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The first CSIA international Corporate Governance Conference, jointly organised by the Shanghai Stock Exchange, hailed as a success by global delegates

22 September 2011 – Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) successfully hosted their inaugural conference - the CSIA 1st international Corporate Governance Conference (iCGC) - in Shanghai today and tomorrow. The event was jointly organised by the Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE). Over 180 international experts and high-level delegates from all over the world attended to deliberate, question, discuss and debate the question in the conference's theme: "Sustainable Corporate Governance – Towards a Global Model?"

The conference addressed key issues including: "Western Corporate Governance Practices: the Role Model?", "Non-Western Corporate Government Practices: the Emerging Model?", "Towards a Sustainable Global Model?" Speakers and panellists came from Africa, Australia, mainland China, Hong Kong, India, the UK and the US as well as many other countries and regions. Added to these distinguished corporate and academic presenters were delegates from the 14 CSIA member countries and a significant number of prominent local governance corporate professionals and businessmen.

"While most participants in the governance debate agree that there are universally accepted corporate governance principles, the reality is that each country and region has its own quirks and customs," said Mrs. April Chan, President of CSIA. "As CSIA aims to be the global voice of corporate secretaries and governance professionals, I hope that we can go at least some way to answering the question of whether, despite the various local influences, sustainability will finally bring about a single global governance model." Mrs Chan added.

Mr. Qinye Zhou, Chief Accountant at the Shanghai Stock Exchange and the keynote speaker of the Conference said: "This is an influential, global event that promotes the development of corporate governance across the world. The conference proved to be an excellent opportunity for Asian and non-Asian countries to network and exchange valuable ideas and experiences."

Key speakers and panellists include:

Mrs April Chan FCIS FCS(PE), President, Corporate Secretaries International Association; President, The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries; Company Secretary of CLP Holdings Ltd.

Professor Xinsheng Cheng, Professor, PhD Supervisor, Business School of Nankai University

Ms Susie Cheung FCIS FCS(PE), General Counsel and Company Secretary, Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited

Ms Katherine K Combs, Chairman, Society of Corporate Secretaries and Governance Professionals

Mr Ge Deng, Director, Supervision Department of Listed Companies, China Securities Regulatory Commission

Mr Wei Gao, FCIS FCS, Board Secretary & General Counsel, Sinotrans Ltd.

Mr Qing Huang, Board Secretary, China Shenhua Energy Company Limited

Professor Roger King, Director, Center for Asia Family Business and Entrepreneurship Studies, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Dr Grant Kirkpatrick, Deputy Head, Corporate Affairs Division, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

Mr Ben Mathews, BA (Hons.) FCIS, Company Secretary and Global Head of Secretarial Services, Rio Tinto plc

Mr Hakeem Ogunniran, FCIS, Managing Director/CEO UACN Property Development Company Plc

Dr Yaga Ramesh Konda Reddy, Founder Trustee & Head, Academy of Corporate Governance

Mr Tim Sheehy, Chief Executive Officer of Chartered Secretaries Australia

Ms Edith Shih FCIS FCS(PE), Head Group General Counsel & Company Secretary, Hutchison Whampoa Limited

Dr R I (Bob) Tricker, founder-editor of Corporate Governance: An International Review

Mr Peter Turnbull, CIS, Treasurer, Corporate Secretaries International Association

Mr Jun Yao, FCIS FCS, Company Secretary & General Counsel, Ping An Insurance (Group)

Ms Elena Yu, Associate Director, Enterprise Risk Services Department, Deloitte Shanghai

Mr Qinye Zhou, Chief Accountant, Shanghai Stock Exchange

The conference was widely supported by international organisations, including Global Corporate Governance Forum and OECD, and leading companies in the corporate governance sectors, including CLP Holdings Ltd., Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu CPA Ltd, KCS Management & Consultancy (China) Co. Ltd, Yanzhou Coal Mining Company Limited, Cash Financial Services Group Ltd (CFSG), China Shipping Container Lines Co. (CSCL), Commonwealth Bank of Australia and Lippo Group.

CSIA is grateful to have continued support from our founding sponsor, Computershare. "Computershare is pleased to continue its strong relationship with the CSIA with sponsorship of this first International Corporate Governance Conference in Shanghai. Corporate Governance is a key focus for our clients the world over and the learnings from this collaboration of Corporate Secretaries and corporate governance from around the world will play an important part in shaping the role of governance in the future," said James Wong, Chief Executive Officer of Computershare Asia.

About Corporate Secretaries International Association

Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) is dedicated to promoting the values and practices of governance professionals such as qualified Chartered Secretaries, corporate secretaries, company secretaries and board secretaries who are at the frontline of governance.

CSIA, a Geneva-registered trade body, was established in March 2010. It formed to give a global voice to corporate secretaries and governance professionals throughout the world. CSIA Member organisations include national/territorial representative organisations from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Kenya, Malaysia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Southern Africa, UK/Ireland, the US and Zimbabwe.

Additional Information Available on the Web

To find out more about CSIA, please visit: www.csiaorg.com

For more information on the conference, see the conference Web page at:

<http://www.icgc2011.com/english>

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