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### THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance)
(Stock Code: 3)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PROPOSALS FOR
RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS
ISSUE OF BONUS SHARES
RENEWAL OF THE GENERAL MANDATES
TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES AND
AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

The notice convening the Annual General Meeting of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited to be held at the Four Seasons Grand Ballroom, Four Seasons Hotel, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 3rd June 2011 at noon at which the above proposals will be considered is set out on pages 13 to 22. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, please complete and return the accompanying form of proxy as instructed as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting (or any adjournment thereof).

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# **EXPECTED TIMETABLE**

2011

Latest date of dealing in Shares cum entitlements to the final dividend and the Bonus Share Issue Friday, 20th May
First date of dealing in Shares ex entitlements to the final dividend and the Bonus Share Issue
Latest time for lodging transfers for entitlements to the final dividend and the Bonus Share Issue 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th May
Book close period (both days inclusive) From Wednesday, 25th May to Friday, 27th May
Record Date for determination of entitlement to the final dividend and Bonus Share Issue and right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting Friday, 27th May
Register re-opens Monday, 30th May
Proxy forms for the Annual General Meeting to be returned by
Annual General Meeting
Despatch of dividend cheques and certificates for Bonus Shares
First date of dealing in Bonus Shares On or about Thursday, 9th June

### **DEFINITIONS**

In this document and the appendices the following expressions have the following meanings unless the context otherwise requires:-

"Annual General Meeting" the annual general meeting of the Company to be held on

Friday, 3rd June 2011 at noon, notice of which is set out on

pages 13 to 22 of this document

"Articles of Association" the articles of association of the Company as altered from

time to time

"Board" the board of Directors

"Bonus Share Issue" issue of Bonus Shares

"Bonus Shares" the Shares proposed to be issued by way of bonus on the

terms set out in this document

"CCASS" the Central Clearing and Settlement System established

and operated by HKSCC

"Company" The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited

"Directors" the directors of the Company

"HKSCC" Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited

"Latest Practicable Date" 15th April 2011, being the latest practicable date prior to

the printing of this document for ascertaining certain

information contained herein

"Listing Rules" Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"Ordinance" Companies Ordinance (Cap. 32 of the Laws of Hong Kong)

"Record Date" Friday, 27th May 2011, being the date for determination of

entitlement to the final dividend and Bonus Shares, and right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting

"Register" the register of members of the Company

"Shareholders" holders of Shares

"Shares" shares of HK\$0.25 each in the capital of the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited

"HK\$" Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency of the Hong Kong

Special Administrative Region, The People's Republic of

China

### THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance)

Directors: Registered Office:

Dr. the Hon. Lee Shau Kee, Chairman \*

Mr. Leung Hay Man \*\*

Mr. Colin Lam Ko Yin \*

North Point

Dr. the Hon. David Li Kwok Po \*\*

Hong Kong

Mr. Lee Ka Kit \*

Mr. Alfred Chan Wing Kin

Mr. James Kwan Yuk Choi

Mr. Lee Ka Shing \*

Professor Poon Chung Kwong\*\*

\* non-executive director

\*\* independent non-executive director

26th April 2011

23rd Floor

To the Shareholders

Dear Sir or Madam,

# PROPOSALS FOR RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS ISSUE OF BONUS SHARES RENEWAL OF THE GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In the announcement dated 15th March 2011 of the audited results of the Company for the financial year ended 31st December 2010, the Directors proposed the Bonus Share Issue, details of which, together with a proposal to renew general mandates granted to the Directors to issue Shares and repurchase Shares are set out below. In addition, the purpose of this document is to give you notice of the Annual General Meeting to be convened for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing resolutions to approve, *inter alia*, the re-election of retiring Directors, the Bonus Share Issue, the renewal of the general mandates to issue Shares and repurchase Shares and the amendments to the Articles of Association.

### 2. RE-ELECTION OF RETIRING DIRECTORS

According to the Articles of Association, one-third of the non-executive Directors and one-third of the executive Directors are subject to retirement by rotation at every annual general meeting. Pursuant to Article 97 of the Articles of Association, Dr. the Hon. Lee Shau Kee, Mr. Colin Lam Ko Yin, Dr. the Hon. David Li Kwok Po, non-executive Directors, Mr. Alfred Chan Wing Kin, an executive Director, are due to retire by rotation at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for reappointment. Details and brief biography of each of Dr. the Hon. Lee Shau Kee, Mr. Colin Lam Ko Yin, Dr. the Hon. David Li Kwok Po and Mr. Alfred Chan Wing Kin are set out in Appendix I to this document.

#### 3. ISSUE OF BONUS SHARES

The Directors recommend a bonus issue of Shares, credited as fully paid by way of capitalisation of part of the Company's share premium account, on the basis of one Bonus Share for every ten existing Shares held by Shareholders whose names are on the Register on the Record Date. The Bonus Shares will rank *pari passu* in all respects with the Shares from their date of issue except that they will not rank for any dividend declared or recommended by the Company in respect of the financial year ended 31st December 2010. Fractional entitlements to Bonus Shares will not be allotted to Shareholders and will be aggregated and sold for the benefit of the Company. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of Shares in issue was 7,182,321,942 Shares. On the basis of such figure, and assuming there is no issue or repurchase of Shares prior to the Record Date, the number of Bonus Shares to be issued is 718,232,194 Shares.

