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Awards Presentation Ceremony for Candidates with Commendation in the Qualifying Examinations

(8 July 2005) An Awards Presentation Ceremony was held by the Estate Agents Authority (EAA) today (8 July) to honour the 155 candidates who passed the Estate Agents and the Salespersons Qualifying Examinations with commendation between July 2002 and March 2005. Each candidate received a specially cast medal in honour of their achievements.

The ceremony was officiated by Mr Steven Poon Kwok-lim, JP, Chairman of the EAA, Mr Joseph Tsang Hon-ping, Chairman of the Professional Development Committee of the EAA, and Ms Sandy Chan Pui-shan, Chief Executive Officer. Board members of the EAA who attended the ceremony include Mr Eric Lee Chun-ming and Mr William Leung Wing-cheung, JP. Families and friends of the awarded candidates, and representatives of various trade associations were also present at the event.

In an address to the attendees, Mr Poon remarked, "It is certainly not easy for candidates to pass with commendation in the Qualifying Examinations. I hope practitioners will be able to win consumers' trust with their professional knowledge and high standard of services. I also have great confidence that as the trade attains a higher level of professionalism, practitioners will gain greater respect from the public as well as enjoy a higher esteem in society."

Mr Tsang said in his speech, "The ceremony testifies the great effort made by the candidates, and celebrates the results they have achieved. I hope members of the trade will continue to excel and grow on the foundation laid, to actively participate in the EAA's Continuing Professional Development Scheme, and to aspire to raise the level of professionalism of the trade together."

A total of 18,700 registered for the Estate Agents and Salesperson Qualifying Examinations between April 2002 and March 2005. In the fiscal year 2004-05, 10,219 registered for the Qualifying Examinations, more than doubling the number in the 2003-04 year.

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The second written Estate Agents and Salespersons Qualifying Examinations in 2005 will be held on Thursday, 21 July. Those who would like to take the Qualifying Examinations in July but have yet registered are required to register in person at the San Po Kong Sub-office of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) on 14-15 July 2005. Please contact the EAA (2111 2777) or the HKEAA (2329 0061 ext. 322) for details. The third written examination in 2005 will be held on Thursday, 10 November. Further details will be announced soon.

The Computerised Salespersons Qualifying Examination is held several times a week. Interested parties may contact the HKEAA for details on application procedures and dates.