



Chief executive and registrar Winnie Cheung (front row, second right) and project director (innovation and technology) Gary Wong (second row, first right) with other Institute delegates at the International Innovation Network meeting in Edinburgh.

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IIN steps up communications strategy

In the International Innovation Network (IIN) meeting held in Edinburgh this February, representatives of the national accounting institutes from fourteen countries shared their experience and challenges in adopting innovative products from creation institutes within the network. HKSA chief executive and registrar Ms Winnie Cheung and project director (innovation & technology) Mr Gary Wong shared their success stories of enlisting Council's support in promoting the IIN and marketing its products such

as the Anti-fraud CD and the Trust Services to the membership.

The Coordination Committee of IIN identified the initiative of 'Relevance to Small & Medium Practices/Members in Business' being the focus when developing and delivering innovative products from member institutes. The Committee would also enhance the communication strategy to encourage more information flow and activities among the membership within respective institutes.

Joint Task Force on Mutual Examination Paper Exemptions established

A delegation of seven office bearers of

the Society, comprising its president Roger Best, vice-president Paul Chan, LegCo representative Eric Li, chief executive and registrar Winnie Cheung, Mainland Affairs Committee chairman Patrick Cheng, Small and Medium Practitioners Committee deputy chairman Mark Fong, mainland affairs director Patrick Tam and director of education and training Georgina Chan joined the HKSAR Government's delegation led by the Financial Secretary and attended the 'CEPA High Level Conference on Professional Services' on 17 February in Beijing.

A day earlier, the inaugural meeting of the Mainland/Hong Kong Joint Task Force on Mutual Examination Paper Exemptions (Task Force) was held in Beijing. The Task Force comprised representatives from the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Chinese Institute of Certified Public Accountants (CICPA) and the Society.

The Task Force was established to work on the issue of mutual recognition of professional qualifications and the first meeting was tasked with studying the possible mutual exemption of examination papers.

At the High Level Conference, the Society also discussed with MOF ways of facilitating Hong Kong accountants to practise in the Mainland. MOF has agreed to look into the Society's proposal to allow Hong Kong accounting firms to practise in association with Mainland firms, and the qualifications eligible for providing bookkeeping services in the Mainland.

