since 2001 and is a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Sociology from the University of California (Davis), U.S.A. and has been awarded Honorary Doctorates from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, The University of Hong Kong, The Hong Kong Institute of Education and University of Toronto in Canada. She is currently a member of the 11th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the People's Republic of China, the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission and the Commission on Strategic Development. She is a Court member of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and an elected member of the Council and an ex-officio member of the Court of The University of Hong Kong. She also serves as a Global Advisor to Mars, Incorporated. She acted as the Chairman of the Education Commission of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region until she retired from this office in April 2007 and was previously a Director of 3 Italia S.p.A. She is the Executive Director of The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, a Non-executive Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited and an Independent Non-executive Director of Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings Limited, a listed company.

Dr. Wong does not have any relationship with any other Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company. She does not have interests in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the SFO. There is no service contract entered into between Dr. Wong and the Company. The Director's fee of Dr. Wong as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company is HK\$120,000 per annum and additional fee for being a member of the Remuneration Committee of the Company is HK\$60,000 per annum (subject to review by the Board of the Company from time to time).

Save as disclosed above, there are no other matters concerning Dr. Wong that need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company nor any information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules.

This explanatory statement contains all the information required pursuant to Rule 10.06(1)(b) of the Listing Rules and also constitutes the memorandum as required under Section 49BA(3) of the Companies Ordinance.

## 1. Share Capital

As at 16th April, 2010 (the latest practicable date prior to the printing of this circular) ("Latest Practicable Date"), the issued share capital of the Company comprised 2,316,164,338 Shares of HK\$0.50 each.

Subject to the passing of Ordinary Resolution No. (1) and on the basis that no further Shares are issued prior to the AGM to be held on 27th May, 2010, the Company would be allowed under the Repurchase Proposal to repurchase a maximum of 231,616,433 Shares, representing 10% of the issued share capital of the Company.

## 2. Reasons for Repurchase

The Directors believe that the Repurchase Proposal is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

Such purchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net assets and/or earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such a purchase will benefit the Company and its shareholders.

## 3. Funding of Repurchase

In repurchasing Shares, the Company may only apply funds legally available for such purpose in accordance with its Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Companies Ordinance. The Companies Ordinance provides that the amount of capital repaid in connection with a share repurchase may only be paid from the distributable profits of the Company and/or the proceeds of a new issue of Shares made for the purpose of the repurchase to such extent allowable under the Companies Ordinance.

In the event that the Repurchase Proposal was to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period, there might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company as compared with the position disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements contained in the Company's annual report for the year ended 31st December, 2009. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Proposal to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital requirements of the Company or the gearing levels which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

## 4. Share Prices

The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have traded on the Stock Exchange during each of the previous twelve months up to the Latest Practicable Date were as follows:

		Highest (HK\$)	Lowest (HK\$)
April	2009	82.00	65.60
May	2009	82.00	
		99.80	81.00
June	2009	99.20	84.35
July	2009	103.90	82.60
August	2009	101.30	91.55
September	2009	101.70	89.20
October	2009	108.20	93.00
November	2009	99.60	94.90
December	2009	101.90	94.50
January	2010	103.90	91.70
February	2010	96.75	89.25
March	2010	102.50	95.25
1st April – 16th April	2010	106.50	100.70

#### 5. Undertaking

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that, so far as the same may be applicable, they will exercise the power of the Company to make repurchases pursuant to Ordinary Resolution No. (2) and in accordance with the Listing Rules and the Companies Ordinance.

None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquires, their associates, have any present intention to sell any Shares to the Company under the Repurchase Proposal if such is approved by the shareholders of the Company.

No other connected persons (as defined in the Listing Rules) have notified the Company that they have a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or have undertaken not to do so, in the event that the Repurchase Proposal is approved by the shareholders of the Company.

## 6. Code on Takeovers and Mergers

If on exercise of the power to repurchase Shares pursuant to the Repurchase Proposal, a shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the Company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition for the purposes of Rule 32 of the Code on Takeovers and Mergers ("Takeovers Code").

