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*The CPA e-Newsline is a monthly electronic newsletter designed to provide members, and the public with quick updates on recent developments at the Institute and in the business environment.*

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## **Announcements**

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### ***Congratulations***

- ***Dato' Seri Johan Raslan***

On behalf of the Council, Management and Staff of the Institute, we wish to extend our congratulations to the President of the Institute on being conferred Darjah Seri Paduka Mahkota Perak which carries the title Dato' Seri by the Sultan of Perak on the occasion of his majesty's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebrations on April 19, 2011.

- ***Dato' Zainal Abidin Putih***

On behalf of the Council, Management and Staff of the Institute, we wish to extend our congratulations to YBhg Dato' Zainal Abidin Putih, our Past President and a member of the Institute on his appointment as Chairman of the Board of Directors of CIMB Bank on April 12, 2011.

### ***MICPA 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner***

The Institute's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dinner will be held on **Friday, June 17, 2011** at Sheraton Imperial Hotel Kuala Lumpur. For further information, please contact the Institute's Public Affairs & Communications Manager on Tel: 03-2698 9622 or email: [vic.pr@micpa.com.my](mailto:vic.pr@micpa.com.my).

Members may also refer to the Circular No. PAC/01/04/11 dated April 12, 2011 which can be downloaded from the MICPA website at [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my) in the Members' Area.

### ***MICPA 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting***

The Institute's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday, June 18, 2011** at FR Dillenia (Ground Floor), Sime Darby Convention Centre, 1A, Jalan Bukit Kiara 1, Kuala Lumpur at 10:00 a.m.

For further information, please refer to the Circular No. ADM/01/04/11 dated April 12, 2011 which can be downloaded from the MICPA website at [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my) in the Members' Area.

### ***MICPA 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Lecture cum Luncheon***

The Institute will be holding its 52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Lecture cum Luncheon on **Thursday, July 14, 2011** at Sime Darby Convention Centre at 12.30 p.m.

We are pleased to inform that **YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Dr Lin See Yan, Independent Strategic & Financial Consultant** will deliver the Commemorative Lecture on a topical issue.

The Commemorative Lecture cum Luncheon provides an opportunity for members of the accountancy profession, the Government, regulatory authorities and the business community to get together to evaluate the most pertinent issue affecting the Malaysian and global economies, and the role of the accountancy profession.

In this regard, we have pleasure in inviting you, your colleagues and business associates to the Commemorative Lecture and Luncheon. For further information, please contact the Public Affairs & Communications Manager on Tel: 03-2698 9622 or e-mail: [vic.pr@micpa.com.my](mailto:vic.pr@micpa.com.my).

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## **MICPA Education & Training**

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### ***Students Sponsorship Programme***

The Students Sponsorship Programme is a programme launched jointly by the MICPA and approved accounting firms or approved training organisations recently. The objective of the programme is to assist students who are interested to pursue the Revised MICPA Programme while pursuing the final year of an accredited Bachelor of Accountancy degree programme, It also provides an avenue to approved accounting firms or approved training organisations in identifying suitable candidates for internship and employment.

Under the Students Sponsorship Programme, approved accounting firms or approved training organisations will sponsor students who are interested to pursue the Taxation module and the Financial Reporting module of the revised MICPA programme while pursuing the final year of their Bachelor of Accountancy degree programme.

Candidates under the Students Sponsorship Programme will be required to work for the approved accounting firms or approved training organisations during their internship as well as upon completion of the Bachelor of Accountancy degree programme for a period of not less than 3 years.

The Students Sponsorship Programme is open to candidates who meet the following minimum criteria:

- Pursuing final year of a 4-year Bachelor of Accountancy degree programme accredited by MICPA or ICAA
- Minimum CGPA of 3.35 after completing 3-years of the Bachelor of Accountancy degree programme
- Active participation in extra-curricular activities
- Excellent communication skills, both oral and written. Fluency in written and spoken English is critical
- Good personality traits
- Must be a Malaysian citizen

The MICPA will work together with the various accredited public and private universities in Malaysia to identify suitable candidates who are interested to pursue the revised MICPA programme.

The profile of the identified candidates will be submitted to the approved accounting firms or approved training organisations for their consideration. The approved accounting firms or approved training organisations will conduct an interview with the identified candidates in order to consider the suitability of the candidates meeting the needs of the approved accounting firms or approved training organisations. An acceptance letter will be given to the successful candidates.

For further information on the Students Sponsorship Programme, please contact the Institute's Education & Training Manager on Tel: 03-2698 9622 or email: [micpa@micpa.com.my](mailto:micpa@micpa.com.my).

### ***Membership to ICAA***

As you are aware, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) and The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in February 2009.

The MoU includes the mutual recognition of accounting qualifications. In this regard, we are pleased to announce and inform that members of MICPA are now eligible to apply for membership of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA). The membership arrangements will further increase the mobility and open the door to numerous professional opportunities.

To apply for membership to ICAA, MICPA members are required to:

- be a MICPA member in good standing;
- have successfully completed the MICPA's professional programme introduced prior to the Revised MICPA Programme; and
- pass an Online Ethics Module within 3 months of application.