### 4. CONDITIONS OF THE BONUS SHARE ISSUE

The Bonus Share Issue is conditional upon:

- (a) Shareholders approving Resolution 5(I) as set out in the notice of Annual General Meeting of the Company at the Annual General Meeting; and
- (b) the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange granting listing of and permission to deal in the Bonus Shares.

### 5. CLOSURE OF REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Register will be closed from Wednesday, 25th May 2011 to Friday, 27th May 2011 (both days inclusive) in order to determine entitlements of Shareholders to the proposed final dividend for the financial year ended 31st December 2010 and Bonus Share Issue, and the right to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (or any adjournment thereof). In order to be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (or any adjournment thereof), and to qualify for the proposed final dividend and Bonus Share Issue, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th May 2011.

### 6. TRADING ARRANGEMENTS

Application has been made to the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange for listing of and permission to deal in the Bonus Shares. Subject to the granting of listing of and permission to deal on the Stock Exchange as well as compliance with the stock admission requirements of HKSCC, the Bonus Shares will be accepted as eligible securities by HKSCC for deposit, clearance and settlement in CCASS with effect from the date on which dealings in the Bonus Shares commence on the Stock Exchange or such other date as shall be 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.

Settlement of transactions between members of the Stock Exchange on any trading day is required to take place in CCASS on the second trading day thereafter.

The Bonus Shares will be traded in board lots of 1,000 Shares each. It is expected that certificates for the Bonus Shares will be posted to Shareholders on Tuesday, 7th June 2011 at their own risk and the first date of dealing in the Bonus Shares will be on or about Thursday, 9th June 2011.

The Shares are not listed or dealt in on any stock exchange other than the Stock Exchange. The Directors do not intend to apply for listing of or permission to deal in the Bonus Shares on any stock exchange other than the Stock Exchange.

Stamp duty in Hong Kong will be payable in respect of dealings in the Bonus Shares.

# 7. RENEWAL OF THE GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE SHARES AND REPURCHASE SHARES

At the annual general meeting of the Company held on 28th May 2010, ordinary resolutions were passed to renew the general mandates to the Board (i) to repurchase Shares, the aggregate nominal amount of which does not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company as at 28th May 2010; and (ii) to allot, issue and otherwise deal with Shares not exceeding, where the Shares are to be allotted wholly for cash, 10 per cent and in any event 20 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on 28th May 2010, together with the nominal amount (up to a maximum of 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the Company's issued share capital as at 28th May 2010) of any Shares repurchased by the Company in accordance with (i) above, if any.

Pursuant to the Ordinance and the Listing Rules, these general mandates will lapse at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting, unless renewed then. Resolutions set out as Resolutions 5(II), 5(III) and 5(IV) in the notice of Annual General Meeting will be proposed to renew these mandates. With reference to these resolutions, the Board wishes to state that they have no immediate plans to repurchase any Shares or to issue any new Shares or warrants pursuant to the relevant mandates.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of Shares in issue was 7,182,321,942 Shares. On the basis of such figure and assuming there is no issue or repurchase of Shares prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Company would be allowed under the general mandate to issue Shares to allot and issue up to 1,436,464,388 Shares representing 20 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company.

The explanatory statement required by the Listing Rules to be sent to Shareholders in connection with the resolution pertaining to the proposed renewal of the share repurchase mandate is set out in Appendix II to this document. This contains all the information reasonably necessary to enable Shareholders to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution.

### 8. AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

In view of the provisions of Rule 2.07A of the Listing Rules and Part IVAAA of the Ordinance relating to the use of electronic means or website for communication with shareholders, the Board proposes that certain amendments be made to the relevant provisions of the Articles of Association to conform to such provisions of the Listing Rules and the Ordinance.

The proposed amendments to the Articles of Association are, *inter alia*, to enable the Company to send or supply corporate communication (as defined in the Listing Rules) to the Shareholders using electronic means or by making them available on the Company's website in satisfaction of the Company's obligation to send a printed copy thereof to the Shareholders to the extent permitted under the Ordinance, the Listing Rules and the Company's constitutional documents. The Board also proposes to make certain minor and housekeeping amendments to the Articles of Association at the same time.

A special resolution to amend the Articles of Association which requires not less than 75 per cent of the votes cast by the Shareholders attending and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting will be put forth as special business to be considered and approved by the Shareholders. The proposed amendments to the Articles of Association are set out in full in special resolution numbered 5(V) of the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

### 9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The notice convening the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Four Seasons Grand Ballroom, Four Seasons Hotel, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 3rd June 2011 at noon is set out on pages 13 to 22. At the Annual General Meeting, ordinary resolutions numbered 3, 5(I), 5(II), 5(III) and 5(IV) and special resolution numbered 5(V) will be proposed to re-elect the retiring Directors, to approve the Bonus Shares Issue, the renewal of the general mandate for the repurchase of Shares, the renewal of the general mandate to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares and the amendments to the Articles of Association.

