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**CHINA UNICOM (HONG KONG) LIMITED**  
**中國聯合網絡通信（香港）股份有限公司**  
*(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)*  
**(Stock Code: 0762)**

**CHANGE OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Resignation of Executive Director and Senior Vice Presidents**

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the “**Company**”) announces that Mr. Zuo Xunsheng (“**Mr. Zuo**”) has reached retirement age and will resign as an Executive Director and a Senior Vice President of the Company with effect from 30 March 2011. Mr. Zuo has confirmed that there is no disagreement with the Board and there is no matter relating to his resignation that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board further announces that Mr. Pei Aihua (“**Mr. Pei**”) and Mr. Zhao Jidong (“**Mr. Zhao**”) have also reached retirement age and each will resign as a Senior Vice President of the Company with effect from 30 March 2011.

The Board takes this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Zuo, Mr. Pei and Mr. Zhao for their valuable contributions to the Company.

**Appointment of Executive Director**

The Board is pleased to announce that Mr. Li Fushen (“**Mr. Li**”) has been appointed as an Executive Director of the Company with effect from 30 March 2011.

Mr. Li, aged 48, graduated from the Jilin Engineering Institute with a degree in engineering management in 1988, and from the Australian National University with a master's degree in management in 2004. From November 2001 to October 2003, Mr. Li served as Deputy General Manager of the former Jilin Provincial Telecommunications Company and Jilin Communications Company. From October 2003 to August 2005, Mr. Li served as General Manager of the Finance Department of China Network Communications Group Corporation ("**Netcom Group**"). Since October 2005, he has served as the Chief Accountant of Netcom Group. He has served as Chief Financial Officer of China Netcom Group Corporation (Hong Kong) Limited ("**China Netcom**") since September 2005 and has served as Executive Director of China Netcom since January 2007. From December 2006 to March 2008, Mr. Li served as Joint Company Secretary of China Netcom. In addition, Mr. Li has served as a Non-Executive Director of PCCW Limited (listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange with an American Depositary Receipt trading on the Pink Sheets' OTC Market in the U.S.) since July 2007. Mr. Li has served as a Senior Vice President of the Company since February 2009. Mr. Li is a Vice President of China United Network Communications Group Company Limited ("**Unicom Group**"), as well as Director and Senior Vice President of China United Network Communications Corporation Limited ("**CUCL**"). Mr. Li has worked in the telecommunications industry for a long period of time and has extensive management experience.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Li does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr. Li holds 723,840 share options of the Company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Li does not have any interests in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Mr. Li has not entered into any service contract with the Company. The terms of services agreed between Mr. Li and the Company do not provide for a specified length of service and do not expressly require the Company to give more than one year's notice period or to make payments equivalent to more than one year's emoluments to terminate the service. Mr. Li is subject to retirement by rotation in annual general meetings in accordance with the articles of association of the Company.

As Executive Director of the Company, Mr. Li will receive a remuneration package including a basic annual salary of HK\$900,000 plus housing allowance of HK\$800,000, as well as discretionary bonus and discretionary grant of share options in the Company as may be recommended by the Remuneration Committee and determined by the Board with reference to his respective performance. His remuneration has been determined with reference to his respective duties and responsibilities in the Company, his respective experience and prevailing market conditions.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information in relation to the appointment of Mr. Li that needs to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited and there are no other matters relating to his appointment that needs to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company.

The Board would like to extend its warmest welcome to Mr. Li for his appointment to the Board.

### **Change of Executive Responsibilities**

The Board further announces that as a result of an internal reallocation of management responsibilities, Mr. Tong Jilu (“**Mr. Tong**”, an Executive Director of the Company), will resign from his current position as the Chief Financial Officer of the Company and will be appointed as a Senior Vice President of the Company, each with effect from 30 March 2011. The role of Chief Financial Officer of the Company will be assumed by Mr. Li, who will resign from his current position as Senior Vice President of the Company, each with effect from 30 March 2011.

By Order of the Board of  
**China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited**  
**Chu Ka Yee**  
*Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 29 March 2011

*As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises:*

*Executive Directors:* *Chang Xiaobing, Lu Yimin, Zuo Xunsheng and Tong Jilu*

*Non-executive Director:* *Cesareo Alierta Izuel*

*Independent Non-executive Directors:* *Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming, John Lawson Thornton, Timpson Chung Shui Ming and Cai Hongbin*