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Report of Foreign Private Issuer

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under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of September 2017

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China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited

(Translation of Registrant's name into English)

Board Secretariat's Office

Kong Gang San Lu, Number 88

Shanghai, China 200335

(Address of principal executive offices)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

China Eastern Airlines
Corporation Limited
(Registrant)

Date September 28, 2017 **By/s/** Wang Jian
Name: Wang Jian
Title: Company Secretary

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VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT

SUBSCRIPTION OF INTEREST IN AIR FRANCE –

KLM BY CEA HOLDING

PROGRESS UPDATE

This is a voluntary announcement made by China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the “**Company**”, together with its subsidiaries, the “**Group**”).

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 28 July 2017 (the “**July Announcement**”). Unless otherwise defined, the capitalised terms used in this announcement shall be the same as defined in the July Announcement.

On 27 July 2017, an overseas wholly-owned subsidiary of China Eastern Air Holding Company (collectively, “**CEA Holding**”), which is the controlling shareholder of the Company, entered into a conditional Subscription Agreement with AIR FRANCE – KLM, intending to provide for CEA Holding’s investment in AIR FRANCE – KLM through a reserved capital increase. With the amount of investment being around 375 million euros, CEA Holding will acquire 10% stake in AIR FRANCE – KLM’s share capital at the completion of the reserved capital increase. On the same day, Delta, which is the strategic shareholder of the Company, also entered into a conditional subscription agreement with AIR FRANCE – KLM and intending to acquire 10% stake in AIR FRANCE – KLM’s share capital at the completion of the reserved capital increase (the “**Placement(s)**”). On the same date, the Company entered into a marketing agreement with AIR FRANCE – KLM. On the basis of good business relationship between the two parties, the comprehensive business partnership has been further strengthened.

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On 28 September 2017, the Company received a letter from CEA Holding setting out the following recent developments in respect of the Placements:

On 4 September 2017, the Placements to CEA Holding and Delta were approved at the general meeting of shareholders of AIR FRANCE – KLM. On 27 September 2017, the condition precedent relating to regulatory approvals by the relevant governmental authorities in respect of the completion of the Placements to CEA Holding and Delta has been satisfied. As a result, the settlement of the reserved capital increases and the admission on the regulated market of Euronext (mainly in the market of Paris and Amsterdam) of the related new shares will occur on 3 October 2017.

CEA Holdings and Delta strategically invested in AIR FRANCE – KLM to form a closer long-term partnership among AIR FRANCE – KLM, Delta and the Company. These three companies are complementary, mutually beneficial and the cooperation will achieve a win-win situation. These three companies will build a global network of airlines and will provide more convenient, efficient and high-quality travel services for passengers around the world. It will also help improve the Company's competitiveness and influence in the global aviation market.

Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should note that this announcement is published as a voluntary disclosure to allow the public to understand the latest development of the Company. Shareholders and potential investors of the Company should thus exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

By order of the Board

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORPORATION LIMITED

Wang Jian

Company Secretary

Shanghai, the People's Republic of China

28 September 2017

As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company include Liu Shaoyong (Chairman), Ma Xulun (Vice Chairman, President), Li Yangmin (Director, Vice President), Xu Zhao (Director), Gu Jiadan (Director), Tang Bing (Director, Vice President), Tian Liuwen (Director, Vice President), Li Ruoshan (Independent non-executive Director), Ma Weihua (Independent non-executive Director), Shao Ruiqing (Independent non-executive Director) and Cai Hongping (Independent non-executive Director).

