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Media Release

AIG Divests Remaining Holding in AIA, Marking a Milestone in AIA's History

HONG KONG, 18 December 2012 – AIA Group Limited (“AIA” or the “Company”) has been informed today by American International Group Inc. (“AIG”) that AIG has entered into a placing agreement to sell all of its ordinary shares of AIA at a price of HK\$30.30 per share. Upon completion of the placing, AIG will have fully divested its previous 13.69 per cent holding of shares in AIA.

Mark Tucker, Group Chief Executive Officer and President of AIA, said, “AIG’s divestment of its shareholding in AIA began when we achieved independence as a Group through our IPO in October 2010 and continued with two further sell downs in March and September 2012.

“This latest divestment of the remaining holding is noteworthy in AIA’s history since it marks the end of AIG’s shareholder interest in AIA.

“I would like to thank AIG for its longstanding investment in AIA and for its unwavering support and encouragement since we became an independent group.

“This placing of existing shares by AIG represents one of Asia’s largest-ever secondary placements, and the short time frame in which it was completed demonstrates the strength of investor support for AIA and its growth prospects.

“AIA occupies a unique position within the global insurance sector. As well as being the largest independent pan-Asian insurance company, we are the fifth largest insurance company globally. We are also very proud to be the largest Hong Kong-incorporated company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

“We are a group that operates exclusively in the Asia Pacific region with a scale presence in sixteen markets. This enables us to participate in the dynamic growth of Asia and its rapidly expanding life insurance, savings and protection markets. We are fully committed to the region and to playing an active role in supporting economic and social development in every market in which we operate,” Mr. Tucker said.

AIA’s continuing momentum and strong organic growth are a testament to the effective execution of the clear strategic goals and implementation plans it has put in place since 2010.

AIA is not a party to the transaction and there are no direct consequences for its business as a result of AIG’s actions.

AIA requested the suspension of trading in its shares on the main board of the Stock Exchange from 9:00 a.m. on 17 December 2012. Following the announcement of the completion of the placing, trading in the Company’s shares will resume trading with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 18 December 2012.

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About AIA

AIA Group Limited and its subsidiaries (collectively "AIA" or "the Group") comprise the largest independent publicly listed pan-Asian life insurance group. It has operations in 16 markets in Asia Pacific – wholly owned branches and subsidiaries in Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, China, Korea, the Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam, New Zealand, Macau, Brunei, a 92 per cent subsidiary in Sri Lanka and a 26 per cent joint-venture in India.

The business that is now AIA was first established in Shanghai over 90 years ago. It is a market leader in the Asia Pacific region (ex-Japan) based on life insurance premiums and holds leading positions across the majority of its markets. It had total assets of US\$119,494 million as of 31 May 2012.

AIA meets the savings and protection needs of individuals by offering a range of products and services including retirement savings plans, life insurance and accident and health insurance. The Group also provides employee benefits, credit life and pension services to corporate clients. Through an extensive network of agents and employees across Asia Pacific, AIA serves the holders of more than 24 million individual policies and over 10 million participating members of group insurance schemes.

AIA Group Limited is listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited under the stock code "1299" with American Depositary Receipts (Level 1) traded on the over-the-counter market (ticker symbol: "AAGIY").

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