

CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORP 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

under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of November 2017

Commission File Number: 001-14550

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 November 24, 2017 **By/s/** Wang Jian
Name: Wang Jian
Title: Company Secretary

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VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT

Pledge of H Shares by Controlling Shareholder

This is a voluntary announcement made by China Eastern Airlines Corporation Limited (the “**Company**”).

On 24 November 2017, the Company received a notice from its shareholder, CES Global Holdings (Hong Kong) Limited (“**CES Global**”), stating that on 24 November 2017, CES Global pledged an aggregate of 750,000,000 H shares of the Company held by it to Agricultural Bank of China Limited Hong Kong Branch (the “**Pledge of H Shares**”).

CES Global is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CES Finance Holding Co., Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Eastern Air Holding Company (“**CEA Holding**”), which in turn is the controlling shareholder of the Company. As at the date of this announcement, CEA Holding held, directly and indirectly, an aggregate of 8,156,480,000 shares of the Company, representing 56.38% of the total share capital of the Company, of which an aggregate of

1,710,000,000 shares of the Company were pledged, representing 20.96% of the total shares held by it, and representing approximately 11.83% of the total issued share capital of the Company.

The pledged facilities from the Pledge of H Shares by CES Global will be mainly used for the capital increase for an unlisted subsidiary of CEA Holding and replenishment of working capital.

CES Global is in sound financial condition with a good credit rating, and has sufficient capital for the repayment of pledged facilities from the Pledge of H Shares, which will be funded by, among other things, self-owned capital, share dividends and investment income.

The risk associated with the Pledge of H Shares by CES Global is currently under control and will not cause any change in the controlling shareholder or de facto controller of the Company. Investors are advised to pay attention to investment risks.

By order of the Board
CHINA EASTERN AIRLINES CORPORATION LIMITED
Wang Jian
Company Secretary
Shanghai, the People's Republic of China
24 November 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).