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**HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS
SIGNING OF MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT**

At 1600 hrs on Tuesday 27 June 2006, The Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors (HKIS) has signed its mutual recognition agreement with the China Association of Engineering Consultants (CAEC) in Beijing. It has been the third mutual recognition agreement the HKIS signed with relevant professional bodies in the mainland.

The agreement was signed by the President of the HKIS, Mr. Wong Chung Hang and Mr. Tan Ke Wen, the President of the CAEC.

The Agreement applies to the Building Surveying Division (BSD) of the Institute. The expertise of Building Surveyors in Hong Kong is comparable with those of Engineering Consultants of the CAEC in the mainland. The Agreement sets the criteria for mutual recognition; such as only members having more than 5 years post qualification experience will be eligible for application.

“In the face of the CEPA 3rd anniversary, this signing is particularly exciting. It is expected that the rapid developments in the mainland will bring more opportunities to professionals in Hong Kong,” said Raymond Chan, Senior Vice President of the HKIS, *“the expertise and international experience of Building Surveyors in Hong Kong can definitely contribute to the development of the construction industry in the mainland.”*

The signing ceremony was witnessed by Madam WANG Su Qing of the Ministry of Construction of the Central People’s Government and Mr. Helius Ng, the Principal Assistant Secretary of the Environmental, Transport and Works Bureau of the Hong Kong SAR Government.

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