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## PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The board of directors (the "**Board**") of Air China Limited (the "**Company**") resolved on 21 January 2020 to propose to appoint Mr. Feng Gang ("**Mr. Feng**") as non-executive director of the Company. The proposed appointment is subject to the approval by shareholders of the Company (the "**Shareholders**") at the general meeting of the Company. Due to adjustment of work arrangement, Mr. Feng resigned from his position as vice president of the Company with effect from 21 January 2020.

Mr. Feng Gang, aged 56, graduated from Sichuan University majoring in semiconductor. He started his career in July 1984. Mr. Feng was the Deputy General Manager of China Southwest Airlines, the Assistant to President of Air China International Corporation, and the General Manager and Secretary of the Communist Party Committee of China National Aviation Holding Assets Management Company. He was appointed as the Chairman, President and Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party Committee of Shandong Aviation Group Corporation from May 2007 to April 2010. He served as the General Manager and Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party Committee of Shenzhen Airlines Company Limited from April 2010 to April 2014. He also served as Vice President and a member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party Committee of the Company from April 2010 to August 2014. From April 2014 to November 2019, Mr. Feng served as the Deputy General Manager and a member of the Communist Party Group of China National Aviation Holding Corporation Limited. He has also been serving as the Chairman of China National Aviation Construction and Development Company and China Air Express Co., Ltd. since June 2014. He was appointed as non-executive director of the Company from August 2014 to October 2017. He has been serving as the Vice Chairman of Tibet Airlines Company Limited since May 2018. He served as Vice President and a member of the Standing Committee of the Communist Party Committee of the Company from May 2017 to November 2019. He has been serving as director and Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party Group of China National Aviation Holding Corporation Limited, and the Deputy Secretary of the Communist Party Committee of the Company since November 2019.

Save as disclosed above and as at the date of this announcement, Mr. Feng does not have any relationship with any directors, senior management, substantial shareholder(s) or controlling shareholder(s) of the Company or hold any other positions in the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or any directorship in other listed companies in the last three years.

As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Feng does not have any interest in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of Hong Kong).

Upon approval of Mr. Feng's appointment at a general meeting of the Company, Mr. Feng will enter into a service contract with the Company for a term commencing on the date of approval by the Shareholders of his appointment and ending on the expiry of the term of the current session of the Board. Mr. Feng will not receive any remuneration for his serving as director of the Company.

Save as disclosed above, the Board is not aware of any other matters in relation to the proposed appointment of Mr. Feng as non-executive director of the Company that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders nor any information that is required 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(the "Hong Kong Listing Rules").

A notice of general meeting of the Company containing, among others, detailed information of the above-mentioned matters will be despatched to the Shareholders in due course.

## **RESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Board received a resignation letter from Mr. Liu Deheng ("Mr. Liu"), an independent nonexecutive director of the Company recently. Due to personal reason, Mr. Liu tendered to the Board his resignation as an independent non-executive director of the Company, a member and the chairman of the Audit and Risk Control Committee of the Board and a member of the Strategy and Investment Committee of the Board, with effect from 21 January 2020.

Mr. Liu has confirmed that he has no disagreement with the Board and the Company, and that he is not aware of any other matters relating to his resignation that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders. During his tenure as independent non-executive director of the Company, Mr. Liu has worked diligently and played an important role in standardised operation and healthy development of the Company. The Board would like to express its sincere gratitude to Mr. Liu for his outstanding contribution to the Company during his tenure.

Following the resignation of Mr. Liu, the Company will fail to meet (i) the requirement of at least one of the independent non-executive directors having appropriate professional qualifications or appropriate accounting or related financial management expertise under Rule 3.10(2) of the Hong Kong Listing Rules; and (ii) the composition requirement of the audit committee under Rule 3.21 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

The Company will seek suitable candidate to fill the vacancy and expects replacement to be appointed within three months from the date hereof pursuant to Rules 3.11 and 3.23 of the Hong Kong Listing Rules. The Company will make further announcement as and when appropriate.

By Order of the Board Air China Limited Zhou Feng Tam Shuit Mui Joint Company Secretaries

Beijing, the PRC, 21 January 2020

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company are Mr. Cai Jianjiang, Mr. Song Zhiyong, Mr. Patrick Healy, Mr. Xue Yasong, Mr. Wang Xiaokang\*, Mr. Stanley Hui Hon-chung\* and Mr. Li Dajin\*.

\* Independent non-executive director of the Company