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The Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) is the professional body for people involved in housing and communities. It is a registered charity and not-for-profit organization. CIH has a diverse and growing membership of over 22,000 people – both in the public and private sectors – living and working in over 20 countries on five continents across the world. CIH exists to maximize the contribution that housing professionals make to the wellbeing of communities.

A key objective in CIH's Business Plan is to "Unite a Global Housing Community" and CIH is extending its activities overseas to work with partners across the world to promote and facilitate shared learning and international co-operation. The aim is to improve CIH's own organizational knowledge and develop support for, and appeal to, new international members. Through the development of strong and effective international partnerships CIH will also support the professional development of housing in countries seeking assistance.

In 2009, CIH's governing Council is delighted to see that the Asian Pacific Branch has extended membership in China, Macao and Taiwan. The election of new members is achieved mainly through the Direct Final route. It is anticipated that membership in the region will continue to grow through training programmes for those working in the industry.

Being the Council Member representing the Branch, I have confidence and so briefed the Council that our targets and efforts in serving the region and housing people are closely adhered to the principles of "Open to All; Close to Prejudice".

The CIH is currently undergoing a major review of its governance arrangements. This is important and may well result in changes being introduced to reshape and refocus decision making within the Institute.

During the year, there have been discussions on a proposed National Business Unit model between Head Office and the Branch Executive Committee on better performance and exploring resources. The Institute has given the Branch flexibility to identify proposals for the change. I believe that there will be an appropriate way to achieve this goal.

The Branch Executive Committee will continue to do it's very best to deliver excellent services for members in the region, and we hope that you will continue to "Learn with us, Improve with us, Influence with us".