For further information on the reciprocal membership, kindly click on the links provided below:

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [MICPA to ICAA Flowchart](#)
- [Application Form](#)

### ***Pathways Route to ICAEW Membership***

The MICPA qualification was recognised by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales (ICAEW) in 2004. ICAEW undertook further assessment of the MICPA qualification in comparison with the ACA qualification introduced in 2007 and granted further exemptions to MICPA members in January 2009.

We are pleased to inform members that the Council of ICAEW has agreed to extend the ***Pathways to Membership Scheme to MICPA members with effect from January 1, 2010.***

The Pathways to ICAEW membership further endorses the close co-operation between the two Institutes in the education and training of professional accountants.

For further information on the Pathways route and the 2011 submission dates and fees, please click [here](#).

**Revised MICPA Programme  
- Tuition Provider: Sunway-TES**

We are pleased to inform that the Institute has appointed Sunway-TES as the sole tuition provider to provide tuition for the Revised MICPA Programme. For further information, please contact Sunway-TES on Tel: 03-7491 8622 / 7491 8623.

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## Activities of the Institute

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**Schedule of MICPA Events for 2011**

We are pleased to inform that the schedule of events for 2011 has been made available on the MICPA website under Events/CPD in the Homepage. For further information, please click [here](#).

**MICPA Participates in Professional Career Talks**

The Institute continues to embark on an aggressive marketing strategy to position the Revised MICPA Programme and the CPA (M) and CA (Austr) designation respectively.

In this regard, the Institute participates actively in career fairs and exhibitions across the country to promote accountancy as a career, and in particular to create greater awareness. Our main target audience for the career talks are Year 3 & 4 Bachelor of Accountancy Students. The following presentations were made in April 2011:

**Professional Career Talks at Universities**

- **Taylors University** on April 11, 2011 – University of West of England Programme;
- **Taylors University** on April 14, 2011 – University of South of Australia Programme;
- **Monash University, Sunway Campus** on April 15, 2011;

The Institute also made On-Boarding Presentations to New Recruits at the following Members' Firms:

**KPMG**

- On April 5, 2011

**Deloitte Malaysia**

- On April 4, 2011; and
- On April 25, 2011

**Career Talks at Secondary Schools**

- SMK St Mary on April 18, 2011 to 50 students

**Streams of Training**

The MICPA provides for two streams of training. The MICPA students may undertake their training in accounting firms or in Approved Training Organisations (ATOs) in commerce, industry or the public sector.

To date, over 480 members' firms and 77 ATOs are registered with the Institute where students can undertake their training. For further information, please visit the MICPA website [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my) and go to List of CPA Firms in the Homepage.

### ***Job Opportunities on MICPA Website***

As part of the Institute's service to members, Members' Firms and Approved Training Organisations of the Institute who wish to advertise any job opportunities in their respective firms are welcome to send in the job vacancy to the Institute.

The opening will be posted on the MICPA website for one (1) month from the date of posting. For further information, please contact the Public Affairs & Communications Manager on Tel: 03-2698 9622 or email: [yic.pr@micpa.com.my](mailto:yic.pr@micpa.com.my).

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## **MICPA Technical Updates**

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### **INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF MALAYSIA (IRB)**

#### ***Amendment to Filing Programme for Submission of Year 2011 Tax Return Forms***

Further to Circular No.TEC/020/04/2011/W dated April 7, 2011, members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) has issued an amendment to Paragraph 4 of the filing program for year 2011.

For further information, please refer to the Circular which can be downloaded from the MICPA website at [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my) in the Members' Area.

#### ***Procedures for Receipt and Processing of Income Tax Return Forms at Information Processing Department***

Further to Circular No.TEC/022/04/2011/W dated April 19, 2011, members are informed that Following the Operational Dialogue and the Meeting of Working Group with Accounting Bodies – Desire No. 1/2011 held on March 18, 2011, the IRB has issued the procedures for receipt and processing of income tax return forms at the Information Processing Department.

A copy of the above procedures for members' attention is now available on MICPA website at [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my) in the Members' Area.

### **COMPANIES COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA (SSM)**

#### ***Guidelines for Application to Strike-Off a Name of a Defunct Company Under Section 308 (1) of the Companies Act 1965 During Moratorium Period***

Further to Circular No. TEC/021/04/2011W, dated April 7, 2011, members are informed that the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) has issued a guideline on the procedures and requirements for the application to strike off names of defunct companies under Section 308(1) of the Companies Act 1965 (CA 1965) during the moratorium period from March 3, 2011 to June 30, 2011.

The SSM has decided to relax the requirements for the application for striking off names of defunct companies under Section 308(1) of the CA 1965 following the announcement by the Minister of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerisms on March 3, 2011 to waive the compound or penalties imposed on directors of defunct companies to enable them to apply to the Registrar to strike off their defunct companies from the register.

A copy of the above Guidelines for members' reference is now available on MICPA website at [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my) in the Members' Area.

