

## **e-Stamping Service (Property Documents)**

Since launch of the “e-Stamping Service” by the Inland Revenue Department in August 2004, customers can stamp their property transfer documents (i.e. agreements for sale and assignments) and tenancy agreements via the Internet without the need to visit IRD in person. By using “e-Stamping Service”, after payment of the Stamp Duty through online mode, customers are issued the stamping certificates instantly via the Internet.

The Inland Revenue Department has actively promoted the “e-Stamping Service” by giving briefings and training seminars for the industry as well as paying visits to solicitor firms and property agents. We are pleased that the take-up rate for e-Stamping of property transfer documents, has risen steadily from 13% at the launch to 64% in November 2008, reflecting that the service is well received by the public.

The Department will further strengthen the promotional activities so as to increase the public’s awareness of the “e-Stamping Service”. Apart from direct promotions through seminars and visits, we will set up hyperlinks and e-Stamping icon at the websites of relevant Government agencies (including the Rating and Valuation Department and the Land Registry), the professional bodies (including the Estate Agents Authority, the Hong Kong Real Estate Agencies General Association), and other relevant institutions, in order to facilitate direct access to the service by the public.