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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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### ***ICAA-MICPA Cocktail Reception***

We are pleased to inform that the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) and The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) are jointly hosting a Cocktail Reception to ***honour the first batch of Graduates under the Joint Programme*** who have completed the Advanced Stage Examination of the revised MICPA programme to the satisfaction of the Institutes. The event will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at the Sime Darby Convention Centre.

### ***Redesigned Website***

We are pleased to inform members that the Institute has launched a redesigned website in June 2011. Visitors to the site will discover that the site is now visually more appealing and focuses on simplicity to be a fresh face for MICPA.

The homepage is divided into four areas – Members, Students, Institute and Explore. The Members area is only accessible by members of the Institute. We invite you to visit the new [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my) today!

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## **MICPA Education & Training**

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

The Students Sponsorship Programme (SSP) 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 SSP, 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 SSP 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 SSP 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 3.5 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 Marketing Manager or 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. The following presentations were made in July 2011 to the following firms. It was also an opportunity for the Institute to promote the Students Sponsorship Programme which was launched recently.

#### ***KPMG***

- On July 5, 2011

#### ***Deloitte Malaysia***

- On July 6 & July 27, 2011

#### ***BDO Malaysia***

- On July 12, 2011

#### ***Ernst & Young***

- On July 18, 2011

#### ***Sekhar & Tan***

- On July 21, 2011

### **Crowe Horwath**

- On July 27, 2011

### **Universities**

#### **- Multimedia University, Cyberjaya**

The Institute also made a presentation to Year 3 Bachelor of Accountancy students at Multimedia University, Cyberjaya on July 29, 2011.

#### **- Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR, Kampar Campus**

The Institute also participated at the UTAR *Career Fair* on July 28, 2011.

### **Approved Training Employers**

The MICPA provides for two streams of training. The MICPA students may undertake their training with Approved Training Employers - in approved 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 **Explore and click on Approved Training Employers 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: [vic.pr@micpa.com.my](mailto:vic.pr@micpa.com.my).

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## **MICPA Technical Updates**

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### **ROYAL MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS (RMC)**

#### **Minutes of Meeting of the Consultative Panel Between Customs and Private Sector 1/2011**

Further to Circular No. TEC/037/07/2011W, dated July 14, 2011, members are informed that the Institute serves on the Consultative Panel between Customs and Private Sector. The Panel provides a forum for the discussion of practical issues and suggestions relating to customs and excise matters.

At the meeting of the Consultative Panel (1/2011) held on April 28, 2011, some of the issues discussed include the following:

- Application and renewal of Licensed Manufacturing Warehouse licence
- Public Bonded Warehouse
- Duty payment with surety of bank guarantee
- Customs deferred payment
- Licences to forwarding agents/ bonded trucks/ shipping agents licences, etc

- Termination of forwarding agents licence
- Use of general bond/ insurance bond to replace bank guarantee for public bonded warehouse
- Central Processing of Customs Declarations

The minutes of the above-mentioned meeting is available on the MICPA's website [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my) in the Members' Area.

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

### ***Invitation to the Companies Commission of Malaysia Outreach Programs***

#### **Sarawak**

Further to Circular No. TEC/038/07/2011W, dated July 14, 2011, members are informed that the Institute was invited by the Companies Commission of Malaysia to attend the SSM Outreach Program in Sarawak which was held on Saturday, July 16, 2011.

#### **Sabah**

Further to Circular No. TEC/039/07/2011W, dated July 14, 2011, members are informed that the Institute was invited by the Companies Commission of Malaysia to attend the "Program Juara Rakyat" in Sabah which was held on Sunday, July 17, 2011.

### ***Submission of Annual Return during Peak Period (July – August 2011)***

Further to Circular No. TEC/040/07/2011/W dated July 18, 2011, members are informed that the SSM has issued a notice that special counters will be opened at Level 1, Menara SSM @ Sentral starting July 18, 2011. These special counters are meant for submission of Annual Return (AR) and Financial Statements (FS) where payment is made by cheque only.

For all lodged AR and FS through this special counter, a receipt will be issued within two working days and may be collected during working hours by presenting the acknowledgment of receipt section of the form through:

- Counter e-info at Level 1 – (July 19, 2011 – August 8, 2011)
- Counter 12 at Level 17 – (August 9, 2011 onwards)

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.