A form of proxy for the Annual General Meeting is enclosed. Whether or not you are attending the meeting, please complete the form of proxy as instructed and return the same to the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, as soon as possible and in any event no later than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting. You can still attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (or any adjournment thereof) even if you have completed and sent in a proxy form.

At the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman of the meeting will exercise his power under Article 70 of the Articles of Association to put each of the resolutions set out in the notice of Annual General Meeting to the vote by way of poll.

### 10. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board believes that the re-election of the retiring Directors, the Bonus Share Issue, the renewal of the general mandates to repurchase Shares and to issue new Shares and the amendments to the Articles of Association are in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders and accordingly recommends you to vote in favour of all the relevant resolutions to be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Yours faithfully, Lee Shau Kee Chairman

**Dr. the Hon. LEE Shau Kee** G.B.M., D.B.A. (Hon.), D.S.Sc. (Hon.), LL.D.(Hon.), *Chairman & Non-executive Director* 

Aged 82. Dr. Lee was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Company in 1978 and subsequently appointed Chairman in 1983. He has been engaged in property development in Hong Kong for more than 55 years. Dr. Lee is the Chairman and Managing Director of Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("Henderson Land Development") and Henderson Investment Limited, Chairman of Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited, a Vice Chairman of Sun Hung Kai Properties Limited and a Director of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited and The Bank of East Asia, Limited, all of which are listed public companies. Save as disclosed, Dr. Lee did not hold any directorship in other listed public companies in the last three years. Dr. Lee was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2007. Dr. Lee is the father of Mr. Lee Ka Kit and Mr. Lee Ka Shing, Non-executive Directors of the Company.

Dr. Lee is also a Director of Henderson Development Limited ("Henderson Development"), Hopkins (Cayman) Limited ("Hopkins"), Rimmer (Cayman) Limited ("Rimmer"), Riddick (Cayman) Limited ("Riddick"), Timpani Investments Limited ("Timpani Investments"), Disralei Investment Limited ("Disralei Investment"), Medley Investment Limited ("Medley Investment") and Macrostar Investment Limited ("Macrostar Investment"). Henderson Land Development, Henderson Development, Hopkins, Rimmer, Riddick, Timpani Investments, Disralei Investment, Medley Investment and Macrostar Investment have discloseable interests in the Company under the provisions of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Lee has personal interest of 4,294,037 Shares (representing 0.06 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company) and corporate interest of 2,976,388,182 Shares (representing 41.44 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company) within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. He also has corporate interest of 1,628,172,901 shares in Towngas China Company Limited (representing approximately 66.18 per cent of the issued share capital of Towngas China Company Limited), 9,500 shares in Lane Success Development Limited (representing 95 per cent of the issued share capital of Lane Success Development Limited) and 2 shares in Yieldway International Limited (representing 100 per cent of the issued share capital of Yieldway International Limited), all of which are associated corporations of the Company.

The term of office for Dr. Lee will expire on 31st December 2011 and is subject to retirement by rotation and reappointment in accordance with the Articles of Association. The director's fee and additional fee as Chairman payable to him was and shall be reviewed by the remuneration committee of the Company on an annual basis. His director's fee, additional fee as Chairman and other emoluments are determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities. For the financial year ended 31 December 2010, Dr. Lee received a fixed remuneration of HK\$320,000 as director's fee and additional fee as Chairman and other emoluments of approximately HK\$180,000 from the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules nor are there other matters in relation to Dr. Lee's re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Colin LAM Ko Yin F.C.I.L.T., F.H.K.I.o.D., Non-executive Director

Aged 59. Mr. Lam was appointed to the Board in 1983. He has more than 37 years' experience in banking and property development. He is a member of the Court of The University of Hong Kong, a Director of The University of Hong Kong Foundation for Educational Development and Research Limited and a Director of Fudan University Education Development Foundation. Mr. Lam is a Vice Chairman of Henderson Land Development Company Limited ("Henderson Land Development") and Henderson Investment Limited, Chairman of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited, and a Director of Miramar Hotel and Investment Company, Limited, all of which are listed public companies. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Lam has not held any directorship in other listed public companies during the last three years. Mr. Lam was awarded an Honorary University Fellowship by The University of Hong Kong in 2008. He is a Fellow of The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong and a Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Directors.

