



**EAA shares regulatory experience with practitioners
in Macau**

(28 April 2005) The Chief Executive Officer and several members of the Estate Agents Authority (EAA) visited Macau yesterday (27 April) for a skill transfer session with the practitioners there. They also had meetings with Chiang Coc Meng, President of the Macau Housing Bureau, and Shuen Ka Hung, Director of the Macau Labour Affairs Bureau, for professional exchange on the development of the estate agency trade between the two cities.

Building on the theme “Raising the Standard of Estate Agents”, the seminar was co-organised by the Macau Labour Affairs Bureau, the Macau Property Agencies Association, and the Macau Polytechnic Institute. It was well attended by estate agents in Macau with over 170 participants. Sandy Chan Pui-shan, Chief Executive Officer of the EAA, along with members of the Authority Lun Chi-yim, Alex Tang Yee-man and Eric Lee Chun-ming, were invited to give speeches on “regulatory experience on the estate agency trade in Hong Kong”, “impact of the licensing system on the estate agency trade”, “functions of professional estate agents”, and “roles of professional estate agents”.

Ms Chan emphasized in her speech that, “The mission of the EAA is to implement a regulatory system and promote professionalism among estate agents. As a stern gatekeeper, we will make sure all newcomers to the trade possess a certain degree of professional knowledge. Hence, the EAA will enhance the standard of the Estate Agent Qualifying Examination starting from July this year. Meanwhile, we will raise the standard of existing practitioners through the Continuing Professional Development Scheme. Self-discipline of the practitioners, however, is certainly of the greatest importance in the enhancement of the industry’s professional image.”

Ms Chan hoped that the seminar could help the government bureaus and practitioners in Macau understand the regulatory measures being developed in Hong Kong. She looks forward to further occasions for interflow of views and opinions between Hong Kong and Macau in the near future.



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