Dear Faculty Members/University Students,

**Fostering Stronger Global Alliances**

**HKSA and Six Chartered Accountancy Institutes Forge New Links**

With great pleasure, the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (HKSA) is pleased to announce the milestone signing of reciprocal membership agreements (RMAs) with six prestigious chartered accountancy institutes on 20 November 2002. The six first tier accountancy institutes are:

- the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA),
- the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW),
- the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (ICAI),
- the Institute of Chartered Accountants of New Zealand (ICANZ),
- the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland (ICAS), and
- the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA).

Marking the recognition of the Society as a 'premier league' accountancy body in the world, these agreements will enable HKSA members who have completed our Qualification Programme (QP) and worked under an Authorized Employer or Supervisor to apply for membership of the listed chartered institutes. Under similar terms, reciprocal membership of the HKSA will equally apply to members of these six institutes. Cooperation and ties between our accountancy profession in Hong Kong and its international counterparts will also be significantly boosted through these RMAs. For details of the press release and FAQs, please go to:

http://www.hksa.org.hk/students/prof_accountant/index.php

and select 'Reciprocal Membership Agreements'.

Under the agreements, members of both bodies seeking reciprocity are also required to pass an aptitude test to ensure that candidates are conversant with local law and practice. For HKSA members or members from the six institutes interested in seeking reciprocal membership under these agreements, please read the guidance notes, which can be downloaded from:


For more information about the Authorised Employer/Supervisor scheme, please go to http://www.hksa.org.hk/membership/registrationmatters/registration/index.php and select 'Prospective Members Training Guidelines'.
Taking this opportunity, the Society would like to thank faculty members and students of your University for their invaluable input and contribution during our development, implementation and offering stages of our QP and the Authorised Employer/Supervisor scheme, to enable us achieve international recognition.

Being part of the first tier is a cause of celebration of our great teamwork in Hong Kong. Students are strongly urged to sign up for the QP, the programme that is second to none in Hong Kong (see benefits in attached flyer: 一舉十得)!

Yours sincerely,

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