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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)

RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR, CHANGE OF IMPORTANT EXECUTIVE POSITIONS AND PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

The board of directors (the "Board") of China Telecom Corporation Limited (the "Company") announces that due to his age, Mr. Zhang Chenshuang has retired from his positions as an executive director and executive vice president of the Company with effect from 20 March 2012. Mr. Zhang has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and did not have any matters in relation to his retirement that should be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company. The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Zhang Chenshuang for his valuable contribution to the Company during his tenure of office.

Meanwhile, the Board also announces that Mr. Ke Ruiwen has been appointed as an executive vice president of the Company with effect from 20 March 2012, and as an executive director of the Company with effect upon the requisite resolution having been approved at the shareholders' meeting.

Mr. Ke Ruiwen, aged 49, is a vice president of China Telecommunications Corporation. Mr. Ke served as deputy director general of the Jiangxi Posts and Telecommunications Administration, deputy general manager of Jiangxi Telecom, managing director of the Marketing Department of the Company and China Telecommunications Corporation, general manager of Jiangxi Telecom, managing director of the Human Resources Department of the Company and China Telecommunications Corporation. Mr. Ke obtained a doctorate degree in business administration (DBA) from the ESC Rennes School of Business. Mr. Ke has 26 years of operational and managerial experience in the telecommunications industry in China.

Save as disclosed in this announcement, Mr. Ke Ruiwen did not hold any directorship in any other listed companies nor take up any post in any affiliated companies of the Company in the past three years, nor have any relationship with any other director, supervisor, senior management, substantial shareholder or controlling shareholder of the Company. Furthermore, Mr. Ke does not have any equity interest in the Company within the meaning

of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong. Save as disclosed herein, there is no other information relating to the proposed appointment of Mr. Ke that shall be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2)(h)to(v) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited nor any matters which need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The proposed appointment of Mr. Ke Ruiwen as an executive director of the Company will be submitted to an annual general meeting for approval by the shareholders of the Company. A notice of annual general meeting, containing details of such appointment will be dispatched to the shareholders of the Company in due course.

By Order of the Board
China Telecom Corporation Limited
Wang Xiaochu
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Beijing, PRC, 20 March 2012

As of the date of this announcement, the Board consists of Mr. Wang Xiaochu as the chairman and chief executive officer, Mr. Yang Jie as the president and chief operating officer, Madam Wu Andi as the executive vice president and chief financial officer, Mr. Zhang Jiping, Mr. Yang Xiaowei and Mr. Sun Kangmin as the executive vice presidents, Mr. Li Jinming as the non-executive director, and Mr. Wu Jichuan, Mr. Qin Xiao, Mr. Tse Hau Yin, Aloysius, Madam Cha May Lung, Laura, Mr. Xu Erming as the independent non-executive directors.