



**The second training course and examination for the scheme of mutual recognition of professional qualifications for estate agents in the Mainland and Hong Kong to be held next year**

(23 October 2011) After the first training course and examination organised under the scheme of mutual recognition of professional qualifications for estate agents in the Mainland and Hong Kong in July this year, the Estate Agents Authority (EAA) and the China Institute of Real Estate Appraisers and Agents (CIREA) had a preliminary discussion on the implementation details of the second year of the scheme yesterday. In principle, EAA and CIREA agreed that the participant quota for both sides should be set according to the agreement signed in 2010. The training course and examination would be held some time next year and further announcement would be made once the details are finalised.

EAA Chief Executive Officer Mrs Rosanna Ure visited Beijing the other day to discuss with CIREA Deputy President and Secretary Dr Chai Qiang the follow-up actions to be taken for the first year of the scheme. They agreed that in order to keep licensees of both sides abreast of developments and new measures promulgated by the EAA and the CIREA, both sides should step up their respective continuing professional development programs. For the EAA, it has been agreed that relevant training materials should be uploaded onto the EAA website to enable Mainland licensees to update their knowledge on the latest policies and practice circulars issued by the EAA.

Mrs Rosanna Ure said, “Based on the experience of organising the first training course and examination this year, there was a tentative discussion on whether future training courses could be more compact and the duration of a training course and examination could be reduced from three to two days next year.”



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During her trip to Beijing, Mrs Rosanna Ure was also invited to attend the opening ceremony of the 2011 Annual Conference of the CIREA as one of the guest speakers. She delivered a speech on the use of new technologies in the industries of real estate appraisal and estate agency, the theme of the conference. She encouraged Mainland estate agents to deepen their understanding of new technologies thereby raising their service quality.

The EAA and the CIREA entered into an agreement on the mutual recognition of professional qualifications for estate agents in the Mainland and Hong Kong in late 2010. According to the agreement, the EAA and the CIREA will each nominate a certain number of estate agents to participate in the tailor-made training course and examination organised by both sides. Upon completing the course and passing the examination, the participants may apply for the qualifications to practise in the Mainland or Hong Kong.



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