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## Media Release

### **AIA Requests Suspension of Trading**

**HONG KONG, 5 March 2012** – The Board of Directors of AIA Group Limited (“the Company” or “AIA”) has been informed by American International Group, Inc. (“AIG”) that AIG has commenced a potential placing of a significant proportion of its shares in the Company. AIG is expected to use the proceeds to further reduce the balance of its indebtedness to the US Department of the Treasury as set out in its press release dated 4 March 2012 with respect to this potential placing. AIG currently holds 32.89 per cent of AIA’s outstanding ordinary shares.

The Company believes that it is in the interests of the Company and the shareholders that trading in the shares of the Company be suspended pending release of a further announcement regarding AIG’s potential placement.

As a result, the Company announces that, at the request of the Company, trading in the shares of the Company on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited will be suspended with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 5 March 2012 pending the release of an announcement which may be price sensitive in nature. If the placing proceeds, AIG expects the pricing of the placing to occur no later than 6 March 2012. It is the Company’s expectation that trading in the Company’s shares will resume no later than 7 March 2012.

Further announcements will be made as appropriate when the Company has been informed of further developments regarding AIG’s potential placement.

The Company is not a party to the potential placement of shares.

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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 in the world. It has wholly-owned main operating subsidiaries or branches in 14 markets in Asia Pacific – Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, China, Korea, the Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Vietnam, New Zealand, Macau and Brunei and a 26 per cent joint venture shareholding 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\$114,461 million as of 30 November 2011.

AIA meets the savings and protection needs of individuals by offering a range of products and services including retirement planning, 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.

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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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