Mr. Lam is also a Director of Henderson Development Limited ("Henderson Development"), Hopkins (Cayman) Limited ("Hopkins"), Rimmer (Cayman) Limited ("Rimmer"), Riddick (Cayman) Limited ("Riddick"), Disralei Investment Limited ("Disralei Investment"), Medley Investment Limited ("Medley Investment") and Macrostar Investment Limited ("Macrostar Investment"). Henderson Land Development, Henderson Development, Hopkins, Rimmer, Riddick, Disralei Investment, Medley Investment and Macrostar Investment have discloseable interests in the Company under the provisions of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Mr. Lam was a non-executive director of Smartie Food Services Company Limited ("Smartie Food") from June 1989 to April 1994. Smartie Food was a company incorporated in Hong Kong and engaged in the business of roasted meat. By a court order of 18 May 1994, Smartie Food was put into winding up by the court. Mr. Lam had resigned as a director of Smartie Food before the winding up and did not take part in any matters giving rise to the winding up of Smartie Food. The affairs of Smartie Food had been completely wound up in December 1995.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Lam has no relationship with any directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company and does not have any interests in the shares of the Company within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

The term of office for Mr. Lam will expire on 31st December 2011 and he is subject to retirement by rotation and reappointment in accordance with the Articles of Association. The director's fee payable to him was and shall be reviewed by the remuneration committee of the Company on an annual basis. His director's fee and other emoluments are determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities. For the financial year ended 31st December 2010, Mr. Lam received a fixed remuneration of HK\$160,000 as director's fee and other emoluments of approximately HK\$53,000 from the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules nor are there other matters in relation to Mr. Lam's re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Dr. the Hon. David Ll Kwok Po G.B.M., G.B.S., O.B.E., J.P., M.A. Cantab. (Economics & Law), Hon. D.Sc. (Imperial), Hon. D.B.A. (Napier), Hon. D. Hum. Litt. (Trinity, USA), Hon. D.Soc.Sc. (Lingnan), Hon. LL.D. (Hong Kong), Hon. LL.D. (Warwick), Hon. LL.D. (Cantab), F.C.A., F.C.P.A., F.C.P.A. (Aust.), F.C.I.B., F.H.K.I.B., F.B.C.S., C.I.T.P., F.C.I.Arb., Officier de L'Ordre de la Couronne, Grand Officer of the Order of the Star of Italian Solidarity, The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, Officier de la Légion d'Honneur, *Independent Non-executive Director* 

Aged 72. Dr. Li was appointed to the Board in 1984. He is the Chairman and Chief Executive of The Bank of East Asia, Limited. Dr. Li is also a director of various listed public companies, including AFFIN Holdings Berhad, China Overseas Land & Investment Limited, COSCO Pacific Limited, Criteria CaixaCorp, S.A., Guangdong Investment Limited, The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, PCCW Limited, San Miguel Brewery Hong Kong Limited, SCMP Group Limited and Vitasoy International Holdings Limited. He was a Director of China Merchants China Direct Investments Limited. Save as disclosed above, Dr. Li has not held any directorship in other listed public companies during the last three years. Dr. Li was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2007 and he also received the Business Person of the Year Award in the Hong Kong Business Awards 2006.

Dr. Li is the Chairman of The Chinese Banks' Association, Limited and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Management Association. Dr. Li is currently a Member of the Banking Advisory Committee, a Member of the Council of the Treasury Markets Association and a Member of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. Dr. Li is a Fellow of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Fellow of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Fellow of The Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants, Fellow of Chartered Institute of Bankers, Fellow of The Hong Kong Institute of Bankers, Chartered Fellow of British Computer Society, Chartered IT Professional, Fellow of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in England, an Honorary Fellow of the School of Accountancy, Central University of Finance and Economics and a Companion of the Chartered Management Institute.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Li has personal interest of 20,020,000 Shares (representing 0.28 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company) within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. Save as disclosed herein, Dr. Li has no relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

The term of office for Dr. Li will expire on 31st December 2011 and he is subject to retirement by rotation and reappointment in accordance with the Articles of Association. The director's fee payable to him was and shall be reviewed by the remuneration committee of the Company on an annual basis. His director's fee and other emoluments are determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities. For the financial year ended 31st December 2010, Dr. Li received a fixed remuneration of HK\$320,000 as director's fee and other emoluments of approximately HK\$57,000 from the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules nor are there other matters in relation to Dr. Li's re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

Mr. Alfred CHAN Wing Kin B.B.S., C.Eng., F.H.K.I.E., F.I.Mech.E., F.I.G.E.M., F.E.I., B.Sc. (Eng), M.Sc. (Eng), Managing Director

Aged 60. Mr. Chan joined the Company as the General Manager – Marketing in 1992 and was appointed as the General Manager – Marketing & Customer Service in 1995. He was appointed to the Board in January 1997 and as the Managing Director (executive director) in May 1997. Mr. Chan is the Chairman of Towngas China Company Limited ("Towngas China"), a listed public company. Save as disclosed above, Mr. Chan has not held any directorship in other listed public companies during the last three years. He is also an Independent Non-executive Director of Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited.

