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## APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of AIA Group Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Barry Chun-Yuen Cheung as an Independent Non-executive Director of the Company with effect from 20 September 2012.

Mr. Cheung, aged 54, is currently Chairman of Hong Kong Mercantile Exchange Limited and Chairman of the Board of Directors and Independent Non-executive Director of United Company RUSAL Plc (stock code: 00486). He is an Independent Non-executive Director of Gateway Energy & Resource Holdings, Ltd. Mr. Cheung was appointed as a non-official member of the Executive Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 1 July 2012. He is also the Chairman and a board member of the Urban Renewal Authority, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service and an Alternate Chairman of the Pay Trend Survey Committee.

Mr. Cheung was formerly the Chairman of the Corruption Prevention Advisory Committee of Hong Kong's Independent Commission Against Corruption. From 1993 to 1994, Mr. Cheung was a full-time member of the Hong Kong Government's Central Policy Unit on secondment from McKinsey & Company. He was a consultant with McKinsey & Company in Los Angeles and Hong Kong from 1987 to 1994, advising major financial institutions in the United States and Asia. Mr. Cheung received a Bachelor of Science degree with First Class Honours in Mathematics and Computer Science from the University of Sussex and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Mr. Cheung confirmed that he meets the independence criteria as set out in Rule 3.13 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules").

Mr. Cheung is entitled to receive an annual director's fee of US\$155,000. The fee was set by the Remuneration Committee with reference to the duties and responsibilities within the Company and prevailing market conditions. The fee is covered by and stipulated in a service contract with the Company.

Mr. Cheung's appointment is for a term of 3 years commencing on 20 September 2012, subject to retirement by rotation and re-election in accordance with the articles of association of the Company.

As at the date of this announcement, Mr. Cheung does not have any interest or short position in shares, underlying shares or debentures of the Company or any of its associated corporations within the meaning of Part XV of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Save as disclosed above, Mr. Cheung has not held any other directorships in other Hong Kong and overseas listed public companies in the last three years. Other than the positions disclosed above, Mr. Cheung does not hold any position in the Company or any of its subsidiaries and does not have any relationship with any director, senior management, substantial or controlling shareholders of the Company.

Mr. Cheung confirmed that there is no other information relating to him that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 13.51(2) of the Listing Rules and there are no other matters which need to be brought to the attention of the shareholders of the Company in connection with his appointment.

By order of the Board **Mark Edward Tucker**  *Executive Director, Group Chief Executive and President* 

Hong Kong, 20 September 2012

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises:

*Non-executive Chairman and Non-executive Director:* Mr. Edmund Sze-Wing Tse

*Executive Director, Group Chief Executive and President:* Mr. Mark Edward Tucker

*Independent Non-executive Directors:* Mr. Chung-Kong Chow, Dr. Qin Xiao, Mr. John Barrie Harrison and Mr. Barry Chun-Yuen Cheung

*Non-executive Director:* Mr. Jack Chak-Kwong So