

CHINA LIFE INSURANCE CO LTD
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

April 25, 2007

China Life Insurance Company Limited

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

16 Chaowai Avenue

Chaoyang District

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Tel: (86-10) 8565-9999

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Yes _____ No X

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China Life Insurance Company Limited issued its 2007 first quarter report on April 24, 2007, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

EXHIBIT LIST

| Exhibit | Description |
|----------------|---|
| 99.1 | 2007 First Quarter Report, dated April 23, 2007 |

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 Life Insurance Company Limited
(Registrant)

April 25, 2007

By: /s/ Wan Feng
(Signature)

Name: Wan Feng
Title: Executive Director

CHINA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock code: 2628)

2007 First Quarter Report

This announcement is made by China Life Insurance Company Limited (the Company) pursuant to Rule 13.09(2) of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.

The financial statements of the Company for the first quarter of 2007 are unaudited and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the People's Republic of China.

1. Important Notice

- 1.1 The Board of Directors, the Supervisory Committee of the Company and its Directors, Supervisors and senior management warrant that there are no false representations or misleading statements contained in, or material omissions from, the 2007 first quarter report, and they severally and jointly accept full responsibility for the authenticity, accuracy and completeness of the information contained in the report.
- 1.2 All the Directors of the Company attended the meeting of the Board of Directors and approved the 2007 first quarter report of the Company.
- 1.3 The financial statements contained in the 2007 first quarter report are unaudited.
- 1.4 Mr. Yang Chao, Chairman of the Company, Mr. Liu Jiade, Vice President in charge of accounting affairs function and Mr. Zhao Lijun, person in charge of the Finance Department represent that the financial statements in the 2007 first quarter report are true and complete.

2. Corporate Information

2.1 Basic information of the Company

Stock Name

Stock Code

601628 (A Share)

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| | | |
|------------------|---|--------------------|
| Place of Listing | Shanghai Stock Exchange | |
| Stock Name | China Life | |
| Stock Code | 2628 (H Share) | |
| Place of Listing | The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited | |
| Stock Code | LFC (American Depositary Shares) | |
| Place of Listing | New York Stock Exchange | |
| | Secretary to the Board of Directors | Securities Affairs |
| | | Representative |
| Name | Liu Ting an | Cao Qingyang |

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2.2 Financial Information

2.2.1 Major accounting data and financial indicators

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| | As at | | |
|--|----------|----------|---------|
| | March | December | Changes |
| | 31, 2007 | 31, 2006 | (%) |
| Total assets (<i>RMB million</i>) | 760,291 | 727,085 | 4.57 |
| Shareholders' equity (excluding minority interests) (<i>RMB million</i>) | 127,101 | 115,557 | 9.99 |
| Net assets per share (<i>RMB</i>) | 4.52 | 4.11 | 9.98 |
| Adjusted net assets per share (<i>RMB</i>) | 4.52 | 4.11 | 9.98 |

| | January to March 2007 |
|--|-----------------------|
| Earnings per share (<i>RMB</i>) | 0.31 |
| Diluted earnings per share (<i>RMB</i>) | 0.31 |
| Return on net assets (%) | 7.29 |
| Return on net assets, excluding non-operating gains/losses (%) | 7.30 |

January to March 2007

| | Group | Company |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| | (<i>RMB million</i>) | (<i>RMB million</i>) |
| Non-operating gains/losses items | | |
| Non-operating income | 5 | 5 |
| Non-operating expense | (20) | (20) |
| Tax effect of above | (1) | (1) |
| Total | (16) | (16) |

Note: For the purpose of this announcement, Group refers to the Company and its subsidiaries, same as below

2.2.2 Income Statement (Unaudited)

Unit: RMB Million

| Items | January to March 2007 Group | January to March 2007 Company |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Operating income | 93,832 | 93,724 |
| Net premiums earned | 72,856 | 72,856 |
| Gross written premiums | 73,861 | 73,861 |
| Less: Premiums ceded to reinsurers | (210) | (210) |
| Net change in unearned premium reserves | (795) | (795) |
| Net investment income | 16,760 | 16,686 |
| Net fair value gains | 3,906 | 3,899 |
| Foreign currency exchange losses | (148) | (148) |
| Other operating income | 458 | 431 |
| 2. Operating Expenses | (83,922) | (83,966) |
| Surrender payment | (10,460) | (10,460) |
| Benefits and claims | (38,553) | (38,553) |
| Less: Benefits and claims recoverable from reinsurers | 128 | 128 |
| Net change in life insurance contracts liabilities | (19,800) | (19,800) |
| Less: Life insurance contracts liabilities recoverable from reinsurers | (7) | (7) |
| Policyholder dividend expense | (7,085) | (7,085) |
| Business tax and surcharges | (608) | (601) |
| Selling expenses | (4,520) | (4,520) |
| Administrative expenses | (2,951) | (2,914) |
| Less: Policy acquisition costs recoverable from reinsurers | 71 | 71 |
| Other operating expenses | (137) | (225) |
| 3. Operating profit | 9,910 | 9,758 |
| Add: Non-operating income | 5 | 5 |
| Less: Non-operating expenses | (20) | (20) |
| 4. Profit before tax | 9,895 | 9,743 |
| Less: Income tax expenses | (956) | (934) |
| Minority interest | (52) | 0 |
| 5. Net profit after taxation | 8,887 | 8,809 |