Mr. Chan is a director of major local and overseas subsidiary companies of the Group. He is also the Chairman and President of Hong Kong & China Gas Investment Limited, the Group's investment holding company in mainland China and chairman, vice chairman or a director of most of the Group's joint venture companies in mainland China. He is a member of the Eleventh Wuhan Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and a Vice Chairman of China Gas Association. Mr. Chan received the Executive Award under the DHL/SCMP Hong Kong Business Awards 2005 and the Director of the Year Awards – Listed Companies (SEHK – Hang Seng Index Constituents) Executive Directors from The Hong Kong Institute of Directors in 2006. Mr. Chan is a Chartered Engineer, Fellow of The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers; Fellow of The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, Fellow of The Institution of Gas Engineers & Managers and Fellow of The Energy Institute of the United Kingdom.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chan has personal interest of 136,858 Shares (representing less than 0.01 per cent of the issued share capital of the Company) within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance. He also has interest in 3,618,000 share options granted by Towngas China, an associated corporation of the Company, with a right to subscribe for 3,618,000 shares of Towngas China (representing approximately 0.15 per cent of the issued share capital of Towngas China). Save as disclosed herein, Mr. Chan has no relationship with any Directors, senior management or substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, Mr. Chan has no fixed nor proposed term of director's service but is subject to retirement by rotation and reappointment in accordance with the Articles of Association. The director's fee payable to him was and shall be reviewed by the remuneration committee of the Company on an annual basis. His director's fee and other emoluments are determined with reference to his duties and responsibilities and the Company's performance and profitability. For the financial year ended 31st December 2010, Mr. Chan received a fixed remuneration of HK\$160,000 as director's fee and other emoluments of approximately HK\$31,840,000 from the Company.

Save as disclosed above, there is no information to be disclosed pursuant to the requirements of Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules nor are there other matters in relation to Mr. Chan's re-election that need to be brought to the attention of the Shareholders.

The following is the explanatory statement required to be sent to Shareholders under the Listing Rules in connection with the proposed renewal of the general mandate for the repurchase of Shares and also constitutes the memorandum required under section 49BA of the Ordinance. References in this statement to "Shares" means share(s) of all classes in the capital of the Company and includes shares of HK\$0.25 each and securities issued by the Company which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares in the capital of the Company.

- (i) The resolution set out as Resolution 5(II) in the notice convening the Annual General Meeting which will be proposed as an ordinary resolution at that meeting, relates to the renewal of a general mandate to Directors to repurchase on the Stock Exchange fully-paid up Shares representing up to 10 per cent of the Shares in issue as at the date of such resolution. As at the Latest Practicable Date, the number of Shares in issue was 7,182,321,942 Shares. On the basis of such figure and assuming there is no issue or repurchase of Shares prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, the Directors would be authorised to repurchase up to 718,232,194 Shares.
- (ii) The Directors believe that the ability to repurchase Shares is in the best interests of the Company and its Shareholders.
  - Repurchases may, depending on the circumstances, result in an increase in net assets per Share and/or earnings per Share. The Directors are seeking the renewal of a general mandate to repurchase Shares to give the Company the flexibility to do so if and when appropriate. The Directors will decide the number(s) and class(es) of Shares to be repurchased on any occasion and the price and other terms upon which the same are repurchased at the relevant time having regard to the circumstances then pertaining.
- (iii) It is envisaged that any repurchase would be funded from the distributable profits of the Company in accordance with the Articles of Association and the laws of Hong Kong.
- (iv) The working capital or gearing position of the Company could be adversely affected (as compared with the position disclosed in the Company's most recently published audited accounts contained in the annual report for the financial year ended 31st December 2010) in the event that the proposed Share repurchases were to be carried out in full at any time during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the general mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital or gearing position of the Company as is from time to time appropriate.
- (v) None of the Directors nor, to the best of their knowledge having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) presently intend to sell Shares to the Company in the event that the general mandate is renewed.

- (vi) The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange to exercise the power of the Company to make purchases pursuant to the proposed general mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the laws of Hong Kong.
- (vii) As at the Latest Practicable Date, Dr. Lee Shau Kee, the Chairman, beneficially owned 4,294,037 Shares personally (representing 0.06 per cent of the total issued Shares). In addition, 2,976,388,182 Shares (representing 41.44 per cent of the total issued Shares) were beneficially owned by a subsidiary of Henderson Development Limited ("Henderson Development"), Fu Sang Company Limited ("Fu Sang") and some of the subsidiaries of Faxson Investment Limited ("Faxson Investment"). Faxson Investment was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Henderson Land Development Company Limited, a subsidiary of Henderson Development. Rimmer (Cayman) Limited ("Rimmer") as trustee of a discretionary trust held a majority of units in a unit trust ("Unit Trust"). Hopkins (Cayman) Limited ("Hopkins") as trustee of the Unit Trust beneficially owned all the issued ordinary shares which carry the voting rights in the share capitals of Henderson Development and Fu Sang. Dr. Lee Shau Kee beneficially owned all the issued shares of Rimmer and Hopkins.
- (viii) Together with his personal shareholding in the Company, Dr. Lee Shau Kee was interested in 2,980,682,219 Shares (representing 41.50 per cent of the total issued Shares) as at the Latest Practicable Date. On the basis of such figure, if the repurchase mandate is exercised in full by the Company and assuming that Dr. Lee Shau Kee does not receive, acquire or dispose of any Shares, his percentage shareholding in the Company will amount to 46.11 per cent of the total issued Shares. Accordingly, under Rule 26 of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers, an obligation to make a general offer to Shareholders may arise as a result of an exercise of the mandate.
- (ix) The Company did not repurchase any Shares in the six months prior to the Latest Practicable Date (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise).
- (x) No "connected person" (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that it has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company and no such persons have undertaken not to sell any Shares held by them to the Company in the event that the general mandate is renewed by the Shareholders.

