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To : Authorized Representatives, Member Companies, The Hong Kong Federation of Insurers (HKFI)  
Non-HKFI Member Insurers using HKFI's agent registration service  
Insurance Agents who have Appointed Responsible Officers/Technical Representatives  
All Insurance Agents, Responsible Officers and Technical Representatives (Registered Persons) via their appointing Insurer/Insurance Agent

c.c. : Mr Richard Yuen, JP, Commissioner of Insurance, Insurance Authority (IA)  
Ms Maggie Lee, President, General Agents & Managers Association of HK  
Mr Tony Yip, Chairman, The HK General Insurance Agents Association Ltd  
Mr Sidney Wong, President, The Life Underwriters Association of HK Ltd

From : Ambrose Cheung, JP, Chairman of the Insurance Agents Registration Board (IARB)

Date : 18 March 2005

Subject : **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programme**

Prior to the new CPD requirements becoming effective on 1 August 2005, Registered Persons are provided with the flexibility in choosing the activities to earn CPD core credits. **Effective 15 March 2005 to 31 July 2005, qualified activities for earning CPD hours will also apply to those for earning CPD core credits and vice versa.** That is to say, core credit earning activities (related to local insurance (or related) legislation and the regulatory aspects of insurance practice in Hong Kong) will now cover structured activities related to local insurance (or related) legislation, regulatory aspects of insurance practice in Hong Kong, insurance, actuarial science, risk management, financial planning, or other disciplines which are directly related to the work of insurance intermediaries, such as investment, law and legal knowledge, finance, business, commerce, management, engineering or communication skills, as described in paragraph 8 of the CPD Information Sheet dated January 2005 issued by the IA.

All these CPD activities must be accredited by the accreditation authority for the CPD Programme (i.e. the Hong Kong Council for the Academic Accreditation) unless otherwise specified.

For enquires concerning the above arrangement and the qualified activities, please contact us at telephone number 2861-9309.

Please note that other than the above arrangement, all other information in the CPD Information Sheets respectively dated December 2004 and January 2005 issued by the IA remain valid, in particular:

1. Registered Persons are required to earn 5 core and 10 non-core credits annually up to 31 July 2005; and
2. From 1 August 2005, Registered Persons are required to earn 10 CPD hours every year.

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