



EAA Board meeting held today

(28 May 2013) The Estate Agents Authority (“EAA”) held its Board meeting today. The Board endorsed certain amendments to the Proceedings Rules on Inquiry Hearings and received work progress reports from the Standing Committees as well as from the Administration.

The key amendments to the Proceedings Rules endorsed by the Board mainly relate to improving the rule on the service of notice and documents to allow more time for respondents to prepare for Inquiry Hearings. In addition, amendments are also made to the rule on the issuance of summons mainly to clarify that any application for the issuance of a summons to a witness shall be made well in advance before the hearing. The amended Proceedings Rules, which will be available to the licensees and public at the EAA’s website, will take effect from 1 June 2013.

The Board noted that the Administration had earlier launched a new Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) e-learning activity on the topic of Integrity Management. The activity aims at refreshing licensees’ knowledge on the key provisions of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance, the Estate Agents Ordinance and its subsidiary legislation. After viewing the clippings extracted from the training video at the EAA’s website and answering questions correctly, participating licensees will be awarded a CPD point. An answer guide will be provided to the participants for reference after completing the activity.

In addition, the Board also noted that a professional forum to explore the direction to professionalism for the estate agency trade was being organised by the EAA. The forum will be held next month and renowned



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speakers will share their insights and experiences on the subject with estate agents and other stakeholders. Details of the forum will be announced in due course.

EAA Chairman Ms Vivien Chan said, “As public expectations of estate agency practitioners’ professional knowledge and standards continue to grow, it is important to provide continuing training to enhance professional standards. Through various CPD initiatives, the EAA expects practitioners to enhance their competence and provide quality services to their clients.”

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