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**CDEL TO ATTEND THE ROTH CAPITAL PARTNERS 21ST
ANNUAL OC GROWTH STOCK CONFERENCE AND CREDIT
SUISSE 11TH ANNUAL GLOBAL SERVICES CONFERENCE**

Beijing, PRC, January 29, 2009 – China Distance Education Holdings Limited (NYSE Arca: DL) (“CDEL” or the “Company”), a leading provider of online education in China focusing on professional education, today announced that management will attend the Roth Capital Partners 21st Annual OC Growth Stock Conference at the Ritz Carlton Hotel Laguna Niguel, California from February 16-18, 2009, and the Credit Suisse 11th Annual Global Services Conference at Arizona from February 22-25, 2009. CDEL management 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 course. Further information is available at the investor relations website at <http://ir.cdeledu.com>.

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