

# CHINA MOBILE (HONG KONG) LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability under the Companies Ordinance)

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

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Investors and shareholders are strongly advised to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

#### INTRODUCTION OF TARIFF PACKAGE SCHEME

The board of directors (the "Board") of China Mobile (Hong Kong) Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") announces that following careful consideration of the commercial benefits involved and taking into account the prevailing practice of other telecommunications companies worldwide, the Company intends to introduce a tariff package scheme as an extension to the Group's existing "Global Access" contract service. The Group's existing services mainly consist of the "Global Access" contract service (with a once-off connection fee, a monthly fee of RMB50 and a base usage charge of RMB0.40 per minute) and the pre-paid card services (with no connection fee, no monthly fee but a base usage charge of RMB0.60 per minute).

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## TARIFF PACKAGES

The following table contains a summary of the various tariff packages. In broad terms, the higher the monthly fee of a tariff package, the greater is the concession, which is an illustration of the principle of "call more, save more". The tariff packages also come with different complimentary value-added services packages.

Monthly Fee (Renminbi)	Basic Usage Covered by the Monthly Fee <sup>(1)</sup> (Minute)	Basic Usage	Usage Charges during Off-peak Hours <sup>(2)</sup> for Each Minute Exceeding the covered Basic Usage (Renminbi)
98	170	0.60	0.30
168	330	0.50	0.25
268	600	0.45	0.22
388	1,000	0.40	0.20
568	1,700	0.35	0.18
788	2,588	0.30	0.15

Notes:

- (1) Not including inter-provincial and international outgoing roaming calls.
- (2) Peak hours: from 07:00 to 23:00 of each day; Off-peak hours: from 23:00 of each day to 07:00 of the next day.

### BENEFITS OF THE TARIFF PACKAGE SCHEME TO THE GROUP

Tariff package scheme is a prevailing practice among other telecommunications companies worldwide, which caters to market demands through market segmentation and improved product differentiation. The tariff package scheme to be introduced by the Group may expand the choices of contract services offered to its subscribers, promote subscribers loyalty and widen the differential between the Company's contract service business and pre-paid card service business. The tariff packages are designed to leverage upon the basic usage covered by the monthly fee and the usage charges per minute exceeding the covered basic usage in order to adjust the positioning of the subscribers within the tariff package scheme. With the introduction of the tariff package scheme, subscribers are encouraged to pay a relatively small extra fee per month and enjoy relatively much cheaper additional basic usage. This can motivate subscribers to upgrade to a higher usage package. Accordingly, although it is impracticable for the Company to accurately estimate the financial impact to the Group as a result of the introduction of the tariff package scheme at this stage, the Board believes that the introduction of the tariff package scheme will help to enhance the Group's competitiveness, promote the growth of its subscriber base and usage volume, which is beneficial to the Group's long-term development.

In the meantime, investors and shareholders are strongly advised to exercise caution in dealing in the securities of the Company.

By Order of the Board
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