(xi) The highest and lowest prices at which the Shares traded on the Stock Exchange in the previous twelve months are as follows:

	Highest	Lowest
	(HK\$)	(HK\$)
	40.455.4	45 400 4
April 2010	19.455 A	17.109 A
May 2010	17.945 A	16.740
June 2010	19.500	17.160
July 2010	20.000	19.000
August 2010	19.660	18.400
September 2010	19.780	18.480
October 2010	20.000	18.540
November 2010	19.440	18.680
December 2010	19.200	18.220
January 2011	18.700	17.640
February 2011	18.300	17.000
March 2011	18.880	17.060

A – adjusted for the bonus issue 1 for 10 with ex-date 14th May 2010.

(In case of discrepancy between the original English version and the Chinese translation of this document, the English version shall prevail.)

# THE HONG KONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in Hong Kong under the Companies Ordinance)

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (the "Company") will be held at the Four Seasons Grand Ballroom, Four Seasons Hotel, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 3rd June 2011 at noon for the following purposes:

- 1. To receive and consider the statement of accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2010 and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- 2. To declare a final dividend.
- To re-elect Directors.
- 4. To re-appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors of the Company to hold office from the conclusion of this meeting until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting and to authorise the Directors of the Company to fix their remuneration.
- 5. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions and a special resolution respectively:-

### **Ordinary Resolutions**

(I) "THAT conditional upon the Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Committee") granting listing of and permission to deal in the new shares of HK\$0.25 each in the capital of the Company to be issued pursuant to this Resolution ("Bonus Shares"), and upon the recommendation of the Directors of the Company, an amount standing to the credit of the share premium account of the Company which is equal to one-tenth of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on 27th May 2011 be capitalised and the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to apply such sum in paying up in full at par such number of Bonus Shares in the capital of the Company which is equal to one-tenth of the number of shares in the Company in issue on 27th May 2011 to be allotted and credited as fully paid to and among the shareholders of the Company whose names are on the register of members on 27th May 2011 on the basis of one Bonus Share for every ten Shares held by such shareholders of the Company on such date and that the Bonus Shares to be allotted and issued pursuant to this Resolution shall rank pari passu in all respects with the existing issued shares in the Company except that they will not be entitled to participate in any dividend declared or recommended by the Company in respect of the financial year ended 31st December 2010 and that the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to deal with any fractions arising from the distribution by the sale of the Bonus Shares representing such fractions and to retain the net proceeds for the benefit of the Company and further that the Directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to do all acts and things as may be necessary and expedient in connection with the issue of the Bonus Shares."

### (II) "THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to purchase Shares be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of Shares which may be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution, and the said approval shall be limited accordingly;
- (c) for the purpose of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next Annual General Meeting of the Company is required by the Articles of Association of the Company or by law to be held; and
- (iii) the revocation or variation of the authority given under this Resolution by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting;

"Shares" means shares of all classes in the capital of the Company and warrants and other securities which carry a right to subscribe or purchase shares of the Company."

### (III) "THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) below, the exercise by the Directors of the Company during the Relevant Period of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with additional Shares and to make, issue or grant offers, agreements, options and warrants which will or might require Shares to be allotted, issued or disposed of during or after the end of the Relevant Period be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) above, otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights

Issue, or (ii) the exercise of rights of subscription or conversion under the terms of any warrants issued by the Company or any securities which are convertible into Shares, shall not exceed, where the Shares are to be allotted wholly for cash, 10 per cent and in any event 20 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution; and

(c) for the purpose of this Resolution:

the expressions "Relevant Period" and "Shares" shall have the same meaning as assigned to them under Resolution 5(II) set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting of which this Resolution forms part, with references to "this Resolution" in the definition of "Relevant Period" being construed as references to this Resolution 5(III); and

"Rights Issue" means the allotment, issue or grant of shares in the Company open for a period fixed by the Directors of the Company to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register of members on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusions or other arrangements as the Directors of the Company may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of any relevant jurisdiction, or the requirements of any recognised regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory applicable to the Company)."

(IV) "THAT conditional upon the passing of Resolutions 5(II) and 5(III) set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting of which this Resolution forms part, the general mandate granted to the Directors of the Company pursuant to the said Resolution 5(III) for the time being in force to exercise the powers of the Company to allot, issue and otherwise deal with shares in the capital of the Company and to make, issue or grant offers, agreements, options and warrants which will or might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby extended by the addition to the total nominal amount of share capital which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors of the Company pursuant to such general mandate an amount representing the total nominal amount of shares in the capital of the Company purchased by the Company pursuant to the exercise by the Directors of the Company in accordance with the said Resolution 5(II) of the powers of the Company to purchase such shares, provided that such amount shall not exceed 10 per cent of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the date of passing this Resolution."

