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Unless otherwise defined herein, terms in this announcement shall have the same meanings as those defined in the prospectus dated June 14, 2004 (the "Prospectus") issued by the Company.



# 中国平安保险(集团)股份有限公司

PING AN INSURANCE (GROUP) COMPANY OF CHINA, LTD.

(a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

### **GLOBAL OFFERING**

Number of Offer Shares under the Global Offering: 1,387,892,000 (subject to adjustment

and the Over-allotment Option)

Number of Hong Kong Offer Shares: 69,395,000 (subject to adjustment)

Maximum offer price: HK\$11.88 per Hong Kong Offer Share

payable in full on application in Hong

Kong dollars,

plus 1% brokerage, a SFC transaction

levy of 0.005%,

an investor compensation levy of

0.002% and

**Corporation Limited** 

a Stock Exchange trading fee of

**Asia Limited** 

0.005%, subject to refund

Nominal Value: RMB1.00 each

Stock Code: 2318

#### Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners

| <b>BOC International</b>       | Goldman Sachs        | The Hongkong and                    | Morgan Stanley     |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Holdings Limited</b>        | (Asia) L.L.C.        | Shanghai Banking                    | Dean Witter        |
|                                |                      | <b>Corporation Limited</b>          | Asia Limited       |
| Sponsor and Joint Lead Manager |                      | Co-Sponsors and Joint Lead Managers |                    |
| <b>BOCI Asia Limited</b>       | <b>Goldman Sachs</b> | The Hongkong and                    | Morgan Stanley     |
|                                | (Asia) L.L.C.        | Shanghai Banking                    | <b>Dean Witter</b> |

Application has been made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the H Shares of the Company offered in the Global Offering which may be issued as described in the Prospectus (including the additional H Shares to be offered

pursuant to the exercise of the Over-allotment Option. Dealings in the H Shares on the Stock Exchange are expected to commence at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2004. Subject to the granting of the listing of, and permission to deal in, the H Shares on the Stock Exchange as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the H Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in Central Clearing and Settlement System ("CCASS") with effect from the commencement date of dealings in the H Shares on the Stock Exchange or such other date as determined by HKSCC. All activities under CCASS are subject to the General Rules of CCASS and CCASS Operational Procedures in effect from time to time.

Applications for the H Shares will only be considered on the basis set out in the Prospectus and the prescribed WHITE or YELLOW Application Forms. It should be noted that multiple or suspected multiple applications or any application for more than 34,697,500 H Shares, being 50% of the Hong Kong Offer Shares initially being offered under the Hong Kong Public Offering, will be rejected. Only one application on a WHITE or YELLOW Application Form or by way of giving electronic application instructions to HKSCC may be made for the benefit of any person. Applicants for any Hong Kong Offer Shares are required to undertake and confirm that they or the relevant beneficial owner(s) have not indicated an interest for, applied for or taken up and will not indicate an interest for, apply for or take up Offer Shares (in the form of H Shares or ADSs) under the International Offering.

Applicants who would like to be allotted H Shares in their own names should complete and sign the WHITE Application Forms. Applicants who would like to have the allotted H Shares issued in the name of HKSCC Nominees Limited and deposited directly into CCASS for credit to their investor participant stock accounts or the stock accounts of their designated CCASS participants maintained in CCASS should (i) complete and sign the YELLOW Application Forms, copies of which, together with the Prospectus, may be obtained during normal business hours from 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 14, 2004 until 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 17, 2004 at the Depository Counter of HKSCC, at 2nd Floor, Vicwood Plaza, 199 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong or the Customer Service Centre of HKSCC at Upper Ground Floor, V-Heun Building, 128–140 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong; or (ii) give electronic application instructions to HKSCC via CCASS.

The Hong Kong Public Offering is conditional on the conditions as stated in the paragraph headed "Conditions of the Hong Kong Public Offering" in the section headed "Structure of the Global Offering" in the Prospectus.

The Offer Price is expected to be fixed by agreement between the Joint Global Coordinators, on behalf of the Underwriters, and the Company (for itself and on behalf of the Selling Shareholders) on or around Friday, June 18, 2004 and in any event no later than Sunday, June 20, 2004. The Offer

Price will be not more than HK\$11.88 per H Share and is expected to be not less than HK\$9.59 per H Share. The Joint Global Coordinators, on behalf of the Underwriters, and with the consent of the Company, may reduce the indicative offer price range below that stated in the Prospectus at any time prior to the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. In such a case, an announcement of the reduction in the indicative offer price range will be published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese), as soon as practicable following the decision to make such reduction, and in any event not later than the morning of the last day for lodging applications under the Hong Kong Public Offering. Applicants should note that if applications for Hong Kong Offer Shares have been submitted, then even if the indicative offer price range is so reduced, such applications cannot be subsequently withdrawn. If, for any reason, the Joint Global Coordinators, on behalf of the Underwriters, and the Company (for itself and on behalf of the Selling Shareholders) are unable to reach an agreement on the Offer Price, the Global Offering will not become unconditional and will lapse.

