

**Brief report on the visit to Tianjin (天津) during the period from 29<sup>th</sup> October 2008 to 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008 organized by The Council of Professional Associations (“COPA”)**

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- (1) 7 representatives from 5 organizations formed a delegation in this visit. Messrs. Edmond Chau and Lobo Fung (both Council Member of HIREA) participated in the visit on behalf of HIREA.
- (2) In this visit, we have meetings with government officials from Tianjin Municipal Government, visits to several universities in Tianjin and delivery of talks on several different topics to the practitioners of several different industries in Tianjin.
- (3) On the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the visit, we have meeting with the officials from the following government departments:-
  - (i) State Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs (国家外国专家局);
  - (ii) Administration of Foreign Expert Affairs of Tianjin Municipal Government (天津市外国专家局);
  - (iii) Tianjin Municipal Personnel Bureau (天津市人事局); and
  - (iv) Labour & Personnel Bureau of Tianjin Economic & Technological Development Area (天津经济技术开发区劳动人事局).

In the meeting, we were briefed with the current development of Tianjin Economic-Technological Development Area (天津经济技术开发区) and Tianjin Binhai New Area (天津滨海新区). We also attended the official welcome dinner held for us in the evening of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of our visit.

- (4) In the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of our visit, the representatives of HIREA (Messrs. Edmond Chau and Lobo Fung) delivered a talk on the current situation of Hong Kong real estate and property management to the real estate and property management practitioners in Tianjin. Further, we have paid a visit to Tianjin University (天津大学) in the afternoon of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day.
- (5) On Day 3, we paid visits to Tianjin University of Science & Technology (天津科技大学) in the morning and Tianjin University of Finance & Economics (天津财经大学) in the afternoon. During the visits to these universities, we have discussed with the representatives of these universities the possibilities for jointly offering courses on real estate to the students and/or senior executives of real estate industry in Tianjin.
- (6) On Day 4, we returned to Hong Kong.
- (7) Relevant photos taken in the visits are attached hereto for reference and record.

(Prepared by Lobo Fung in January 2009)

29<sup>th</sup> October 2008



Mr. Lobo Fung (the 2<sup>nd</sup> from the left) and Mr. Edmond Chau (the 3<sup>rd</sup> from the left) attended the meeting with the officials from Tianjin Municipal Government.



Mr. Edmond Chau (the 1<sup>st</sup> from the right) and Mr. Lobo Fung (the 3<sup>rd</sup> from the right) delivered a talk on Hong Kong real estate and property management to the practitioners of same industry in Tianjin.

**30<sup>th</sup> October 2008**



Representatives from Tianjin University (天津大学) introduced the history of their University to the delegation.



Professor Yang Fuling (杨福玲教授), Director of the Office of Hong Kong, Macao & Taiwan Affairs of Tianjin University (天津大学港澳台办公室主任) presented a souvenir to our Mr. Lobo Fung after the visit.

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2008**



Representatives from Tianjin University of Finance and Economics (天津财经大学) briefed the delegation on the latest development of their university.