2.3 Number of Shareholders and Top Ten Shareholders at the end of the Reporting Period

2.3.1 At the end of the reporting period, the total number of the Company's shareholders were 198,918, including 159,350 holders of A Share and 39,568 holders of H Share.

2.3.2 Top Ten Shareholders of A Share that are not subject to selling restrictions as at the end of the reporting period

| No. | Name of shareholders | Number of tradeable shares that are not subject to selling restrictions held at the end of the reporting period | Type of share |
|-----|---|---|---------------|
| 1 | | 16,746,450 | A Share |
| 2 | | 11,273,396 | A Share |
| 3 | Agricultural Bank of China -Jingshun Great Wall Domestic Demand Growth No. 2 Stock Securities Investment Fund | 11,089,972 | A Share |
| 4 | Pingan Life Insurance Company of China, Ltd. Traditional Ordinary Insurance Products | 11,068,000 | A Share |
| 5 | | 8,216,902 | A Share |
| 6 | | 8,026,000 | A Share |
| 7 | Pingan Life Insurance Company of China, Ltd. Universal Individual Universal | 7,519,000 | A Share |
| 8 | Social Security Fund Portfolio 106 | 7,447,344 | A Share |
| 9 | International Finance Standard Chartered Citigroup Global Markets Limited - Citigroup Global Markets Limited | 7,190,459 | A Share |
| 10 | China Pingan Insurance Co., Ltd Dividend Individual Dividend | 7,066,000 | A Share |

2.3.3 Top Ten Shareholders of H Share as at the end of the reporting period

| No. | Name of shareholders | Number of shares that are not subject to selling restrictions held at the end of the reporting period | Type of share |
|-----|--------------------------------------|---|---------------|
| 1 | HKSCC Nominees Limited | 6,871,081,492 | H Share |
| 2 | Richbo Investment Limited | 428,358,620 | H Share |
| 3 | HSBC Nominees (Hong Kong) Limited | 16,825,000 | H Share |
| 4 | Sze Peter | 8,600,000 | H Share |
| 5 | Yeung Shuk Hing Yvonne | 3,250,000 | H Share |
| 6 | Yeung Shuk Wah | 3,200,000 | H Share |
| 7 | Yeung Hoi Pang | 3,000,000 | H Share |
| 8 | Patoka Limited | 2,216,000 | H Share |
| 9 | Natsuko Incorporated | 2,167,000 | H Share |
| 10 | Kam Ping Properties & Securities Ltd | 900,000 | H Share |

3. Management Discussion and Analysis

3.1 Brief analysis of overall operating activities during the reporting period

For the period ended March 31, 2007, the results of the Group are as follows:

On March 31, 2007, total assets of the Group reached RMB760,291 million, an increase of RMB33,206 million or 4.57% over that on December 31, 2006.

For the three-month period ended March 31, 2007, gross written premiums were RMB73,861 million, net investment income was RMB16,760 million, and net fair value gains reached RMB3,906 million.

As at March 31, 2007, shareholders' equity (excluding minority interest) was RMB127,101 million, an increase of RMB11,544 million or 9.99% over December 31, 2006. As a result of rapid business growth and increase in investment income, the Group achieved a net profit of RMB8,887 million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2007.

The Company's rapid growth in insurance business and further increase in investment income are due to the following reasons. The Company has been actively pursuing the changing demands of its customers. The Company also accelerated its insurance business development and continued to optimize its business structure. The Company's investment return increased remarkably as a result of the satisfactory performance of the capital market in China since 2006 and the Company's optimization in its investment portfolio. At the same time, the Company further enhanced its internal control and risk management systems and has been striving to accelerate its business development with high level of quality to maintain its leading market position. The Company completed its A Share listing successfully which further strengthened the capital base and social influence of the Company, and substantially improved the business development of the Company.

