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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**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (the “Company”) will be held in the Four Seasons Grand Ballroom, Four Seasons Hotel, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong on Friday, 28th May 2010 at noon for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the statement of accounts for the financial year ended 31st December 2009 and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a final dividend.
3. 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. To approve each Director’s fee at the rate of HK\$160,000 per annum; in the case of the Chairman an additional fee at the rate of HK\$160,000 per annum; and in the case of each member of the Audit Committee an additional fee at the rate of HK\$160,000 per annum, and for each following financial year until the Company in general meeting otherwise determines.
6. As special business, to consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolutions as 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 equal to one-tenth of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue on 20th May 2010 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 20th May 2010 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 20th May 2010 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

2009 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 6(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 6(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 6(II) and 6(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 6(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 6(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.”

By Order of the Board  
**JOHN H.M. HO**  
*Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary*

Hong Kong, 26th April 2010

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 Tuesday, 18th May 2010 to Thursday, 20th May 2010, 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 Monday, 17th May 2010.
5. If approved, the dividend will be payable on Monday, 31st May 2010. Share certificates for the Bonus Shares will be dispatched to shareholders of the Company on the same day.

As at the date of this notice, the Board of the Company comprises:

<i>Non-executive Directors:</i>	Dr. The Hon. Lee Shau Kee (Chairman), Mr. Colin Lam Ko Yin, Mr. Lee Ka Kit and Mr. Lee Ka Shing
<i>Independent Non-executive Directors:</i>	Mr. Leung Hay Man, Dr. The Hon. David Li Kwok Po and Professor Poon Chung Kwong
<i>Executive Directors:</i>	Mr. Alfred Chan Wing Kin and Mr. James Kwan Yuk Choi



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