As a result, a shareholder or group of shareholders acting in concert could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, each of Mr. Li Ka-shing, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Company Limited as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Trust, Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustee Corporation Limited as trustee of The Li Ka-Shing Unity Discretionary Trust and Li Ka-Shing Unity Trustcorp Limited as trustee of another discretionary trust is taken to have an interest under the SFO in the same block of 857,794,744 Shares, representing approximately 37.04% of the issued share capital of the Company. Apart from the foregoing, Mr. Li Ka-shing held 115,442,000 Shares through certain companies in which he beneficially owns the entire issued share capital. Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor also personally and through his wife and certain companies which are owned and controlled by him, held a total of 1,849,000 Shares. For the purpose of the Takeovers Code, Mr. Li Ka-shing and Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor are concert parties and are taken to have an interest in a total of 975,085,744 Shares, representing approximately 42.09% of the issued share capital of the Company. In the event that the Directors exercise in full the power to repurchase Shares which is proposed to be granted pursuant to Ordinary Resolution No. (2), then (if the present shareholdings otherwise remained the same) the attributable shareholding of Mr. Li Ka-shing and Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor would be increased to approximately 46.77% of the issued share capital of the Company. In the opinion of the Directors, such increase may give rise to an obligation to make a mandatory offer under Rules 26 and 32 of the Takeovers Code. The Directors have no present intention to exercise the Repurchase Proposal to such an extent as would result in takeover obligations.

#### 7. Share Purchase made by the Company

The Company has not purchased any of its Shares (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the date of this circular.



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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of Cheung Kong (Holdings) Limited (the "Company") will be held at the Ballroom, 1st Floor, Harbour Grand Kowloon, 20 Tak Fung Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Thursday, 27th May, 2010 at 2:45 p.m. for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive the audited Financial Statements, the Report of the Directors and the Independent Auditor's Report for the year ended 31st December, 2009.
- 2. To declare a final dividend.
- 3. To elect Directors.
- 4. To appoint Auditor and authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration.
- 5. As a special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass with or without amendments, the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:

#### **ORDINARY RESOLUTIONS**

- (1) "THAT a general mandate be and is hereby unconditionally given to the Directors to issue and dispose of additional shares not exceeding twenty per cent. of the existing issued share capital of the Company at the date of this Resolution until the next Annual General Meeting ("Relevant Period"), such mandate to include the granting of offers or options (including bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might be exercisable or convertible during or after the Relevant Period."
- (2) **"THAT**:
  - (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as hereinafter defined) of all the powers of the Company to repurchase shares of HK\$0.50 each in the capital of the Company in accordance with all applicable laws and the requirements of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited or of any other stock exchange as amended from time to time, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;

- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of shares of the Company to be repurchased by the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed ten per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this Resolution, "Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earliest of:
  - (i) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company;
  - (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by law to be held; and
  - (iii) the date on which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders in general meeting."
- (3) "**THAT** the general mandate granted to the Directors to issue and dispose of additional shares pursuant to Ordinary Resolution No. 5(1) set out in the notice convening this meeting be and is hereby extended by the addition thereto of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company under the authority granted pursuant to Ordinary Resolution No. 5(2) set out in the notice convening this meeting, provided that such amount shall not exceed ten per cent. of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of the said Resolution."

By Order of the Board Eirene Yeung Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 23rd April, 2010

Notes:

- a. At the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman of the Meeting will put each of the above resolutions to be voted by way of a poll under Article 74 of the Company's Articles of Association.
- b. Any member entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to appoint more than one proxy to attend and on a poll, vote in his stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- c. To be valid, the proxy form together with any power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed or a notarially certified copy of such power or authority must be deposited at the Company's registered office at 7th Floor, Cheung Kong Center, 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be).
- d. Completion and return of the proxy form will not preclude a member from attending and voting at the Annual General Meeting or any adjournment thereof (as the case may be) should the member so desires.

- e. The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from Thursday, 20th May, 2010 to Thursday, 27th May, 2010, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be effected. In order to qualify for the proposed final dividend and to determine the entitlement to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting, all share certificates with completed transfer forms, either overleaf or separately, must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Rooms 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong, not later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, 19th May, 2010.
- f. In relation to item No. 3 above, Mr. Li Tzar Kuoi, Victor, Mr. Ip Tak Chuen, Edmond, Mr. Chiu Kwok Hung, Justin, Mr. Chow Kun Chee, Roland, Mr. Yeh Yuan Chang, Anthony, Mr. Chow Nin Mow, Albert and Dr. Wong Yick-ming, Rosanna will retire by rotation and, being eligible, have offered themselves for re-election at the Annual General Meeting. Details of the above Directors are set out in Appendix I to the circular of the Company dated 23rd April, 2010 (the "Circular"). Details of submitting the proposal by a shareholder for nomination of a person for election as a Director of the Company at the Annual General Meeting are set out under the section headed "Proposed Election of Directors" in the Circular.
- g. In relation to Ordinary Resolution No. 5(2) above, the Explanatory Statement containing the information necessary to enable the 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 Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, is set out in Appendix II to the Circular.
- h. The translation into Chinese language of this notice is for reference only. In case of any inconsistency, the English version shall prevail.

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