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## Media Release

### Suspension of Trading

**HONG KONG, 17 December 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 sale by way of placing of a significant proportion of the shares held by AIG in the Company (the “Placing”). AIG currently holds 13.69 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 the Placing by AIG.

As a result, the Company announces that, at its request, 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 17 December 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 on 17 or 18 December 2012. It is the Company’s expectation that trading in the Company’s shares will resume no later than 18 December 2012.

A further announcement will be made as appropriate when the Company has been informed of further developments regarding the Placing by AIG.

The Company is not a party to the Placing.

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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 shareholding 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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