A copy of the above notice, checklist and the receipt acknowledgement form has also been uploaded.

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

### ***Real Property Gains Tax Guideline (Revised)***

Further to Circular No. TEC/041/07/2011/W dated July 20, 2011, members are informed that following the Circular No. TEC/013/03/2010/W dated March 3, 2010, the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) has posted the revised Real Property Gains Tax (RPGT) Guideline on their website.

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.

The revised RPGT Guideline can be downloaded from the IRB's website at: <http://www.hasil.gov.my/pdf/pdfam/GarisPanduanCKHT.pdf>.

### ***Minutes of Real Property Gains Tax & Stamp Duty Dialogue***

Further to Circular No. TEC/042/07/2011/W dated July 21, 2011, members are informed that the Real Property Gains Tax (RPGT) and Stamp Duty Dialogue was held between the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) and representatives of the MICPA, CTIM, MIA, MAICSA, MACS, ICMA and MATA on March 26, 2010 to discuss issues related to RPGT and Stamp Duty.

Following the dialogue, the CTIM had submitted the issues discussed at the dialogues to the IRB for their written confirmation. The IRB has recently released the minutes of the above dialogue.

Some of the issues discussed at the dialogue include the following:

- Interest excluded in RPGT computation
- Remittance of 2% of total consideration retained by the acquirer to the IRB
- Disposal of shares in real property company (RPC)
- Conditional contract
- Payment of RPGT
- Allowable RPGT loss
- Stamp duty issues related to item 22 First Schedule of the Stamp Act 1949

Members are informed that the minutes of the above-mentioned dialogue is now available at the MICPA's website [www.micpa.com.my](http://www.micpa.com.my) in the Members' Area.

### ***Minutes of Dialogue for Post 2011 Budget Issues***

Further to Circular No. TEC/043/07/2011/W dated July 27, 2011, members are informed that a dialogue between the Tax Policy Department of the IRB and representatives of the MICPA, CTIM, MIA, MAICSA and MICCI was held on April 8, 2011 to discuss technical issues related to the 2011 Budget proposals which were jointly prepared by MICPA, CTIM and MIA as well as other technical issues submitted by the CTIM.

Members are informed that the minutes of the above-mentioned dialogue is now available at the MICPA's website [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 Membership Update on the Left-hand Menu and go to Section F to update your CPD records.**

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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:

### ***Deferred Taxation: Computation to Disclosure (FRS 112)***

The MICPA is organising a one-day Workshop on *Deferred Taxation: Computation to Disclosure (FRS 112)* on August 12, 2011 at Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The Workshop will introduce the fundamental accounting principles for future tax consequences in accordance with FRS 112 and provides a step-by-step guidance chart to illustrate the rules in constructing a balance sheet liability computational schedule. Participants will gain a good understanding of the basic principles as well as working knowledge in the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of deferred taxation.

The seminar will be led by Mr Danny Tan Boon Wai who has over 30 years of working experience in public practice and in commerce and industry. For further information, please click [here](#).

### ***Preparation of Group Accounts (Revised FRS 3 and Revised FRS 127)***

The MICPA is organising a two-day Workshop on *Preparation of Group Accounts (Revised FRS 3 and Revised FRS 127)* on August 17 – 18, 2011 at Hotel Istana Kuala Lumpur.



The Workshop will assist participants to master the techniques of preparing Group Accounts under the revised FRS 3 and FRS 127. In particular, the Workshop will emphasise on the worksheet technique of consolidation. It also intends to update participants on some current issues of group accounts.

Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of the book Consolidated Financial Statements, 6<sup>th</sup> Edition (2011) valued at RM165.00.

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

### ***Accounting for Agriculture***

The MICPA is organising a one-day Seminar on *Accounting for Agriculture* on September 14, 2011 at Seri Pacific Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The Seminar will enable participants to understand the requirements of IAS 41 and will focus on fair value measurement principles prescribed in the IAS. It will also demonstrate how the fair value principle should be applied by entities engaged in agriculture.

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

### ***Accounting for Financial Instruments Simplified (FRS 139)***

The MICPA is organising a one-day Seminar on *Accounting for Financial Instruments Simplified (FRS 139)* on September 21, 2011 at Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel.