### **Special Resolution**

- (V) "THAT the Articles of Association of the Company be and are hereby amended as follows:
  - (a) by replacing the final sentence of the existing Article 16 with the following sentence:

"The Board may either generally or in any particular case by resolution determine that the securities seal or any signatures or any of them may be affixed to any such certificates by some mechanical means or can be printed on them or that such certificates need not be signed by any person."

(b) by replacing the first paragraph of the existing Article 56 with the following paragraph:

"An annual general meeting and an extraordinary general meeting convened for the passing of a special resolution shall be convened by not less than twenty-one clear days' notice given in accordance with Article 147, subject to the requirements of the Companies Ordinance. All other extraordinary general meetings shall be convened by not less than fourteen clear days' notice given in accordance with Article 147, subject to the requirements of the Companies Ordinance. The notice shall specify the place, day and time of meeting and the general nature of the business to be transacted. Notice of every general meeting shall be given to all Members other than any who, under the provisions of these Articles or the terms of issue of the shares they hold, are not entitled to receive such notices from the Company, and also to the auditors for the time being of the Company."

- (c) by deleting the existing Article 59 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "59. If the Board, in its absolute discretion, considers that it is impractical or unreasonable for any reason to hold a general meeting on the date or at the time or place specified in the notice calling the general meeting, it may postpone the general meeting to another date, time and place. When a meeting is so postponed, notice of the date, time and place of the postponed meeting shall be given in accordance with Article 147, subject to the requirements of the Companies Ordinance. Notice of the business to be transacted at such postponed meeting shall not be required."

- (d) by deleting the existing Article 62 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "62. If within thirty minutes (or such longer time not exceeding one hour as the chairman of the meeting may determine to wait) after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to such other day (not being less than fourteen nor more than twenty-eight days thereafter) and at such other time or place as may have been specified for the purpose in the notice convening the meeting. Where no such arrangements have been so specified, the meeting shall stand adjourned to such other day (not being less than fourteen nor more than twenty-eight days later) and at such other time or place as the chairman of the meeting may decide, and, in this case, the Company shall give not less than seven clear days' notice of the adjourned meeting in accordance with Article 147, subject to the requirements of the Companies Ordinance. At any adjourned meeting one Member present in person or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by him) shall be a quorum and any notice of an adjourned meeting shall state that one Member present in person or by proxy (whatever the number of shares held by him) may constitute a meeting."
- (e) by deleting the existing Article 74 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "74. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy. A Member may appoint not more than two proxies to attend on the same occasion."
- (f) by deleting the existing Article 90 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "90. Subject to the provisions of these Articles, the Company may by ordinary resolution appoint any person who is willing to act to be a director, either to fill a vacancy or as an addition to the existing Board, but so that the total number of directors shall not at any time exceed any maximum number fixed by or in accordance with these Articles."

- (g) by deleting the existing Article 122 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "122. The Board may delegate any of its powers, authorities and discretions (with power to sub-delegate) to any committee, consisting of such person or persons (whether a member or members of its body or not) as it thinks fit. Any committee so formed may exercise its powers to sub-delegate by sub-delegating to any person or persons (whether or not a member or members of the Board or of the committee)."
- (h) by deleting the existing Article 123 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "123. Any committee so formed shall, in the exercise of the powers, authorities and discretions so delegated, conform to any regulations which may be imposed on it by the Board. The meetings and proceedings of any committee consisting of two or more members shall be governed by the provisions contained in these Articles for regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Board so far as the same are applicable and are not superseded by any regulations imposed by the Board."
- (i) by deleting the existing Article 124 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "124. All or any of the members of the Board or any committee of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or that committee by means of a conference telephone or any communication equipment which allows all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other. A person so participating shall be deemed to be present in person at the meeting and shall be entitled to vote or be counted in a quorum accordingly. Such a meeting shall be deemed to take place where the largest group of those participating is assembled, or, if there is no such group, where the chairman of the meeting then is."
- (j) by deleting the existing Article 125 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "125. A resolution in writing executed by all the directors for the time being in Hong Kong (provided that their number is not less than three) or by all the members of a committee for the time being shall be as valid and effectual as a resolution passed at a meeting of the Board or, as the case may be, of such committee properly called and constituted. The resolution may be contained in one

document or in several documents in like form each executed by one or more of the directors or members of the committee concerned."