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## Members Updates

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### ***Membership Data Update***

Members are duly reminded that they should inform the Institute of any change in their correspondence and e-mail addresses. This is to ensure that you receive all circulars, publications, correspondences and e-mail broadcasts promptly.

Please click [here](#) to download the form and fax the completed form to the MICPA Secretariat at Fax no: +603-2698 9403. You may also send an e-mail to [membership@micpa.com.my](mailto:membership@micpa.com.my) for the change of correspondence and e-mail address.

### ***MICPA Practising Certificate***

The Membership Affairs Committee of the Institute in considering applications for practising certificate has frequently come across cases where a member has commenced public practice before he is issued with a practising certificate by the Institute.

The Committee would like to remind members that in accordance with **bye-law 56 of the Institute's bye-laws**, a member shall be entitled to engage in public practice in Malaysia only if he holds a practising certificate issued by the Institute. If members need clarification on the above requirement, you may forward your inquiry to [membership@micpa.com.my](mailto:membership@micpa.com.my) or call +603-2698 9622.

### ***CPD On-Line Record***

Effective January 1, 2007, it is mandatory for all members to complete at least 120 hours of relevant Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activity in each rolling three-year period, of which 60 hours should be verifiable. Members are required to submit an annual declaration as to compliance with the CPD requirements prescribed in the CPD Statement.

An on-line CPD Record functionality has been added to the MICPA website, which facilitates members to update their CPD records on-line in the format provided. Please visit the MICPA website at [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my), login as a Member, click on Members Update on the Left-hand Menu and go to Section F to update your CPD records.

### ***Young CPA Group***

As members are aware, the *Young CPA Group* was established in 2004 with the aim of encouraging our younger members to take part in the Institute's work and activities. Young members can play an important role in identifying the professional needs of its members and provide valuable feedback, suggestions and recommendations to the Institute. If you are a CPA below the age of 40, please register yourself online at [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my).

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## **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programmes**

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It is an integral part of the Institute to conduct CPD Programmes to enhance the skills and knowledge of members. Our training covers a wide range of areas, including auditing, financial reporting, tax and more. The following CPD programmes have been planned:

### ***Advanced Consolidation Principles (Revised FRS 3 and Revised FRS 127)***

The MICPA is organising a one-day Seminar on *Advanced Consolidation Principles (Revised FRS 3 and Revised FRS 127)* on May 19, 2011 at Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The seminar will update participants on the subject of business combinations and consolidation in the two revised standards. The seminar will provide hands-on exercises and practical cases on the advanced consolidation principles of acquisitions, reverse acquisitions, disposals of interest in subsidiaries and changes in stakes (accretion, dilution and deemed disposals).

The seminar will be led by Mr Tan Liong Tong, Technical Consultant to Mazars Malaysia. For further information, please click [here](#).

### ***Updates of 2011 New and Revised Standards and New Bursa Malaysia Listing Requirements***

The MICPA is organising a two-day Seminar on *Updates of 2011 New and Revised Standards and New Bursa Listing Requirements* on July 11 – 12, 2011 at Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The Seminar will highlight the salient features of the principles prescribed in the new standard and guidance and explain their application aspects. Participants will be able to incorporate the new requirement in their financial reporting for the years 2010 and 2011.

The seminar will be led by Mr Tan Liong Tong, Technical Consultant to MAZARS Malaysia and Mr Woon Chin Chan, Consultant cum Trainer in financial corporate accounting, auditing and other related areas.

For further information, please contact the CPD Department, MICPA at 03-2698 9622 or email: [salmiah.edu@micpa.com.my](mailto:salmiah.edu@micpa.com.my) or [malani.edu@micpa.com.my](mailto:malani.edu@micpa.com.my).

### ***Accounting for Construction, Property Development and Real Estate Activities***

The MICPA is organising a one-day Workshop on *Accounting for Construction, Property Development and Real Estate Activities* on July 14, 2011 at Hotel Istana Kuala Lumpur.

The workshop aims to discuss the important aspects of the FRSs and to highlight the major areas of difficulty in measuring and recognising revenue and costs associated with construction contracts and property development/ real estate activities.

The workshop will be led by Ms Lim Geok Heng, Technical and Training Consultant with Evo Training & Consulting.

For further information, please contact the CPD Department, MICPA at 03-2698 9622 or email: [salmiah.edu@micpa.com.my](mailto:salmiah.edu@micpa.com.my) or [malani.edu@micpa.com.my](mailto:malani.edu@micpa.com.my).

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## News from Regulatory Bodies

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### **BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA (BNM)**

#### ***Reappointment of YBhg Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz as Governor***

In a press release dated April 20, 2011, Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) announced that His Majesty the Yang di-Pertuan Agong has consented to the reappointment of YBhg Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz as Governor for a term of 5 years with effect from May 1, 2011. Dr Zeti has held the position of Governor of the Central Bank since May 2000.

