

HARTFORD HOLDINGS LIMITED

HARTFORD TO ESTABLISH A STRONGER PRESENCE IN THE PRC

- **Enters into co-operative agreement with China Textile and Apparel Education Society**

Singapore, September 1, 2005 – Hartford Holdings Limited (“Hartford” or “the Group”), a quality education provider of business management programmes, has signed a collaborative agreement to establish training centres with China Textile and Apparel Education Society (“中国纺织服装教育学会”) on August 31, 2005.

Under the agreement, both parties will capitalise on each other’s strengths to jointly set up training centres, offering Hartford programmes in the PRC.

Under the collaborative venture, Hartford will provide the curricula and pedagogy, while China Textile and Apparel Education Society will obtain the necessary approvals for the set ups. The programmes offered are Business Administration, Logistics Management, Marketing, Tourism & Hospitality Management and Exhibition Management.

Founded in 1992, China Textile and Apparel Education Society is a national academic, non-profit and public organisation approved by the Ministry of Education and registered with the Ministry of Civil Affairs in the PRC. Mr Chew Hua Seng, Executive Chairman of Hartford, is the non-executive Vice President of the Society and has no financial interest in the Society.

The establishment of these training centres in the PRC is not expected to contribute materially to the Group’s turnover for FY2006.

About Hartford

Established in May 1999, Hartford Holdings Limited is a leading education provider of business management programmes. It has subsidiaries in Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mongolia and Singapore and has partnerships with five foreign universities, namely University of Leicester and University of Huddersfield in the United Kingdom; Central Queensland University and the University of Newcastle in Australia; and California State University-Hayward in the United States of America.

The Bachelor Degrees offered by Hartford are:

Bachelor of Psychology

Bachelor of Bio-medical Sciences

Bachelor of IT with specialization in Bio-informatics

Bachelor of Multimedia Studies

Bachelor of Arts Honors in Entrepreneurship and Business

Bachelor of Business (Marketing)

For Master Degrees, Hartford offers the following courses:

Master in Business Administration

Master of Science in Finance

Master of Science in Marketing

Master of Aviation Management

Master of Nursing

Master of Marketing

Hartford also offers Doctorate programmes such as Doctorate in Business Administration and Professional Doctorate.

In addition, Hartford offers Advanced Diploma in Business with specialization in Marketing, Retail Management, Banking & Finance and Wealth Management and also Advanced Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management, which are developed by Hartford's team of local and foreign academics from overseas universities, polytechnics as well as industry professionals.

Hartford is a subsidiary of Raffles Education Corporation - one of the leading creative design and management education groups in the Asia Pacific.

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