



Shanghai Stock Exchange Forum Addressed by Corporate Secretaries International Association President

For immediate release - April Chan, President, Corporate Secretaries International Association (CSIA) addressed the opening ceremony of the 9th China Corporate Governance Forum, held in Shanghai on 18 December 2010.

The Forum was organised by Shanghai Stock Exchange to highlight and discuss corporate governance issues in China and was supported by the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and was held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Chinese capital and securities markets.

Other luminaries who addressed the Forum included Shang Fulin, Chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission, Han Zheng, Mayor of Shanghai, Meng Jianmin, Vice Chairman of SASAC, Geng Liang, Chairman of the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Richard Alan Boucher, Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD.

CSIA was invited to participate in the Forum as the global organisation that represents those professionals, who work as frontline practitioners of governance such as corporate secretaries, to implement best practice in the governance of corporations.

"It was a great honour to be invited to address this Forum. It is through participating in such high level events that CSIA can raise its profile among Mainland China regulators and practitioners. This in turn helps CSIA to promote good governance and fulfil its mission as the global voice of corporate secretaries and governance professionals," said Mrs. Chan.

During her address April noted the achievements China has made in its capital market during the last 20 years. She also introduced CSIA and spoke of its desire to contribute to the professionalisation of the board secretary in China.

Prior to the Forum, CSIA Council Meeting was held on 13 December 2010. April Chan, as the President of The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries, was elected as President of CSIA for a second term for 2011. Mrs. Chan is the current Company Secretary of CLP Holdings Limited.

"I was honoured to be asked to serve as CSIA President again and to contribute to the promotion of the professional status of Chartered /corporate/company and board secretaries globally," said April Chan. In the coming year, CSIA will focus on:

- Lobbying with the World Trade Organisation to introduce a separate Head in the Services Sectoral Classification List for corporate governance, compliance, and secretarial advisory professionals (CGCSA);

- Working with the Global Corporate Governance Forum, a World Bank/ International Financial Corporation initiative to produce a Corporate Secretaries Toolkit for use in multiple jurisdictions. This will provide a baseline curriculum for the concepts and approaches that corporate secretaries must master to be effective in their roles; and
- Staging CSIA's first Corporate Governance Conference in Shanghai during 2011.

During the Council meeting the following new members joined CSIA:

- The Institute of Certified Public Secretaries of Kenya (Full member)
- The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators of Nigeria (Full member)
- The Institute of Chartered Corporate Secretaries of Sri Lanka (Affiliated member)

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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.

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