### **SECURITIES COMMISSION MALAYSIA (SC)**

#### ***SC Chairman's Term Extended***

In a press release dated March 25, 2011, the SC announced the extension of YBhg Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar's tenure as Chairman for one year with effect from April 1, 2011. Tan Sri Zarinah has held the position of Chairman since April 1, 2006. She joined the SC as Deputy Chief Executive in 2001.

#### ***SC to Enhance Oversight on Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs)***

The SC has issued Guidelines on the Registration of Credit Rating Agencies (Guidelines) to ensure independent and high quality ratings with appropriate oversight of the credit rating agencies (CRAs), given their key role in capital markets.

The Guidelines enhance the agencies' standards in key areas such as transparency of rating criteria and policies, objectivity of rating process, managing conflicts of interest, and will also enable the SC to supervise CRAs in a more vigorous manner.

In January 2006, Malaysia was ahead of many jurisdictions when an effective regulatory and supervisory framework on the domestic credit rating agencies (CRAs) was established. Nonetheless, global regulatory and supervisory standards on CRAs have recently experienced a dramatic shift after the global financial crisis. Revisions to the International Organisation of Securities Commissions (IOSCO)'s Objectives and Principles of Securities Regulation in June 2010 now subject CRAs to adequate levels of oversight, through a system of registration and on-going supervision.

Major jurisdictions, including the United States, European Union, Japan, Australia and India have also undertaken various regulatory measures to strengthen oversight on CRAs and to raise the standards of CRAs.

The SC engaged in structured consultations with key players comprising institutional investors, credit rating agencies, issuers, advisors and trustees in the domestic bond market, on the development of these Guidelines, which will enable Malaysia's credit rating agencies to converge with the international standards and best practices set out by IOSCO and other advanced jurisdictions.

These Guidelines supersede the Practice Note on Recognition of Credit Rating Agencies for the Purpose of Rating Bond Issue, issued by the SC on January 25, 2006.



### ***Malaysia's Auditing Framework Comparable to Global Standards***

The auditing framework in Malaysia is comparable to global best practices where all international auditing and ethical standards have been adopted, supported by a strong regulatory framework.

"Overall, the quality of the financial reporting ecosystem is sound as Malaysian audit firms have generally put in place good control mechanisms, policies, procedures, systems and infrastructure, to implement the standards and embed the principles of quality auditing," said Nik Hasyudeen Yusoff, Executive Chairman of the Audit Oversight Board (AOB) when releasing the AOB's first Annual Report.

Key specific issues for Malaysian auditors, however, are mainly related to the implementation of standards and procedures and how audit firms price their services.

"Auditors should not take things at face value as financial reporting includes exercising significant professional judgment - there is a need to debate and challenge management assumptions, particularly in areas such as determining fair value, asset impairment and going concern" Nik advised.

Through the yearly exercise of inspecting audit practices in the country, the AOB is working to build a strong foundation for the enhancement of professionalism amongst auditors in the country.

During 2010, the AOB conducted six regular inspections of the Big Four Audit Firms and two major firms with more than 10 partners, and one special inspection on one of these firms.

During 2011, the AOB will deepen its oversight role and extend its coverage to include other firms and increase the number of audit engagements reviewed. The regulator also intends to cover other regulated industries including banking and insurance.

The AOB was set up in 2010 to oversee the auditors of PIEs, protect investors' interest and promote confidence in the quality and reliability of audited financial statements of PIEs.

A total of 83 audit firms and 310 auditors had registered with the AOB as at 31 December 2010. The AOB has also issued five warning letters to audit firms for failure to register on time since its establishment on April 1, 2010.

### ***Capital Market Masterplan 2: Growth with Governance***

The Capital Market Masterplan 2 (CMP2), the Securities Commission Malaysia's (SC) strategic blueprint for the development of the Malaysian capital market over the next 10 years, was launched on April 12, 2011.

CMP 2 will leverage on the sound foundation built during the first Capital Market Masterplan or CMP1. Over its ten-year period, 95% of the 152 recommendations contained in CMP1 have been implemented, building a diversified market with strong intermediaries operating in a well-regulated environment.

Themed *Growth with Governance*, CMP2 tackles the challenges for Malaysia's capital market in expanding its role in invigorating national economic growth while addressing concerns about the efficacy of markets in the aftermath of the global financial crisis.

YBhg Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar, Chairman of the SC, said "CMP2 outlines the strategies to unleash the competitive dynamics that will enable our markets to more effectively utilise domestic savings for capital formation and to foster entrepreneurial and innovative zeal."

Key growth strategies include the need to increase the capacity and efficiency of the capital market in financing investment requirements for economic growth, address efficiency of savings intermediation, deepen secondary market liquidity, facilitate scale-driven strategies, identify new growth opportunities, as well as build capacity and strengthen information infrastructure to support transition to an electronic environment.

In this regard, the expansion of capital market intermediaries will be facilitated to enable the offering of a wide range of domestic and international products and services. The SC will also facilitate and work with intermediaries to help them evolve their business models through allowing decoupling and further outsourcing, for specialised activities in trading, promoting small and mid-cap companies, for pre-IPOs, for retail clients and for market-making and trading across markets.

