



**Results of the first examination for the  
scheme of mutual recognition of professional qualifications  
for estate agents in the Mainland and Hong Kong announced**

(29 August 2011) With the completion of the first training course and examination organized under the scheme of mutual recognition of professional qualifications for estate agents in the Mainland and Hong Kong last month, the Administration of Estate Agents Authority (EAA) reported the examination results to the Board at its meeting today. Candidates from the Mainland and Hong Kong both performed well with a pass rate over 90% in the examination.

The EAA and the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREA) entered into an agreement in November last year to lay the foundation for the mutual recognition of professional qualifications for estate agents in the Mainland and Hong Kong. The first training course and examination of the scheme was held from 18 to 20 July 2011 in Shenzhen. To ensure that the agents from the Mainland would reach the required professional standard, the examination syllabus and format designed for the Mainland candidates were adapted from the Estate Agents Qualifying Examination.

The performance of candidates from both sides in the examination was satisfactory. 98.5% of the 67 participants from the Mainland and 97.4% of the 231 participants from Hong Kong passed the examination.

EAA Board Chairman Ms Vivien Chan said, “estate agents in the Mainland and Hong Kong have different strengths and the mutual recognition scheme will benefit both sides. It is an untapped opportunity



and a new horizon for the trade. I congratulate every candidate that passed the examination.”

The examination results had been released to the candidates of both sides. Candidates of both sides who have completed the training course and passed the examination can apply within 12 months upon receiving the notification for the relevant qualification.

The EAA Board meeting today also discussed and endorsed other administrative matters and received progress reports from the EAA Committees and the Administration.

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