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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER

The board of directors (the “**Board**”) of China Unicom (Hong Kong) Limited (the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that Mrs. Law Fan Chiu Fun Fanny (“**Mrs. Law**”) has been appointed as an independent non-executive director as well as a member of the Audit Committee of the Company with effect from 21 November 2012.

Mrs. Law, aged 59, is currently a Deputy of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (“**HKSAR**”) to the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, a Member of the Executive Council of the Government of HKSAR, the Special Adviser to the China-US Exchange Foundation, a Director of the Fan Family Trust Fund and the Honorary Principal of Ningbo Huizhen Academy. Besides, Mrs. Law is an Independent Non-Executive Director of CLP Holdings Limited (listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange). Prior to her retirement from the civil service in 2007, Mrs. Law was the Commissioner of the Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption. During her 30 years as an Administrative Officer, Mrs. Law has worked in many fields, including medical and health, economic services, housing, land and planning, home affairs, social welfare, civil service, transport and education. Mrs. Law graduated from the University of Hong Kong with an Honours degree in Science, and in 2009 was named an outstanding alumnus of the Science Faculty of the University of Hong Kong. She received a Master degree in Public Administration from Harvard University and was named a Littauer Fellow of Harvard University. She also holds a Master degree in Education from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and is a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors.

Mrs. Law does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company, nor has any interests in shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Mrs. Law has not entered into any service contract with the Company. The terms of the services agreed between Mrs. Law 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. Mrs. Law is subject to retirement by rotation at the annual general meeting of the Company in accordance with the articles of association of the Company.

Mrs. Law will receive an annual fee of HK\$300,000 as an independent non-executive director of the Company and an annual fee of HK\$70,000 as a member of the Audit Committee of the Company. Such remuneration has been determined with reference to Mrs. Law's duties and prevailing market conditions. Other than the aforesaid annual fees, Mrs. Law is not entitled to any bonus or other emoluments.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information in relation to the appointment of Mrs. Law 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 her 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 Mrs. Law for her appointment.

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

Hong Kong, 21 November 2012

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises:

Executive directors	: Chang Xiaobing, Lu Yimin, Tong Jilu and Li Fushen
Non-executive director	: Cesareo Alierta Izuel
Independent non-executive directors	: Cheung Wing Lam Linus, Wong Wai Ming, John Lawson Thornton, Chung Shui Ming Timpson, Cai Hongbin and Law Fan Chiu Fun Fanny