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CHINA DISTANCE EDUCATION HOLDINGS LIMITED ANNOUNCES MAY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

BEIJING, China, April 28, 2009 — China Distance Education Holdings Limited (NYSE: DL) ("CDEL", or the "Company"), a leading provider of online education in China focusing on professional education, today announced that Ms. Ping Wei, the Company's Chief Financial Officer, will attend the Merrill Lynch Asian Stars 2009 Conference held in Singapore from Wednesday, May 6, 2009 to Friday, May 8, 2009. Ms. Wei will present on Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 4:00 pm Singapore Time (4:00 am Eastern Time).

Ms. Wei will also attend the Oppenheimer 3rd Annual China Dragon Call Conference held in New York City from Tuesday, May 19, 2009 to Thursday, May 21, 2009. She will give a presentation on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 8:50 am Eastern Time (8:50 pm Beijing Time).

Ms Wei will be available to meet with analysts and investors during these conferences.

About China Distance Education Holdings Limited

China Distance Education Holdings Limited is a leading provider of online education in China focusing on professional education. The courses offered by the Company through its websites are designed to help professionals and other course participants obtain and maintain the skills, licenses and certifications necessary to pursue careers in China in the areas of accounting, law, healthcare, construction engineering, information technology and other industries. The Company also offers online test preparation courses to self-taught learners pursuing higher education diplomas or degrees and to secondary school and college students preparing for various academic and entrance exams. In addition, the Company offers online foreign language courses.

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