If the Global Offering does not become unconditional, all application monies received from applicants under the Hong Kong Public Offering will be refunded, and in the event that the Offer Price is less than the initial price per H Share actually paid, the appropriate portion of the application monies will be refunded, in each case without interest and on the terms set out under the paragraph headed "Refund of your money" on the relevant Application Forms and the section headed "Terms and Conditions of the Hong Kong Public Offering" of the Prospectus. Refund cheques will also be issued in respect of wholly or partially unsuccessful applications. Applicants for 200,000 H Shares or more and have indicated in their Application Forms that they wish to collect H Share certificates (where applicable) and/or refund cheques (where applicable) personally, may collect H Share certificates (where applicable) and/or refund cheques (where applicable) from the Company's H Share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited at Room 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23, 2004 or any other date notified by the Company in the newspaper as the date of despatch of share certificates and refund cheques. Applicants being individuals who opt for personal collection must not authorise any other person to make collection on their behalf. Applicants being corporations which opt for personal collection must attend by their authorised representatives bearing letters of authorisation from their corporations stamped with the corporations' chop. Both individuals and authorised representatives (if applicable) must produce, at the time of collection, evidence of identity acceptable to Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited. Uncollected H Share certificates and refund cheques will be despatched by ordinary post at the applicants' own risk to the addresses specified in the relevant Application Forms.

In relation to applicants for less than 200,000 Hong Kong Offer Shares, or applicants for 200,000 or more Hong Kong Offer Shares and have not indicated in their Application Forms that they wish to

collect their H Share certificates and/or refund cheques (if any), their H Share certificates and/or refund cheques will be sent by ordinary post at the applicants' own risk to the addresses specified in the relevant Application Forms on Wednesday, June 23, 2004. Please refer to the section headed "Terms and Conditions of the Hong Kong Public Offering" for other details.

H Share certificates will only become valid certificates of title provided that, not later than 8:00 a.m. on June 24, 2004 the Hong Kong Public Offering has become unconditional and neither of the Underwriting Agreements has been terminated in accordance with its terms.

Copies of the Prospectus, together with the **WHITE** Application Forms, may be obtained during business hours from 9:00 a.m., Monday, June 14, 2004 to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 17, 2004 from:

- 1. Any participant of the Stock Exchange;
- 2. **BOCI Asia Limited,** 35/F, Bank of China Tower, 1 Garden Road, Hong Kong;
- 3. **Goldman Sachs** (**Asia**) **L.L.C.**, 68/F, Cheung Kong Center, 2 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;
- 4. **The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited,** Level 15, 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;
- 5. **Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Asia Limited,** 30/F, Three Exchange Square, Central, Hong Kong;
- 6. **BNP Paribas Peregrine Capital Limited,** 36/F, Asia Pacific Finance Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 7. **Celestial Capital Limited,** 21/F, Low Block, Grand Millennium Plaza, 181 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;
- 8. **CM-CCS Securities Limited,** 48th Floor, One Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong;
- 9. **DBS Asia Capital Limited,** 16th Floor, Man Yee Building, 68 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 10. **First Shanghai Securities Limited,** 19/F Wing On House, 71 Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 11. **Guotai Junan Securities (Hong Kong) Limited,** 27th Floor, Low Block, Grand Millennium Plaza, 181 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;
- 12. **KGI Capital Asia Limited,** Asia Pacific Finance Tower 27/F, Citibank Plaza, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong;
- 13. **Oriental Patron Asia Limited,** 27/F, Two Exchange Square, 8 Connaught Place, Central, Hong Kong;
- 14. **Tai Fook Securities Company Limited,** 25/F New World Tower I, 16-18 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong;

or any of the following branches of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited and The Bank of East Asia, Limited:

# The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

Hong Kong Main Branch Hong Kong Island: Level 3, 1 Queen's Road, Central

> Aberdeen Centre Branch Shop 2 G/F Site I, Aberdeen Centre, Aberdeen

Chai Wan Branch Shop No. 1-11, Block B, G/F, Walton Estate, Chai Wan, HK

Cityplaza Branch Unit 065, Cityplaza I, Taikoo Shing

Des Voeux Road Central Branch China Insurance Group Building, 141 Des Voeux Road

Central

Hay Wah Building Branch G/F Hay Wah Building, 71-85B Hennessy Road, Wanchai North Point Branch G/F, Winner House, 306-316 King's Road, North Point The Westwood Branch

