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**21世紀教育**  
21ST CENTURY EDUCATION

**China 21st Century Education Group Limited**

**中國21世紀教育集團有限公司**

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability)*

**(Stock Code: 1598)**

## **RESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The board (the “**Board**”) of directors (“**Directors**”) of China 21st Century Education Group Limited (the “**Company**”) announces that, the Board received a resignation letter from Mr. Yao Zhijun (“**Mr. Yao**”), by reason of his desire to devote more time to his personal endeavors, Mr. Yao resigned from his positions as an independent non-executive Director, the chairman of the audit committee of the Board and a member of the nomination committee of the Board with effect from 16 April 2025.

Mr. Yao has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and the Company and that there is no any other matter relating to his resignation that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company and the Board. The Board would like to express its sincere appreciation to Mr. Yao for his outstanding contribution to the Company during his tenure of office.

Following the resignation of Mr. Yao, the Company will fail to meet (i) Rule 3.10(1) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”) relating to the requirement that the Board shall include at least three independent non-executive directors; (ii) Rule 3.10A of the Listing Rules relating to the requirement that independent non-executive directors must represent at least one-third of the Board; (iii) Rule 3.21 of the Listing Rules relating to the requirement that the audit committee shall comprise a minimum of three members and shall be chaired by an independent non-executive director; and (iv) Rule 3.27A of the Listing Rules relating to the requirement that the nomination committee shall comprise a majority of independent non-executive directors.

The Company will seek suitable candidate to fill the vacancy and expects replacement to be appointed within three months from the date hereof pursuant to Rules 3.10(1), 3.10A, 3.21 and 3.27A of the Listing Rules. The Company will make further announcement(s) as and when appropriate.

By Order of the Board  
**China 21st Century Education Group Limited**  
**Li Yasheng**  
*Chairman*

Hong Kong, 16 April 2025

*As at the date of this announcement, the chairman of the Board and the non-executive Director is Mr. Li Yasheng; the executive Directors are Ms. Liu Hongwei, Mr. Li Hua, Mr. Ren Caiyin, Ms. Yang Li and Ms. Wu Huan; and the independent non-executive Directors are Mr. Guo Litian and Mr. Nan Zhenxing.*