Experience from past financial crises also indicates that innovation and complexity will create risks that will continuously test the resilience of the Malaysian capital market, making the management of these risks the key challenge in further deepening and broadening the Malaysian capital market.

By focusing on investor protection and governance, which are increasingly highly-valued by investors, the SC will facilitate growing interest in Malaysian intermediaries. Governance arrangements will be strengthened to ensure clear points of accountability with effective regulatory oversight and reach. Intermediaries will be required to operate on higher standards and capabilities and there will be greater focus on managing risks. Corporate governance standards will also be further strengthened and stakeholder participation in governance will be broadened. There will also be an enhanced focus by the SC on systemic stability.

The SC will implement the CMP2 through its annual business planning process. In this regard, major deliverables have already been identified for 2011, which is the first year of implementation of CMP2. These include the introduction of a regulatory framework for private retirement schemes, a five year corporate governance blueprint and the recently issued Guidelines on the Registration of Credit Rating Agencies (CRA) in March. The regulatory framework for fund raising and product approval and for licensing renewal is also being reviewed to enhance process efficiency.

### ***SC Q1 Scorecard: Sustained Interest Continued in 2011***

Sustained interest in the market continued in the first quarter of 2011 with the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) receiving a total of 35 substantive applications compared with 27 in the previous quarter.

Four out of the 35 applications were for initial public offerings (IPOs) with a total potential market capitalisation of approximately RM3.72 billion.

The SC approved an IPO application from a China-based company during the quarter with a potential market capitalisation of about RM1.10 billion. Higher interest was seen in the bond market where 17 debt securities proposals were approved in this quarter, more than double the eight approvals in the same period last year.

Compared with Q1 last year, the RM-denominated Sukuk market this quarter saw significant interest with the SC approving five sukuk issuances amounting to RM7.77 billion. This is a stark contrast to the two approved during the same period last year, which amounted to only RM0.590 billion.

The SC maintained its high performance standards with 96 percent of corporate proposals and 99.84 percent of licensing applications processed within the time charters. A total of 1,390 licence applications were received in Q1 2011. The encouraging number of new entrants (206) into the market at the start of the year sets the stage for vibrant growth of the market, both in terms of quantity and quality of the players.

Capital market statistics released by the SC cover information on processing, approvals and rejections of submissions, including timing and reasons. In addition to these scorecard indicators, the quarterly statistics of submissions approved by the SC for the first and the fourth quarters of 2010 were also reported.

For further information on the above news from the SC, please visit [www.sc.com.my](http://www.sc.com.my).

## **BURSA MALAYSIA BHD**

### ***New CEO Takes the Helm***

YBhg Dato' Tajuddin Atan officially took up his position as Chief Executive Officer of Bursa Malaysia Bhd on April 1, 2011. He will be responsible for driving Bursa Malaysia forward to becoming an attractive and competitive exchange in the region. His mandate will also be to enhance the Malaysian capital market's position as a destination of choice for listings and investments regionally.

### ***Bursa Malaysia Part of Seven Exchanges to Launch ASEAN Brand Identity, ASEAN Exchanges Website and ASEAN Stars***

Bursa Malaysia is proud to be part of a collaboration of seven stock exchanges in ASEAN that launched the ASEAN Brand Identity, ASEAN Exchanges website and ASEAN Stars.

These initiatives were formed as part of the collaboration of ASEAN Exchanges - a catalyst to promote the growth of the ASEAN capital market with the intent of bringing more ASEAN investment opportunities to more people. The ASEAN Exchanges collaboration members are Bursa Malaysia, Hanoi Stock Exchange, Hochiminh Stock Exchange, Indonesia Stock Exchange, The Philippine Stock Exchange Inc., Singapore Exchange and The Stock Exchange of Thailand.

ASEAN Brand Identity encompasses a logo that represents the spirit of cooperation between South East Asia Nations, based on a common element among these nations - the colors of each nation's flags.

The ASEAN Exchanges website ([www.aseanexchanges.org](http://www.aseanexchanges.org)) was launched on April 8, 2011 that will feature the ASEAN Stars and other ASEAN centric products and initiatives giving investors an integrated single-window view into the ASEAN capital market; a market that has a combined market capitalisation of approximately USD1.8 trillion and participation of more than 3,000 companies.

ASEAN Stars are made up of a selection of the 30 (thirty) most exciting stocks from each exchange ranked in terms of market capitalisation and liquidity. These 2 (two) initiatives are expected to serve as a tool for the promotion of ASEAN investment opportunities.

Guided by the AEC blueprint, the collaboration of ASEAN Exchanges will jointly promote the development of ASEAN as an asset class through a collaborative framework with the intent of increasing liquidity to member exchanges. This will be achieved through a focused strategy that includes driving cross border collaboration, streamlining access to ASEAN, creating ASEAN centric products and implementing targeted promotional initiatives.

This launch event was announced at the 15th ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting in Bali, Indonesia and was attended by ASEAN Finance Ministers and ASEAN Exchanges.

