

## 地產代理監管局 ESTATE AGENTS AUTHORITY

新聞稿 Press Release

## <u>New issue of *Horizons* features interviews</u> <u>with immigration consultants</u>

(23 March 2010) The new issue of *Horizons*, the newsletter of the Estate Agents Authority (EAA), has been released. The cover story of this issue explores matters related to immigration consultants getting involved in estate agency work with the EAA Vice-chairman Mrs Amy Liu sharing her views on the subject.

Other stories include points to note for estate agents when dealing with old buildings. The tragic collapse of an old building in Tokwawan has sparked public concern about the safety of old buildings. The EAA reminds practitioners that they should explain to their clients the risks involved in the sale, purchase and lease of such properties, in particular those old tenements with illegal structures.

This issue also releases our survey findings on licensees. Based on some 1,200 questionnaires returned by applicants for licence renewal in October 2009, the survey found that more than half of respondents had worked in the trade for nine years or more, and more than one third for over 12 years. The most common type of property handled by respondents was second-hand properties.

The March issue of *Horizons* has been uploaded to the EAA website (<u>www.eaa.org.hk/milestone/index28.htm</u>).

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