LG01-3, Lower Ground Floor, The Westwood, 8 Belcher's

St., HK

Kowloon: Amoy Plaza Branch Shops G193 - 200 & 203, G/F, Amoy Plaza Phase II, 77

Ngau Tau Kok Road, KLN

Kwun Tong Branch 1 Yue Man Square, Kwun Tong

Mei Foo Sun Chuen Branch 79, Broadway Stage 4, Mei Foo Sun Chuen

Mongkok Branch 673 Nathan Road, Mongkok

Ocean Centre Branch Shop 355, 3/F, Ocean Centre, 5 Canton Road, KLN

Tai Yau Street Branch 26-28 Tai Yau Street, San Po Kong, Kowloon

Tsim Sha Tsui Branch 82-84 Nathan Road, Tsimshatsui Waterloo Road Branch 71 Waterloo Road, Homantin

**New Territories:** Citylink Plaza Branch Shops 38-46, Citylink Plaza, Shatin Station Circuit, Sha Tin,

NT

Kwai Fong D & N Banking Shops Nos. 218A, 219-220, Level 2, Metroplaza, Kwai Fong,

Centre Branch NT

Tuen Mun Town Plaza Branch Shop 1, UG/F, Tuen Mun Town Plaza Phase II

Yuen Long Branch G/F, HSBC Building Yuen Long, 150-160 Castle Peak Road,

Yuen Long

# Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

Hong Kong Island: Bank of China Tower Branch 3/F, 1 Garden Road, Central

Central District (Wing On House) 71 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong

Branch

Causeway Bay Branch

18 Percival Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong

North Point Branch

G/F, Roca Centre, 464 King's Road, North Point

Shop 1021, 1/E, United Centre, 95 Queensway

United Centre Branch Shop 1021, 1/F, United Centre, 95 Queensway

Kowloon: Mong Kok (President 608 Nathan Road, Mong Kok

Commercial Centre) Branch

Kowloon Plaza Branch Unit 1, Kowloon Plaza, 485 Castle Peak Road, Kowloon

Hoi Yuen Road Branch 55 Hoi Yuen Road, Kwun Tong

Tsim Sha Tsui East Branch Shop G02-03, Inter-Continental Plaza,

94 Granville Road, Tsim Sha Tsui

Whampoa Garden Branch Shop G8B, Site 1, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom

Festival Walk Branch Unit LG149, Festival Walk, Kowloon Tong
Diamond Hill Branch G107, G/F., Plaza Hollywood, Diamond Hill

New Territories: Castle Peak Road (Tsuen 167 Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan

Wan) Branch

Lucky Plaza Branch G/F., Lucky Plaza, Wang Pok Street, Shatin

Maritime Square Branch Shop 115, Maritime Square, Tsing Yi

### The Bank of East Asia, Limited

Kowloon:

Hong Kong Island: Main Branch 10 Des Voeux Road, Central

Causeway Bay Branch 46 Yee Wo Street

Central Branch 31 Des Voeux Road Central

Kennedy Town Centre Branch Shop D, G/F, Kennedy Town Centre, 23 Belcher's Street

Sai Ying Pun Branch 338-342 Queen's Road West Shaukiwan Branch G/F., 307-313 Shaukiwan Road

Wanchai Branch 314-324 Hennessy Road Kwun Tong Branch 7 Hong Ning Road

Mongkok Branch 638-640 Nathan Road

Mongkok South Branch G/F, Righteous Centre, 585 Nathan Road, Mongkok Tsim Sha Tsui Branch Shop A and B, Milton Mansion, No. 96 Nathan Road

New Territories: Shatin New Town Branch Shop 726-730, Level 7/F., New Town Plaza Phase 1, Shatin

Tai Po Plaza Branch Units 49-52, Level 1 Tai Po Plaza

Tsuen Wan Branch 239 - 243 Sha Tsui Road

Tuen Mun Branch Shop No. G16, G/F, Eldo Court Shopping Centre

Both **WHITE** and **YELLOW** Application Forms completed in all respects (to which cheques or banker's cashier orders should be securely stapled) should be deposited in the special collection boxes provided at any of the branches of The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited and The Bank of East Asia, Limited referred to above at the following times on the following dates:

Monday, June 14, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 17, 2004 – 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

After the opening of the Hong Kong Public Offering on Monday, June 14, 2004, if the Company, the Sponsor and the Co-Sponsors consider it advisable for The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited and The Bank of East Asia, Limited to make available additional branches ("Additional Receiving Branches") for the collection of copies of the WHITE Application Form and Prospectuses and/or for the collection branches noted above to extend the times during which they will collect the completed Application Forms on the dates noted above, an announcement setting out the details of such additional branches and extended hours, if applicable, will be published in the South China Morning Post (in English) and in the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese) on or before Thursday, June 17, 2004. If any Additional Receiving Branches were to be opened, completed Application Forms can also be deposited in the special collection boxes provided at such branches during the times stated above or as otherwise announced.