### ***Bursa Malaysia to Implement Day Order for Increased Efficiency***

Bursa Malaysia Bhd will implement validity-of-order throughout the day via **Day Order** effective **April 18, 2011**, replacing the current **Session Order**. This change is made for increased efficiency and to meet market expectations.

Currently all orders entered into the trading system is valid for a single session only as all unmatched orders are cancelled by Bursa Malaysia immediately after the end of the morning session. Thereafter, brokers are required to re-key in their orders in the afternoon session at 2:00pm when the market re-opens for the Pre-Opening phase.

With the implementation of Day Order, all unmatched orders from the morning session will be automatically carried forward to the afternoon session and shall be considered as valid for the whole trading day. Brokers are only required to manually cancel the orders after 2:00pm if they do not wish to carry the orders into the afternoon session.

There will be no change to the current trading hours.

### ***Bursa Malaysia Depository to Waive Administrative Fee for Another Year***

Bursa Malaysia Depository Sdn. Bhd., a subsidiary of Bursa Malaysia Berhad, is extending its administration fee waiver of RM10 for the registration of eDividend until April 18, 2012 as part of its continuing effort to encourage more shareholders to sign up for the eDividend service.

For further information on the above news from Bursa Malaysia, please visit [www.bursamalaysia.com](http://www.bursamalaysia.com).

## **SURUHANJAYA SYARIKAT MALAYSIA (SSM)**

### ***SSM National Conference 2011***

We are pleased to inform members that SSM is organising the *SSM National Conference 2011* with the theme "Driving Business Transformation Dynamics Through Regulations and Enforcement". The conference will be held on June 13 & 14, 2011 at Auditorium Tun Dr Siti Hasmah, Menara SSM@Sentral, Kuala Lumpur Sentral.

The MICPA is a supporting body of the Conference. For further information and registration details, please contact the Conference Secretariat at Tel: 03-2299 4434 or click on the link provided below:

<http://www.ssm.com.my/en/SSMNCmicrosite/SSMNC>.

The conference is HRDF SBL Claimable – SSM 16 CPE Points.

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## News from IFAC and IASB

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### INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (IFAC)

#### ***Kreston International Joins Forum of Firms***

International network of accounting firms Kreston International has been admitted as a full member of the Forum of Firms after confirming that it has met the Forum's membership standards. This includes reporting that it has implemented a globally coordinated quality assurance program, has policies and methodologies based on the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), and has met other specific requirements of the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants*.

As of January 1, 2011, twenty-one other international networks of accounting firms are full members of the Forum of Firms and continue to report their adherence to the Forum's membership obligations. A list of the Forum's members is available at [www.forumoffirms.org](http://www.forumoffirms.org).

The Forum of Firms is an association of international networks of accounting firms. These firms perform a major global share of the audits of financial statements that are or may be used across national borders.

In order to achieve full membership status, Kreston International had to commit to meeting the Forum's membership obligations, which require members to:

- Maintain appropriate quality control standards in accordance with International Standards on Quality Control issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), in addition to relevant national quality control standards and conduct, to the extent not prohibited by national regulation, regular globally coordinated internal quality assurance reviews;
- Have policies and methodologies for the conduct of transnational audits that are based, to the extent practicable, on ISAs issued by the IAASB; and
- Have policies and methodologies that conform to the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' (IESBA) *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* and national codes of ethics.

#### ***IAESB Proposes Revised Standard on Professional Values, Ethics & Attitudes***

The International Accounting Education Standards Board (IAESB) has released for public exposure a proposed revision of International Education Standard (IES) 4, *Professional Values, Ethics, and Attitudes*.

The revised standard, part of the IAESB's project to improve the clarity of its standards, proposes that the development of professional values, ethics, and attitudes be addressed by learning and development activities that occur throughout

the career of the professional accountant. IES 4 will be helpful to educational organisations, employers, regulators, government authorities, and other stakeholders who support the learning and development of professional accountants.

IES 4, drafted in 2004, prescribes the values, ethics, and attitudes that professional accountants should acquire during the education program leading to qualification. In addition to a formal program assessment and a learning outcome approach, the IAESB also proposes a requirement on reflective activity—where professional accountants and students undertake the practice of documenting experiences relating to lessons learned from ethical dilemmas and situations.

As part of its project to improve the clarity of its standards, the IAESB has undertaken a project to redraft all eight of its IESs in accordance with its new clarity drafting conventions. This project began in December 2010 with the proposed revision of IES 7, *Continuing Professional Development: A Program of Lifelong Learning and Continuing Development of Professional Competence*. The current timetable envisages that all IESs will have been revised and redrafted, or redrafted only, by the first quarter of 2013.

#### **How to Comment**

The IAESB invites all stakeholders to comment on its proposals. To access the exposure draft and submit a comment, visit the IAESB's website at:

[www.ifac.org/Education/ExposureDrafts.php](http://www.ifac.org/Education/ExposureDrafts.php).

Comments are requested by **July 15, 2011**.

#### ***IPSASB Publishes 2011 Handbook of Pronouncements***

The International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) published today its 2011 *Handbook of International Public Sector Accounting Pronouncements*. In two volumes, the Handbook contains all current IPSASB pronouncements, including 31 accrual-based standards and the IPSASB's cash basis standard.