- (k) by deleting the existing Article 126 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "126. All acts done by the Board or by any committee or by any person acting as a director or member of a committee shall, notwithstanding that it is afterwards discovered that there was a defect in the appointment of any member of the Board or committee or person so acting or that they or any of them were disqualified or had vacated office, be as valid as if every such member or person had been properly appointed and was qualified and had continued to be a director or member of the committee."
- (l) by replacing the paragraph (A) of the existing Article 145 with the following paragraph:
  - "(A) Subject to paragraph (B) of this Article, a copy of either (i) the relevant financial documents or (ii) the summary financial report shall, at least 21 days before the date of the general meeting, be sent to every Member in accordance with Article 147, subject to the requirements of the Companies Ordinance."
- (m) by deleting the existing Article 147 and substituting therefor the following new article:
  - "147. Any notice or document (including a share certificate and any "corporate communication" as defined in the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange) may be served or delivered by the Company or by the Board on or to any Member in the following manner:
    - (a) in hard copy form either (i) personally or (ii) by hand to, or by sending it through the post (airmail, if sent to an address outside Hong Kong) in a prepaid envelope or wrapper addressed to, the Member's address as shown in the register; or
    - (b) in electronic form:
      - (i) personally; or

- (ii) by hand to, or by sending it through the post (airmail, if sent to an address outside Hong Kong) in a prepaid envelope or wrapper addressed to, the Member's address as shown in the register; or
- (iii) by sending or transmitting it through electronic means to such Member at any electronic number or electronic address or computer network or website supplied by the Member to the Company for the giving of notice or document from the Company to him.

provided that the Company must first have received from the relevant Member his written agreement, generally or specifically, that the notice or document may be sent or supplied to him in electronic form and no notice of revocation has been received by the Company from the Member in accordance with the Companies Ordinance, and all other relevant requirements of the Companies Ordinance have been complied with; or

- (c) by posting it on the Company's website, provided that the Company must first have received from the relevant Member either (i) the Member's written agreement, generally or specifically, or (ii) the Member's deemed agreement in the manner prescribed in the Companies Ordinance, to have made available to him such notice or document on the Company's website and no notice of revocation has been received by the Company from the Member in accordance with the Companies Ordinance, and all other relevant requirements of the Companies Ordinance have been complied with; or
- (d) by advertisement in English in at least one English language newspaper and in Chinese in at least one Chinese language newspaper being in each case a newspaper circulating generally in Hong Kong."

(n) by deleting the existing Article 150 and substituting therefor the following new article:

"150. Any notice or document:

- (a) if served or delivered in person or by hand, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the time of personal service or delivery, and in proving such service or delivery, a certificate in writing signed by the secretary or other person appointed by the Board that the notice or document was so served or delivered shall be conclusive evidence thereof;
- (b) if served or delivered by post, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered on the next working day following that on which the envelope or wrapper containing the same is put into a post office situated within Hong Kong, and in proving such service or delivery, it shall be sufficient to prove that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was properly prepaid, addressed and put into such post office, and a certificate in writing signed by the secretary or other person appointed by the Board that the envelope or wrapper containing the notice or document was so addressed and put into such post office shall be conclusive evidence thereof:
- (c) if sent or transmitted by electronic means, shall be deemed to have been served or delivered at the expiration of 48 hours after it was transmitted from the server of the Company or its agent;
- (d) if posted on the Company's website, shall be deemed to have been served and delivered at the expiration of 48 hours after the later of (i) the time when the Member receives notification of posting in such form as to contain the information prescribed by the Companies Ordinance and (ii) the time when the notice or document is first made available on the Company's website. In calculating a period of hours mentioned in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this Article 150, any part of a day that is not a business day (as such term is defined in Section 168BAA of the Companies Ordinance) is to be disregarded; and
- (e) if served by advertisement in newspapers, shall be deemed to have been served on the day on which such notice or document is first published in the newspaper.""

By Order of the Board

JOHN H.M. HO

Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary

Hong Kong, 26th April 2011

#### Notes:

- 1. The Directors of the Company wish to state that they have no immediate plans to repurchase any existing shares in the Company or to issue any new shares or warrants in the Company (other than the issue of Bonus Shares).
- 2. Any member entitled to attend and vote at the meeting may appoint one or more than one proxy to attend, and on a poll, to vote on his behalf. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. The proxy form and the power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed, or a notarially certified copy of such power of attorney or authority, must be deposited with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at 17M Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong, at least 48 hours before the time appointed for holding the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 3. At the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman of the meeting will exercise his power under Article 70 of the Articles of Association of the Company to put each of the resolutions set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting to the vote by way of poll.
- 4. The register of members will be closed from Wednesday, 25th May 2011 to Friday, 27th May 2011, both days inclusive, during which period no share transfer will be effected. In order to be entitled to attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting (or any adjournment thereof), and to qualify for the proposed issue of Bonus Shares and final dividend, all transfers accompanied by the relevant share certificates must be lodged with the Company's share registrar, Computershare Hong Kong Investor Services Limited, at Shops 1712-1716, 17th Floor, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong not later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24th May 2011.
- 5. If approved, the dividend will be payable on Tuesday, 7th June 2011. Share certificates for the Bonus Shares will be dispatched to shareholders of the Company on the same day.
- 6. The Articles of Association of the Company are written in English. The Chinese version of Resolution 5(V) above on amendments of the Articles of Association is a translation for reference only. Should there be any discrepancies, the English version will prevail.