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## Media Release

### AIA Resumes Trading

**HONG KONG, 6 March 2012** – On 5 March 2012 AIA Group Limited (“the Company” or “AIA”) made an announcement in relation to the suspension of trading in the Company’s shares due to a potential placing of a significant portion of the Company’s shares by American International Group, Inc. (“AIG”) and advised that further announcements would be made as appropriate following notification by AIG of the progress of the placing. As indicated in the 5 March announcement, AIA is not a party to the placement of shares.

The board of directors of the Company (“the Board”) has today been informed by AIG that AIG and the placing agents have entered into a placing agreement pursuant to which AIG has agreed to sell and the placing agents have agreed to buy or procure purchasers to buy 1,720,000,000 shares of the Company’s shares, representing approximately 14.3 per cent of AIA’s total issued and outstanding ordinary shares, at the price of HK\$27.15 per share representing gross proceeds of approximately US\$6.0 billion. The Company is informed that the anticipated completion date for the placing is 8 March 2012.

Upon the completion of the placing, AIG will hold approximately 18.6 per cent of the Company’s total outstanding ordinary shares and will therefore cease to be a controlling shareholder of the Company as defined under the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

In consequence, Mr. Jeffrey Joy Hurd and Mr. Jay Steven Wintrob, non-executive directors of the Company who were nominated by AIG, have informed the Company of their intention to resign as directors of the Company upon completion of the placing.

Under the terms of an agreement with the managers of the placing, AIG is restricted from selling any of its remaining ordinary shares of AIA until 4 September 2012 (including those shares of the Company held by AIG which are currently subject to a lock-up period that would otherwise expire in April 2012), subject to customary exceptions, including receiving prior consent of certain lead managers of the placing.

Trading in the Company’s shares on the main board of the Stock Exchange was suspended at the request of the Company from 9:00 a.m. on 5 March 2012 pending the release of this further announcement which has now been made by the Company to the Stock Exchange for the resumption of trading in the Company’s shares with effect from 9:00 a.m. on 6 March 2012.

**This placing of AIA shares is one of the largest ever undertaken in Asia and its successful completion in such a short timescale demonstrates the market’s demand for AIA’s outstanding pan-Asian platform and unmatched opportunities for capturing growth in the region.**

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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.

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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