The Seminar will enable participants to understand FRS 139 and will provide a platform for participants to discuss real-life experiences arising from the application of FRS 139.

The Seminar will be led by Mr Stephen Oong, currently a Technical Partner of Ernst & Young Malaysia. He is actively involved in the area of financial reporting in Malaysia and has conducted several seminars in Malaysia and overseas. For further information, please click [here](#).

### ***Forensic Accounting***

The MICPA is organising a one-day Workshop on *Forensic Accounting* on September 22, 2011 at Seri Pacific Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The Workshop will provide participants with an awareness of past corporate failures and the lessons to be learned. It will also provide an insight on commonly used corporate fraud schemes and how a proper and effective fraud investigation should be handled in a legal setting.

The Workshop will be led by Mr Ranjit Singh who is the Managing Director of Columbus Advisory Sdn Bhd, a company specializing in risk management, internal audit, forensic accounting, IT and governance services. For further information, please click [here](#).



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## News from Regulatory Bodies

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### SECURITIES COMMISSION MALAYSIA (SC)

#### ***Five-Year Corporate Governance Blueprint to Strengthen Self and Market Discipline***

The Securities Commission Malaysia's five-year Corporate Governance Blueprint (Blueprint) was launched on July 8, 2011 by YB Dato' Seri Ahmad Husni Mohamad Hanadzlah, Minister of Finance II, Malaysia.

The Blueprint provides the action plan to raise the standards of corporate governance in Malaysia by strengthening self and market discipline and promoting greater internalisation of the culture of good governance.

The Blueprint is the first major deliverable of the Capital Market Masterplan 2 (CMP2). Launched in April, the 10-year CMP2 aims to expand the role of the capital market in invigorating national economic growth but emphasises that growth is only sustainable if it is underpinned by a proper system of accountabilities and governance.

In formulating the Blueprint, extensive research and international benchmarking were undertaken to ensure that the recommendations are sufficiently robust while contextualised to suit the Malaysian corporate governance landscape.

Developed through a highly consultative process, the Blueprint focuses on six connected themes of the corporate governance ecosystem namely shareholder rights, the roles of institutional investors, boards, gatekeepers and influencers, disclosure and transparency as well as public and private enforcement.

The SC welcomes feedback from all interested parties and the public on the Blueprint. Submission of comments is open until September 15, 2011 and can be made via email to [CGBlueprint@seccom.com.my](mailto:CGBlueprint@seccom.com.my).

#### ***SC Receives Guidelines for Corporate Bonds and Sukuk***

The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) on July 12, 2011 issued the revised Private Debt Securities (PDS) Guidelines, Sukuk Guidelines and Trust Deed Guidelines to enhance the regulatory framework for fundraising and product regulation in the Private Debt Securities and Sukuk markets.

The revisions are in line with the broader objectives of the Capital Market Masterplan 2 (CMP2) which seeks to achieve higher levels of operational efficiency, enhanced standards for fair and ethical business practices and strengthen internal controls for business conduct and risk management.

The revised PDS and Sukuk Guidelines streamline the approval process and time-to-market for the issuance of corporate bonds and Sukuk. The revisions also facilitate a more informed investment decision-making process with additional provisions to ensure greater disclosure of relevant information to investors.

The revised Sukuk Guidelines provide greater clarity on the application of Shariah rulings and principles endorsed by the SC's Shariah Advisory Council in relation to Sukuk transactions while the Trust Deed Guidelines improves disclosure standards and protection for corporate bond and Sukuk holders.

Malaysia is currently the largest Sukuk market in the world, accounting for about 65% of the global issues, while the bond market is the 3rd largest as a percentage to GDP in Asia (ex-Japan). The revised Guidelines will help Malaysia maintain its leading position by continuously attracting both local and international issuers and investors into the corporate bond and Sukuk markets.

The revised Private Debt Securities Guidelines, Sukuk Guidelines and Trust Deed Guidelines will supersede the Guidelines on the Offering of Private Debt Securities, Guidelines on the Offering of Islamic Securities, Guidelines on the Minimum Contents Requirements for Trust Deeds and all the related Practice Notes respectively.

### ***Companies Must Continue to Comply with Quarterly Reporting Requirements***

The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) would like to clarify that while the practice of quarterly reporting will be reviewed in line with various proposals to improve disclosure and transparency under the newly announced Corporate Governance Blueprint 2011, the existing requirements for listed companies to report on quarterly basis still stands.