# APPLICATIONS BY GIVING ELECTRONIC APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS TO HKSCC

Investors can apply for H Shares by giving **electronic application instructions** to HKSCC as follows:

1. CCASS Investor Participants can give **electronic application instructions** to HKSCC through the CCASS Phone System by calling 2979 7888 or through the CCASS Internet System (https://ip.ccass.com) (using the procedures contained in HKSCC's "An Operating Guide for Investor Participants" in effect from time to time). HKSCC can also input **electronic application instructions** for CCASS Investor Participants on their behalf if they go to the Customer Service Centre of HKSCC at Upper Ground Floor, V-Heun Building, 128–140 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong and complete an input request form. Prospectuses are also available for collection at the Customer Service Centre of HKSCC; and

2. those who are not CCASS Investor Participants can instruct their brokers or custodians who are CCASS Broker Participants or CCASS Custodian Participants to give **electronic application instructions** to HKSCC via CCASS terminals to apply for the H Shares on their behalf.

CCASS Participants can input **electronic application instructions** at the following times on the following dates:

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Monday, June 14, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (1)

Tuesday, June 15, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (1)

Wednesday, June 16, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (1)

Thursday, June 17, 2004 – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
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These times are subject to change as HKSCC may determine from time to time with prior notification to CCASS Participants

Subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Prospectus and the Application Forms relating thereto, applications made on **WHITE** or **YELLOW** Application Forms or by giving **electronic application instructions** to HKSCC must be received no later than 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 17, 2004 (or if the application lists are not open on that day, then by 12:00 noon on the next business day the lists are open). Please see the section headed "How to apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares" in the Prospectus for further details.

The application lists will open from 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursday, June 17, 2004 (or such later date as may apply in case of a tropical cyclone warning signal No.8 or above or a "black" rainstorm warning signal being in force as described in the section headed "How to apply for Hong Kong Offer Shares" in the Prospectus).

For allocation purposes only, the H Shares being offered for public subscription under the Hong Kong Public Offering (initially being 69,395,000 H Shares, subject to adjustment between the International Offering and the Hong Kong Public Offering in the case of over-subscription of 15 times or more in the Hong Kong Public Offering as described in the Prospectus), will be divided equally into two pools (to the nearest board lot): pool A and pool B. The H Shares in pool A will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for H Shares with a total subscription amount of HK\$5 million (excluding the amounts of brokerage of 1%, the SFC transaction levy of 0.005%, the investor compensation levy of 0.002% and the Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.005% payable thereon) or less. The H Shares in pool B will be allocated on an equitable basis to applicants who have applied for H Shares with a total subscription amount of more than HK\$5 million (excluding the brokerage of 1%, the SFC transaction levy of 0.005%, the investor compensation levy of 0.002%

and the Stock Exchange trading fee of 0.005%, payable thereon). Applicants should be aware that applications in different pools may receive different allocation ratios. Where one but not both pools is undersubscribed, the surplus H Shares in that pool will be transferred to the other pool to satisfy demand in the other pool and be allocated accordingly. For the purpose of this paragraph only, "subscription amount" for the H Shares means the price payable on application therefor (without regard to the Offer Price as finally determined). Applicants can only receive an allocation of H Shares from either pool A or pool B but not from both pools.

It is expected that the level of indication of interest in the International Offering, the Offer Price, the result of applications and the basis of allotment of the Hong Kong Offer Shares under the Hong Kong Public Offering, and the Hong Kong Identity Card/Passport/Business Registration numbers of successful applicants will be published on or about Wednesday, June 23, 2004 in the South China Morning Post (in English) and the Hong Kong Economic Times (in Chinese).

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are Ma Mingzhe, Sun Jianyi, Li Heihu, Gao Lei, Huang Jianping, Liu Haifeng David, Henry Cornell, Lin Yu Fen, Cheung Lee Wah, Anthony Philip Hope, Dicky Peter Yip, Lin Lijun, Fan Gang, Dou Wenwei, Shi Yuxin, Hu Aimin, Bao Youde, Kwong Che Keung Gordon and Cheung Wing Yui.

By order of the Board

Ma Mingzhe

Chief Executive Officer

Hong Kong, June 14, 2004

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Please also refer to the published version of this announcement in the South China Morning Post (English), Hong Kong Economic Times (Chinese).