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## "EDWARD LEHMAN RECOGNIZED AS LEADING LAWYER IN FIELD OF REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION LAW"

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Edward E. Lehman, Managing Director of top 3 Chinese law firm, Lehman, Lee & Xu has been nominated as Leading Asia Lawyer in the fields of Construction and Real Estate law "It is a great honor to be recognized in this category: Real estate has been a central focus of ours for several years now". States Lehman "The Chinese legal market is getting more and more competitive with clients starting to retain China's top tier domestic firms over the international firms they have traditionally used"

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"China is growing as a destination for foreign investment in the area of real estate while high profile architectural projects such as Beijing Capital Airport's terminal 3, the world's largest building, the CCTV tower and of course the Bird's Nest (National Olympic Stadium, are really focusing the spotlight on China as a country to look for in terms of construction and architectural innovation"

Ed sees the field of Real Estate maturing as investors look for higher quality properties. "The government recently made investing in apartment building construction more difficult in an effort to cool down the market. This is a temporary measure however and soon we will see the area opening up more than ever before"

Ed's journey to where he is today was not an easy one; as the only foreign managing director of a Chinese licensed firm he has had to overcome many obstacles to grow his firm from a small three man outfit to the leading regional firm it is today "Its taken us 16 years to develop from three lawyers in a small office in Shanghai to having over 600 professionals throughout China, Hong Kong, Macau, Mongolia and Mauritius. Its been quite a journey"

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