



***Guide to Purchasing Properties updated and published***

(8 October 2007) The Estate Agents Authority (EAA) and the Consumer Council have jointly published an updated version of the booklet entitled *Guide to Purchasing Properties*.

An EAA spokesman said, “For many people, a property purchase is the biggest investment in their life. EAA and the Consumer Council jointly published this *Guide to Purchasing Properties* with an aim to enhance consumer protection, drawing to their attention key issues that they should pay attention to when choosing a residential property and making a purchase.”

The bilingual booklet provides useful tips on topics such as property usage, property area, maintenance, Government Lease, Deed of Mutual Covenant, title and encumbrances, agreement for sale and purchase and mortgages. The pamphlet also lists out the points to note when appointing an estate agent.

The public may obtain a copy of the booklet at the EAA office (48/F, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong) and the Consumer Advice Centres of the Consumer Council (the centres’ addresses are listed on the Consumer Council website [www.consumer.org.hk](http://www.consumer.org.hk)). The pamphlet can also be downloaded from the EAA website ([www.eaa.org.hk](http://www.eaa.org.hk)).

