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# STARLIGHT CULTURE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP LIMITED 星光文化娛樂集團有限公司

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
(Stock Code: 1159)

# **VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT**

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN RESPECT OF THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION

This is a voluntary announcement made by Starlight Culture Entertainment Group Limited (the "Company", together with its subsidiaries, the "Group") to keep the shareholders and potential investors of the Company informed of the latest business development of the Group.

# THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION

The board (the "Board") of directors (the "Directors") of the Company is pleased to announce that on 15 July 2021 (after trading hours), the Company entered into a non-legally binding memorandum of understanding (the "MOU") with Asia Culture and Entertainment Group ("ACEG", together with its subsidiaries, the "ACEG Group") in respect of the possible acquisition by the Company or any of its designated subsidiaries of not less than 51% of the total number of issued ordinary shares of ACEG (the "Target Shares") or assets of the ACEG Group with corresponding value (the "Target Assets") from the shareholders of such Target Shares or the ACEG Group (collectively referred to as the "Potential Vendors"), as the case may be (the "Possible Acquisition").

# **Due Diligence**

Pursuant to the MOU, the Company will be entitled to, upon execution of the MOU, conduct due diligence review on the ACEG Group with a view to acquiring the Target Shares or the Target Assets (as the case may be).

#### Consideration

The consideration for the Possible Acquisition shall be subject to further negotiation between the Company and/or ACEG and/or the Potential Vendor(s) and be determined in the Formal Agreement (as defined below). It is contemplated that the consideration for the Possible Acquisition will be satisfied by way of issue of new shares of the Company at a per share price of HK\$1.65.

#### **Undertakings**

Pursuant to the MOU, ACEG agreed to, after the signing of the MOU, use its reasonable endeavours to communicate with its shareholders as to the Possible Acquisition and seek their participation to be Potential Vendor(s) of the Target Shares or Target Assets (as the case may be).

ACEG further agreed and undertook with the Company to in good faith use all reasonable endeavours to procure the Potential Vendor(s) to negotiate and conclude the Formal Agreement (as defined below) or such other definitive documents as may be necessary to implement the Possible Acquisition on or before 31 December 2021.

#### **Formal Agreement**

Consummation of the Possible Acquisition is subject to, among other things, the negotiation, finalisation and execution of a mutually acceptable definitive agreement in connection with the Possible Acquisition (the "Formal Agreement"). The Possible Acquisition, if materialises, may constitute a notifiable transaction of the Company under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Listing Rules"). Further announcement(s) in relation to the Possible Acquisition will be made by the Company as and when appropriate in compliance with the Listing Rules.

# **Legal Effect**

The MOU is non-legally binding save for certain provisions including those relating to confidentiality, costs and expenses, governing law and jurisdiction.

#### INFORMATION OF THE ACEG GROUP

ACEG is a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The ACEG Group is principally engaged in the operation of AKB48 in China, one of Asia's top female idol group brands. With the concept of "idol you can meet", the ACEG Group holds live performances, handshaking events and "general election" for AKB48's dedicated fans. These fan-idol interactive activities have enabled AKB48 to cultivate close and friendly relationship with its fans; therefore, AKB48 has successfully accumulated a solid fan base and released several top-rated extended plays ("EPs") which were highly sought after by its fans. Taking advantage of China's large potential consumer base, and notably the rising popularity of the online community, the ACEG Group plans to create and release more influential content to cater for AKB48's growing fan base in China.

# REASONS FOR AND BENEFITS OF THE POSSIBLE ACQUISITION

The Group is principally engaged in media and culture business.

The Possible Acquisition is expected to enrich the Company's existing business with the addition of the operation of AKB48 in China, one of Asia's top female idol group brands, which will diversify the Group's business and enlarge its customer base. Synergy is expected through the collaboration of content/IP enhancement, online/offline shows, brand promotions and so on.

The Directors believe that the Possible Acquisition, if materialises, will be a valuable and attractive business opportunity for the Group to leverage on its strength and resources.

The Board wishes to emphasise that the MOU is not legally binding and the Possible Acquisition may or may not proceed. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should exercise caution when dealing in the securities of the Company. Further announcement(s) in respect of the Possible Acquisition will be made as and when appropriate in compliance with the Listing Rules.

By order of the Board

Starlight Culture Entertainment Group Limited

Mr. Tang Liang

Chairman

Hong Kong, 15 July 2021

As at the date of this announcement, the Board comprises six executive Directors, namely Mr. Tang Liang, Mr. Chau Chit, Mr. Luo Lei, Mr. Zhou Jingbo, Mr. Sang Kangqiao, and Ms. Wu Xiaoli; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely Mr. Wong Wai Kwan, Mr. Michael Ngai Ming Tak, and Mr. Jing Xufeng.