With effect from January 1, 2007 the Company has adopted new applicable accounting standards. As a result, fluctuation in the capital market may impact on the investment income and operating results and the Company.

3.1.1 Principal segments or products accounting for more than 10% of the operating income or profit from the Company's principal operating activities

(Unit: RMB million)

| | Operating income | Operating expense | Gross profit margin (%) |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Individual life insurance business | 78,384 | 69,491 | 11.35 |
| Group life insurance business | 12,569 | 12,013 | 4.43 |
| Non-life insurance business | 2,421 | 1,995 | 17.60 |

Operating income refers to gross written premiums *less* premiums ceded to reinsurers *less* net change in unearned premiums reserves *plus* net investment income *plus* net fair value gains/losses *plus* foreign currency exchange gains/losses *plus* other operating income

Operating expenses refer to surrender payment *plus* insurance benefits and claims *plus* reinsurance benefits and claims *plus* net change in life insurance contracts liabilities *plus* policyholder dividends resulting from participation in profits *plus* expenses paid to ceding enterprises *plus* business tax and surcharges *plus* commissions *plus* administrative expenses *plus* other operating expenses *plus* asset impairment losses

3.1.2 Seasonal or cyclical characteristics of the Company's operations

☐ applicable ☑ not applicable

3.1.3 Composition of profit during the reporting period (material changes in the ratios of profit from principal operations, profit from other operations, expenses for the period, investment income, government grants and net nonoperating income/expense, to total profit between the reporting period and the previous reporting period, and explanations)

☑ applicable ☐ not applicable

(Unit: RMB million)

| Item | Percentage | | Percentage | |
|--|------------|--------|------------|--------|
| | Group | (%) | Company | (%) |
| Profit from principal operations ^[Note] | 9,589 | 96.91 | 9,552 | 98.04 |
| Profit from other operations | 321 | 3.24 | 206 | 2.11 |
| Net non-operating income/expense | (15) | -0.15 | (15) | -0.15 |
| Profit before tax | 9,895 | 100.00 | 9,743 | 100.00 |

Note: From January 1, 2007, the Company adopted new applicable accounting standards so that profit from principal operations includes investment income.

3.1.4 Reasons for material changes in the principal operations and their structure as compared to those of the previous reporting period:

☑ applicable ☐ not applicable

(Unit: RMB million)

| Item | Percentage | | Percentage | |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Group | (%) | Company | (%) |
| Net premiums earned | 72,856 | 77.65 | 72,856 | 77.73 |
| Net investment income | 16,760 | 17.86 | 16,686 | 17.80 |
| Net fair value gains/losses | 3,906 | 4.16 | 3,899 | 4.16 |
| Foreign currency exchange gains/losses | (148) | -0.16 | (148) | -0.16 |
| Other operating income | 458 | 0.49 | 431 | 0.47 |
| Total | 93,832 | 100.00 | 93,724 | 100.00 |

3.1.5 Reasons for material changes in the profitability (gross profit margin) of principal operations as compared to the previous reporting period

applicable not applicable

3.2 Significant events and the analysis on their impact and solutions

applicable not applicable

3.3 Reasons for and disclosure of changes in accounting policies, accounting estimates, consolidation scope and significant accounting errors

applicable not applicable

The Company's change in accounting policies and accounting estimates as a result of the adoption of new accounting standards has been approved at the sixth meeting of the second session of the Board of Directors. Related information is set out in the section "Possible changes in accounting policies and accounting estimates, and impact on financial situation and results of operations after implementation of new enterprise accounting standards" of the 2006 A Shares annual report and the A Shares summary report of the Company. Please refer to the websites of Shanghai Stock Exchange and the Company, and the summary report published in China Securities News and Shanghai Securities News on April 18, 2007.

There is no significant accounting error during the reporting period.

3.4 Explanations of the Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee on any other than unqualified opinion presented by the auditor.

applicable not applicable

3.5 Warnings and explanation on accumulated net loss expected to be recorded from the beginning of the year to the end of the next reporting period or material changes as compared to the same period of last year

applicable not applicable

3.6 Adjustments to the annual business plan or budget disclosed

applicable not applicable

This announcement is published in both Chinese and English languages. The Chinese version shall prevail.

By Order of the Board of
China Life Insurance Company Limited
Heng Kwoo Seng

Company Secretary

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises:

Executive directors:

Yang Chao, Wan Feng

Non-executive directors:

Shi Guoqing, Zhuang Zuojin

Independent non-executive directors:

Long Yongtu, Sun Shuyi, Ma Yongwei,
Chau Tak Hay, Cai Rang, Ngai Wai Fung

Hong Kong, April 23, 2007