

# 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)

(Stock Code: 2318)

# **ANNOUNCEMENT**

#### CHOICE OF RECEIPT AND LANGUAGE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

The Company wishes to announce that it is, in accordance with Rule 2.07A and note (8) of Rule 2.07B(2) of the Listing Rules, making arrangements to ascertain the preferences of its shareholders with respect to the choice of means of receipt and language of its Corporate Communication.

# DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR AND CHANGE OF VENUE OF THE EGM AND H SHAREHOLDERS CLASS MEETING

Reference was made to the announcement of the Company dated 18 January 2008. The circular containing, among other things, details regarding the Specific Mandate and the issue of the A Share Bonds with Warrants has been despatched to H Shareholders on 13 February 2008.

The EGM and the H Shareholders Class Meeting were scheduled to be held on 5 March, 2008 at 6th Floor, Ping An Building, Ba Gua No. 3 Road, Shenzhen, PRC. Due to the change of arrangement of the meeting venue, the venue of the EGM and the H Shareholders Class Meeting is changed to Ping An School of Financial Services, Guanlan, Shenzhen, PRC. The time of the meetings, shareholding registration date, EGM attendance registration date and resolutions to be considered remain unchanged.

#### (I) CHOICE OF RECEIPT AND LANGUAGE OF CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

For the purposes of environmental protection and cost saving, the Company is making the arrangements described below to ascertain its shareholders' preferences as to the choice of means of receipt (in printed form or by electronic means) and language (in English only, in Chinese only or both English and Chinese) of the future Corporate Communication.

### **Proposed Arrangements**

In accordance with Rule 2.07A and note (8) of Rule 2.07B(2) of the Listing Rules, the following arrangements will be made by the Company:

- 1. The Company has sent a letter on 13 February 2008 (the "First Letter") together with a reply form (the "Reply Form"), prepared in English and Chinese, and a pre-paid addressed envelope to its shareholders to enable them to elect to receive the future Corporate Communication: (i) through the Company's website: www.pingan.com.cn; or (ii) on CD-ROM only; or (iii) to receive a printed English version only; or (iv) to receive a printed Chinese version only; or (v) to receive both the printed English and Chinese versions. The First Letter explains that if no reply is received from shareholders by 27 February 2008, the arrangements described below will apply, where applicable:
  - the printed Chinese version of each future Corporate Communication will be sent to all Hong Kong shareholders who are natural persons with a Chinese name using a Hong Kong address; and
  - the printed English version of each future Corporate Communication will be sent to all overseas shareholders and all Hong Kong shareholders (other than natural persons with a Chinese name) using a Hong Kong address.

Whether a shareholder is a Hong Kong or an overseas shareholder will be determined by the address of that shareholder appearing on the register of members of the Company maintained by the Company's H Share Registrar.

Shareholders are entitled at any time to change their choice of means of receipt and language of the Corporate Communication by giving reasonable notice in writing to the Company's H Share Registrar.

- 2. With respect to shareholders who choose to receive the Corporate Communication in printed form, the Company will send the selected language version of the Corporate Communication to those shareholders who have made a selection unless and until they notify the Company's H Share Registrar in writing that they wish to receive the Corporate Communication in the other (or both) language(s), or by electronic means (through the Company's website or on CD-ROM).
- 3. When each printed Corporate Communication is sent out in accordance with the first and second arrangements described above, a letter (the "Second Letter") and a change request form (the "Change Request Form"), prepared in English and Chinese, will be attached to or printed in the relevant Corporate Communication, together with a pre-paid addressed envelope, specifying that the Corporate Communication prepared in the other language will be available upon request, and that shareholders may change their choice of means of receipt and language of the Corporate Communication by completing the Change Request Form and returning it to the Company's H Share Registrar.
- 4. All Corporate Communication in both English and Chinese, and in accessible format, will be available on the Company's website at www.pingan.com.cn. Soft copies of both languages of all such Corporate Communication will be filed with the Stock Exchange on the same day they are dispatched to shareholders, or on such other day as required by the Stock Exchange or pursuant to the Listing Rules.

- 5. The Company's H Share Register is providing a dial-up hotline service (Tel: (852) 2862 8555) during business hours (9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) to enable shareholders to make enquiry of the Company's proposed arrangements set out above.
- 6. The First Letter and the Second Letter will mention that both languages of each Corporate Communication will be available on the Company's website and that the dial-up hotline service has been provided as mentioned in the fourth and fifth arrangements described above.

# (II) DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR AND CHANGE OF VENUE OF THE EGM AND H SHAREHOLDERS CLASS MEETING

Reference was made to the announcement of the Company dated 18 January 2008 (the "Announcement"). Unless otherwise defined, the terms used herein shall have the same meaning as defined in the Announcement. The circular containing, among other things, details regarding the Specific Mandate and the issue of the A Share Bonds with Warrants has been despatched to H Shareholders on 13 February 2008.

The EGM, the H Shareholders Class Meeting and the A Shareholders Class Meeting are proposed to be convened on Wednesday, 5 March 2008, to propose resolutions to vote by poll, among other things, to approve the Possible A Share Placing and the issue of the A Share Bonds with Warrants. The EGM and the H Shareholders Class Meeting were scheduled to be held on 5 March 2008 at 6th Floor, Ping An Building, Ba Gua No. 3 Road, Shenzhen, PRC, details of which were set out in the EGM notice and the H Shareholders Class Meeting notice dated 18 January 2008. Due to the change of arrangement of the meeting venue, the venue of the EGM and the H Shareholders Class Meeting is changed to Ping An School of Financial Services, Guanlan, Shenzhen, PRC. The time of the meetings, shareholding registration date, EGM attendance registration date and resolutions to be considered remain unchanged. Shareholders who intend to attend the EGM or the H Shareholders Class Meeting should be aware of the above-mentioned.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

In this announcement, the following expressions have the meanings set out below unless the context requires otherwise:

"Company" Ping An Insurance (Group) Company of China, Ltd.

"Corporate Communication" any document issued or to be issued by the Bank for the information or action of holders of any of the Bank's securities as defined in the definition stated in Rule 1.01 of the Listing Rules

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"H Share Registrar"

Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Rooms 1806-07, 18th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong

By Order of the Board
YAO Jun
Joint Company Secretary

Shenzhen, The PRC

13 February 2008

As at the date of this announcement, the Executive Directors of the Company are Ma Mingzhe, Sun Jianyi and Cheung Chi Yan Louis, the Non-executive Directors are Lin Yu Fen, Cheung Lee Wah, Anthony Philip HOPE, Fan Gang, Lin Lijun, Hu Aimin, Chen Hongbo, Wong Tung Shun Peter and Ng Sing Yip, the Independent Non-executive Directors are Bao Youde, Kwong Che Keung Gordon, Cheung Wing Yui, Chow Wing Kin Anthony, Zhang Hongyi, Chen Su and Xia Liping.