The 2011 Handbook incorporates the amendments made as a result of the IPSASB's 2010 Improvements Project, as well as—at the beginning of each accrual-based standard—a history of the amendments made to that standard.

#### **How to Order**

The Handbook can be downloaded free of charge in PDF format at the *Publications and Resources* page of the IFAC website. Print copies of volumes I and II of the Handbook are also available free of charge; however, shipping and handling charges apply. Orders can be placed at [web.ifac.org/publications](http://web.ifac.org/publications).

For further information on the above IFAC news, please visit [www.ifac.org](http://www.ifac.org).

## **INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (IASB)**

### ***IFRS Foundation to Enhance IFRS Taxonomy to Reflect Common Reporting Practice***

The IFRS Foundation has announced its decision to publish supplementary tags for the IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) Taxonomy that reflect disclosures that are commonly reported by entities in their IFRS financial statements.

By publishing these supplementary tags, the IFRS Foundation is taking a first step in providing additional elements as part of its XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) taxonomy that reflect common reporting practice across the world and across industries. The publication of these common-practice tags will enable entities to create IFRS financial statements in XBRL with fewer entity-specific taxonomy tags, thereby enhancing the comparability of information.

The common-practice tags are being developed through the analysis of over 200 financial statements – i.e. line items from Statements of Financial Position, Comprehensive Income, Cash Flows and Changes in Equity, and block-tagged notes and accounting policies - that have been prepared in accordance with IFRSs by entities from a broad range of geographical areas and industries, including financial institutions and insurance companies. These tags will be published over the coming weeks as a draft supplement (i.e. as an interim release) to the IFRS Taxonomy 2011. These tags will be subject to the same due process that is applied to the development of the core IFRS Taxonomy and they will consequently be published for public review and consultation.

These initial common-practice tags will be the first part of a process that the IFRS Foundation plans to undertake in order to enhance the usability of the IFRS Taxonomy by reflecting common reporting practice. The next part of the process will involve examining financial statement note disclosures in detail and identifying common reporting practice in these note disclosures. As part of this effort, the Foundation has published a call for listed IFRS filers to participate in a voluntary task force on XBRL detailed tagging. The results of this initiative are expected later in the year and will be used to improve the common-practice tags published by the IFRS Foundation.

### ***IFRS Foundation Publishes Illustrative Examples in XBRL for the IFRS Taxonomy 2011***

In order to help preparers understand how to apply XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) to IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) financial statements, the IFRS Foundation has published a set of 12 illustrative examples in XBRL for the IFRS Taxonomy 2011.

These examples illustrate how the IFRS Taxonomy 2011 should be used to tag IFRS financial statements (including notes) in XBRL, and in accordance with the XBRL architecture outlined in **The IFRS Taxonomy 2011 Guide** and **The Global Filing Manual**.

The examples are intended to help preparers understand how to apply the taxonomy to create instance documents and entity-specific extensions using both block tagging and detailed tagging, and also XBRL and Inline XBRL.

Illustrative examples have been provided for:

- Illustrative financial statements for Small and Medium-sized Entities;
- Statements of Financial Position, Comprehensive Income, and Changes in Equity;
- Statement of Cash Flows;
- Financial instruments;
- Operating segments;
- First-time adoption of IFRSs, reconciliation of equity and total comprehensive income;
- Share-based payment arrangements;
- Business combinations;
- Reconciliation of changes in property, plant and equipment;
- Income tax (expense) and reconciliations;
- Employee benefits obligations; and
- Consolidated and separate Statements of Financial Position.

### ***Three New Draft Q&As on the IFRS for SMEs Posted***

The SME Implementation Group, responsible for assisting the IASB on matters related to the implementation of the IFRS for SMEs, published today for public comment three more questions and answer documents (Q&As) on the IFRS for SMEs.

The new Q&As cover the following topics:

- Captive insurance subsidiaries
- Interpretation of 'traded in a public market'
- Investment funds with only a few participants

To view the new Q&As, [click here](#).

In February 2011, the SME Implementation Group issued its first Q&A on the issue 'Use of the IFRS for SMEs in parent's separate financial statements'. The comment period for this Q&A has now closed.

### ***Interoperable Taxonomy Architecture Project Publishes Updated Global Filing Manual for XBRL***

The Interoperable Taxonomy Architecture (ITA) Project has published an updated version of *The Global Filing Manual*. *The Global Filing Manual* was first published in October 2010, and it has been updated to include new rules that relate specifically to iXBRL (Inline XBRL).

*The Global Filing Manual* contains a set of aligned XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) filing rules for global use. These rules provide guidance on the preparation, filing and validation of XBRL filings created using the IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) Taxonomy, the EDINET (Electronic Disclosure for Investors' Network) Taxonomy and the U.S. GAAP Taxonomy.