Financial reporting serves as a valuable tool in providing investors with information to assist them in making investment decisions. As there are varying views on the appropriate frequency for such reports, practices differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. These will therefore be the focus of discussions and the consultation process on this issue following the release of the Blueprint.

However even as the SC undertakes its review, it wishes to remind companies that they are expected to continue observing high standards of disclosure at all times.

Companies must ensure that all disclosures to the public are accurate, and a truthful record of the facts, as this is a legal requirement.

### ***SC Q2 Scorecard 2011: Capital Market Remains Vibrant***

Malaysia's capital market saw a vibrant second quarter buoyed by higher interest in all sectors of the market.

During the second quarter, the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) had received a total of 45 corporate proposals (35 proposals in Q1 2011), 16 of which were equity applications, while the remaining 29 were for Private Debt Securities (PDS).

Out of the 16 equity applications, ten were Initial Public Offering (IPO) applications with a total potential market capitalisation of approximately RM13.36 billion. The SC also approved nine IPOs in Q2 which are expected to have a combined potential market capitalisation of RM17.04 billion. The nine approved IPOs are expected to raise a total of RM5.48 billion.

The number of PDS approvals also increased, with 26 approvals this quarter compared to 17 in the first quarter. The total funds approved to be raised from ringgit-denominated PDS increased by 150% to RM34.3 billion in the second quarter of 2011 compared to RM13.7 billion in the first quarter.

Meanwhile, the SC has also approved 31 applications for new collective investment schemes, a marked increase from 16 approved in Q1 2011. Of the 31 applications for new funds, 14 were for the establishment of new unit trust funds, 16 were for the establishment of wholesale funds and one approval was given for the establishment of a Shariah-compliant real estate investment trust (REIT).

The SC maintained its strong performance standard with 99.86 percent of licensing applications and 100 percent of the corporate proposals processed within the time charters. A total of 1559 licensing applications were received in the second quarter.

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 second quarter of 2011 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 BERHAD**

### ***Appointment of Independent Non-Executive Director***

Bursa Malaysia Berhad has announced the appointment of YBhg Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Abdul Samad bin Haji Alias as an Independent Non-Executive Director, effective July 7, 2011.

Tan Sri Abdul Samad will also be appointed as Chairman of the Audit Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee upon his appointment to the Board of Bursa Malaysia.

For further information, please visit [www.bursamalaysia.com](http://www.bursamalaysia.com).

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## **News from IFAC and IASB**

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### **INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (IFAC)**

#### ***Aspiring Professional Accountants***

The International Accounting Education Standards Board (IAESB) has released for public exposure a proposed revision of International Education Standard (IES) 5, *Practical Experience Requirements*. IES 5 currently prescribes the practical experience International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) member bodies should require before qualification as a professional accountant. In addition, this IES can be helpful to educational organisations, employers, regulators, government authorities, and any other stakeholders who support the practical experience of professional accountants.

The revision of IES 5 continues to support the use of practical experience in developing the competence of an aspiring professional accountant, but also proposes:

- Greater flexibility in measuring practical experience'
- Permitting supervisors or mentors to direct an aspiring professional accountant's experience
- Requiring practical experience to be recorded in a verifiable and consistent form.

"The IAESB believes that relevant practical experience is at the heart of the development of competence of a professional accountant. This revision of IES 5 reflects the different ways that experience can be gained, and is a significant step from a rules-based approach to a system based on principles," explained Mark

Allison, chairman of the IAESB. "IFAC member bodies will be required to demonstrate that the method of gaining experience follows one of three approaches: input-based, output-based, or a combination of input- and output-based approaches. We have ensured that this approach to experience requirements for Initial Professional Development is consistent with that recently issued for the Continuing Professional Development (IES 7) of experienced professional accountants."

The IAESB has undertaken a project to redraft all eight of its IESs in accordance with its new clarity drafting conventions, as outlined in its *2010-2012 Strategy and Work Plan*. 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*. Proposed revisions of IES 4, *Professional Values, Ethics, and Attitudes*, and IES 6, *Assessment of Professional Competence*, were released for exposure in April 2011. IES 1, *Entry Requirements to a Program of Professional Accounting Education*, was released on June 21, 2011. The comment period for these three IESs is still open. 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 on the exposure draft are requested by **October 8, 2011**.

