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(INSTITUT AKAUNTAN AWAM BERTAULLIAH MALAYSIA)

RECIPIENT OF ANUGERAH PRESIDEN 2009
YB SENATOR TAN SRI AMIRSHAM A AZIZ

YB Senator Tan Sri Amirsham A Aziz was born on September 18, 1950 and is married to YBhg Datuk Faizah Mohd Tahir and they are blessed with two sons. He graduated with a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree from the University of Malaya in 1973.

Tan Sri Amirsham has vast expertise and experience in the financial aspects and economic planning and has recently been appointed as Chairman of the National Economic Advisory Council (NEAC), a position he assumed on June 1, 2009. On March 18, 2008, he was appointed as Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) and the Department of Statistics (DOS). He served in this position until April 9, 2009.

Before being appointed Minister in charge of the Economic Planning Unit, Amirsham was Maybank Berhad President and Chief Executive Officer from 1994 to 2008. Under his stewardship, the Maybank Group saw healthy growth and record, he steered the Maybank Group forward as the country's largest financial institution and built the bank franchise to become the most valuable brand.

He joined the Maybank Group in 1977 after a four-year stint with Hanafiah Raslan Mohamad, a public accounting firm and served in various posts within the group. He started as a loan manager for Mayban Finance Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Maybank. In May 1982, he was transferred to Maybank as Assistant General Manager, Domestic Banking Division. After three years, he was seconded to Asiavest Merchants Bankers to help reconstruct the bank. Six months later, he moved back to Maybank as Asst. General Manager of the Treasury Division, and later promoted as General Manager, Finance. He assumed higher positions over the next few years, culminating in his appointment as President/CEO in May 1994.

Amirsham served as Chairman and has held Directorships in various leading public and private organisations, including the Chairmanship of Malaysian Electronic Payment System (1977) Sdn Bhd, Cagamas Berhad, Permodalan Usahawan Nasional Berhad, AFC Merchant Bank, AFC Holdings Sdn Bhd, ASEAN Supreme Fund Ltd and the Asian Pacific Bankers Club.

He was a member of the Advisory Panel to Bank Negara Malaysia, Advisory Board of the Pacific Rim Bankers Program, Investment Panel of Kumpulan Wang Amanah Pencen and Kumpulan Wang Simpanan Pekerja as well as Council Member of the Association of Banks in Malaysia. In addition to these, he was the Vice Chairman of the Institute of Banks Malaysia.

At the international level, he was on the advisory board of the Pacific Rim Bankers Programme and a director of the Washington-based Institute of International Finance.

In recognition of his dynamic, aggressive and effective leadership, Tan Sri has received numerous awards. He was awarded the Asian Bankers Lifetime Achievement award in recognition of his outstanding leadership in financial services and inducted into the Global Hall of Fame by the International Association of Outsourcing Professionals.

YB Senator Tan Sri Amirsham A Aziz was admitted as a member of MICPA in June 1976 (Membership No.1353). A true bred CPA, he undertook his 3 years practical training with Hanafiah, Raslan & Mohamad. On February 24, 2009, Tan Sri was awarded Honorary Fellowship by The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA).

Tan Sri has a strong commitment towards the accountancy profession as well as to corporate social responsibility. Recognising the fact that supervised training is important, Maybank registered as an Approved Training Organisation (ATO) of the Institute on **June 19, 1994**, where under the Stream II training, employees of Maybank may undertake the CPA

examinations prior to the start of practical training or during the training period under the supervision of a member of MICPA or approved professional body.

He has contributed to MICPA's events and was featured in MICPA's Corporate Video, *The World of a CPA*, which was distributed to all the secondary schools in Semenanjung Malaysia as well as Sabah and Sarawak to promote accountancy as a career and in particular the CPA programme.

Tan Sri was the Guest of Honour for the *MICPA-Bursa Malaysia Business Forum 2008* where he delivered the Keynote Address as well as witnessing the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between MICPA and The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia in February 2009.

Ladies and Gentlemen, sincerely, I can think of no other better person to receive *Anugerah Presiden 2009*.