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iShares Asia Trust

*a Hong Kong unit trust authorized under
Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong*

iShares Core CSI 300 ETF

(HKD Counter Stock Code: 02846)

(RMB Counter Stock Code: 82846)

(USD Counter Stock Code: 09846)

iShares Core Hang Seng Index ETF

(HKD Counter Stock Code: 03115)

(RMB Counter Stock Code: 83115)

(USD Counter Stock Code: 09115)

**sub-funds of the iShares Asia Trust (the “Trust”)
(each a “Sub-Fund” and collectively, the “Sub-Funds”)**

Announcement

BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited (the “**Manager**”) hereby announces the following in respect of the Sub-Funds. Unless specified otherwise, capitalised terms have the same meaning as stated in the Prospectus of each Sub-Fund.

The United States government issued an Executive Order on 12 November 2020 titled “Addressing the Threat from Securities Investments that Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies” (the “**Executive Order**”) which imposes sanctions targeting certain Chinese companies deemed to be affiliated with or supporting the Chinese military (each a “**sanctioned entity**”) with effect from 11 January 2021. The Manager is part of the BlackRock group of companies, the ultimate holding company of which is Blackrock, Inc., a company incorporated in the United States. Based on the Manager’s current interpretation of the Executive Order and the Frequently Asked Questions issued by The Office of Foreign Assets Control (the “**OFAC**”) of the US Department of the Treasury, the Executive Order is applicable to the

funds managed by the Manager to the extent that such funds hold securities of entities that are identified by the United States government as sanctioned entities as at 11 January 2021.

The Underlying Index of each Sub-Fund contains constituent securities of entities that are identified by the United States government as sanctioned entities. In light of the Executive Order, each Sub-Fund will not make any new investments in a sanctioned entity with effect from 11 January 2021.

As disclosed in the Prospectus of the Sub-Funds, the Sub-Funds adopt a representative sampling strategy, which means that the Sub-Funds invest in a representative sample of the Securities included in the relevant Underlying Index that collectively has an investment profile that reflects the profile of the relevant Underlying Index. As such, the Sub-Funds may or may not hold all of the Securities that are included in the relevant Underlying Index, and may hold Securities which are not included in the relevant Underlying Index, provided that the sample closely reflects the overall characteristics of the relevant Underlying Index.

Investors should note that the use of a representative sampling investment strategy can be expected to result in greater tracking error than a full replication strategy, which means that each Sub-Fund's returns may not track exactly those of the relevant Underlying Index.

Investors' attention is drawn to the selling restrictions and risks disclosed in the Prospectus, in particular those under the "Important Information" and "Risk Factors" sections in the Prospectus of each Sub-Fund (including the "Tracking Error Risk").

If you have any questions concerning this announcement, please contact us on +852 3903 2823 or at 16th Floor Champion Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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Hong Kong, 8 January 2021