For further information, please visit [www.ifac.org](http://www.ifac.org).

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

### ***2010 Annual Report Published***

The 2010 Annual Report of the IFRS Foundation has been published and is available for download from the IASB website. The annual report comprises three sections

- Section 1 - *Trustees of the IFRS Foundation: Inspiring confidence and trust in independent standard-setting;*
- Section 2 - *Activities of the IFRS Foundation: Financial reporting for global capital markets*
- Section 3 - *Financials*

### ***IASB and FASB Announce Intention to Re-Expose Leasing Proposals***

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and the US-based Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) announced their intention to re-expose their revised proposals for a common leasing standard. Re-exposing the revised proposals will provide interested parties with an opportunity to comment on revisions the boards have undertaken since the publication of an exposure draft on leasing in August 2010.

Even though the boards have not completed all of their deliberations, the decisions taken to date were sufficiently different from those published in the exposure draft to warrant re-exposure of the revised proposals. The boards intend to complete their deliberations, including consideration of the comment period, during Q3 2011 with a view to publishing a revised exposure draft shortly afterwards.

Commenting on the decision, Hans Hoogervorst, Chairman of the IASB said:

“Although we have yet to conclude our deliberations on this project, the direction of travel indicates that there are aspects of our revised proposals that would benefit from additional input from interested parties”.

Leslie F Seidman, Chairman of the FASB, said:

“During our discussions of the extensive comments we received on the exposure draft, the boards have reaffirmed the major change to lease accounting, which is to report lease obligations and the related right-to-use on the balance sheet.

However, the boards decided to make many other changes to address the comments made by stakeholders. The boards decided that, while we still have other matters to discuss, stakeholders would appreciate the opportunity to comment on the revised package of conclusions”.

Further details will be available shortly from the leases project sections of the IASB and FASB websites.

### ***IASB Launches a Public Consultation on its Future Work Programme***

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) launched a public consultation to seek broad public input on the strategic direction and overall balance of its future work programme.

Since the creation of the IASB in 2001, International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) have increasingly become the internationally accepted financial reporting language around the world. As the number of jurisdictions applying IFRSs increases, stakeholders have identified new accounting issues for consideration by the IASB.

The consultation document published today asks deliberately open questions to gather views on the IASB’s future work programme from all those involved in or affected by financial reporting. In particular, the IASB is seeking feedback on how it should balance the development of financial reporting with the maintenance of IFRSs and—with consideration of our time and resource constraints—those areas of financial reporting that should be given the highest priority for further improvement.

Introducing the agenda consultation, Hans Hoogervorst, Chairman of the IASB, said:

“Up until now, the agenda of the IASB has largely been determined by the need to support a first wave of jurisdictions adopting IFRSs and the completion of our programme to improve IFRSs and align them with US GAAP. With this work largely completed, our attention can now turn to new issues that may require our attention. We seek your views to get the balance and the direction of our future work plan right”.

The consultation period on the future work programme of the IASB closes on November 30, 2011.

The IASB and staff will hold an interactive webcast on the agenda consultation at 9am (London time) and 3pm (London time) on August 3, 2011. To register, visit the **August 3, 2011 meetings diary** page on [www.ifrs.org](http://www.ifrs.org).

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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### MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS (MIA)

#### **Accountancy: Education & Career Seminar (ACES)**

The Malaysian Institute of Accountants is organising the *Accountancy: Education & Career Seminar (ACES) Road Show* which will be held from September 2011 – February 2012.

The road show is expected to target and reach out to 1,400 MARA Junior Science Colleges (MRSM) students from 5 zones – Alor Gajah, Kuantan, Pengkalan Chepa, Merbok and Taiping.

The MICPA will be participating in the above Education & Career Seminar.

#### **MIA-AFA Conference 2011**

The MIA is collaborating with the ASEAN Federation of Accountants (AFA) is organising the *MIA International Accountants Conference and the 17<sup>th</sup> AFA Conference* on November 2 – 3, 2011 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

With the theme *Converge, Transform, Sustain: Towards World Class Excellence*”, the conference is set to attract over 2,500 accountants, senior business leaders and decision makers from ASEAN and the Asia Pacific region.

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