Inline XBRL is a standard for embedding XBRL into an HTML (HyperText Markup Language) document, thereby enabling XBRL documents to be viewed in an Internet browser, and also allowing the XBRL tags to be processed by consuming applications. Rules for iXBRL have been added to *The Global Filing Manual* following the adoption of iXBRL in jurisdictions such as Denmark and the UK.



By creating a single set of filing rules for XBRL and iXBRL instance documents that can be applied globally, it is hoped that *The Global Filing Manual* will support the ITA's objective to achieve the convergence of the XBRL frameworks (i.e. architectures) of the IFRS, the EDINET and the U.S. GAAP Taxonomies. It is also hoped that *The Global Filing Manual* will be adopted by other regulators and users of the IFRS Taxonomy, and that the rules will be applied to all related XBRL filings.

**Note:**

*The Global Filing Manual* is provided for information purposes only, and neither the IFRS Foundation, the authors or the publishers accept responsibility for loss caused to any person who acts or refrains from acting on reliance on the material in the manual, whether such loss is caused by negligence or otherwise.

***New Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC) Section of IFRS Foundation Website***

The Trustees' Due Process Oversight Committee (DPOC), which is responsible for approving due process and overseeing the IASB's compliance with due process, has introduced a new section of the IFRS Foundation website dedicated to its activities.

The section includes summaries of the conclusions of DPOC meetings (now available for the March and April 2011 meetings), as well as papers related to the work of DPOC, which you can search for either by the meeting date or by the name of the project being overseen.

The DPOC section of the website can be accessed via a 'quick link' on the left-hand side of the homepage, or by [clicking here](#).

***IASB and FASB Report Substantial Progress Towards Completion of Convergence Programme***

The IASB and the US-based Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has published a progress report on their joint work to improve International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and US generally accepted accounting practices, and to bring about their convergence.

Since their report last November, the boards have:

- Completed five projects: In the next few weeks the IASB will issue new standards on consolidated financial statements (including disclosure of interests in other entities), joint arrangements and post-employment benefits and both boards will issue new requirements in relation to fair value measurement and the presentation of other comprehensive income.
- Given priority to the three remaining MoU projects, as well as insurance accounting: The Boards have made substantial progress towards completion of the three remaining MoU projects covering financial instruments accounting, leasing and revenue recognition, as well as their joint project to improve and align US and international insurance accounting standards.
- Provided for further time to finalise their convergence work: The boards have agreed to extend the timetable for the remaining priority convergence projects beyond June 2011 to permit further work and consultation with stakeholders in a manner consistent with an open and inclusive due process. The convergence projects are targeted for completion in the second half of 2011 (however, the U.S. insurance standard, which has not yet been exposed, is targeted for the first half of 2012).

For further information on the above IASB news, please visit [www.iasb.org](http://www.iasb.org).

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## News from Professional and Other Bodies

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### ISACA MALAYSIA CHAPTER

#### ***IT Governance, Assurance and Security Conference 2011***

The Information Systems Audit and Control Associations (ISACA) Malaysia Chapter in collaboration with Malaysian National Computer Confederation (MNCC) is organising the *IT Governance, Assurance and Security Conference 2011* on June 22 – 23, 2011 at the One World Hotel, First Avenue.

The MICPA is a supporting organisation of the Conference and MICPA members who register will be able to enjoy a preferential rate of registration fee of RM1,530. For further information on the conference and registration, please click here [www.isacamalaysia.org](http://www.isacamalaysia.org).

### THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS (IIA) MALAYSIA

#### ***IIA International Conference 2011***

The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Malaysia is honoured to host the *IIA's 70<sup>th</sup> International Conference* with the theme "Standing Tall". The event will be held on July 10 – 13, 2011 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

The conference will feature more than 90 distinguished thought-leading presenters and nine program tracks covering a wide range of topical issues relevant to the accountancy profession. Periodical announcements will be made about the speakers and topics. There would be a pre-conference session on July 10, 2011, exclusive for the first 200 Malaysians who register and pay before March 31, 2011.

The MICPA will be participating as an Exhibitor at the above conference. For further information on the conference, fees and registration, please visit the conference website, [www.iaa2011kl.org](http://www.iaa2011kl.org).

### THE MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED SECRETARIES AND ADMINISTRATORS (MAICSA)

#### ***MAICSA Annual Conference 2011***

The Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (MAICSA) will be holding the *MAICSA Annual Conference 2011* with the theme *Governing Responsibility: Inevitable Changes* on July 11 & 12, 2011 in Kuala Lumpur.

The MICPA is a supporting body of the conference and MICPA members will be able to enjoy a preferential rate of registration fee. For further information, please click [here](#).

## **THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS (CIMA)**

### ***CIMA Green Sustainability Conference Asia 2011***

The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) will be holding the CIMA Green Sustainability Conference Asia 2011 with the theme *Going Green – Profiting from Sustainability* on July 12 - 13, 2011 at the InterContinental Kuala Lumpur.

The MICPA is a supporting body of the conference and members will be able to enjoy a preferential rate of registration fee of RM1,400 for those who register before May 21, 2011 and the normal rate of RM1,600 for the two-day Conference. For further information, please click [here](#).

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