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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.

Announcements

MICPA 51st Anniversary Commemorative Lecture cum Luncheon

The Institute will be holding its 51st Anniversary Commemorative Lecture cum Luncheon on **Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at Sime Darby Convention Centre at 12.30 p.m.**

YBhg Datuk Seri Panglima Andrew Sheng, Chief Adviser to the China Banking Regulatory Commission will deliver the Commemorative Lecture titled ***The New Economic Model and the Role of Accountants***. He is also a member of the MICPA.

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.

MICPA Education & Training

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, please click [here](#).

Pathways Route to ICAEW Membership

- 2nd Workshop Session

MICPA in collaboration with ICAEW will be conducting a 2nd Workshop Session for Members who wish to apply for membership to ICAEW under the Pathways Route. The workshop will be a platform where the ICAEW Facilitator, Mr Ong Lu Yuen will provide general advice and guidance on the Examination of Experience.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, **April 22, 2010 between 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at MICPA Training Room (Level 4), No. 15 Jalan Medan Tuanku, 50300 Kuala Lumpur.**

To register for the workshop session, kindly fax the Reply Slip to the MICPA Secretariat latest by Monday, April 19, 2010 in order for the Institute to facilitate arrangements. The workshop is conducted on a Free-of-Charge (FOC) basis. To download the Reply Slip, 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. In this regard, students registered for Term 1, 2010 are now able to enroll the pre-focus sessions conducted by Sunway-TES.

For further information, please contact Sunway-TES on Tel: 03-7491 8622 / 7491 8623.

Activities of the Institute

Schedule of MICPA Events for 2010

We are pleased to inform that the schedule of events for 2010 has been made available on the MICPA website under Events/CPD in the Homepage. For further information, please click [here](#).

12th MICPA Accountancy Week

We are pleased to inform that the 12th MICPA Accountancy Week was successfully held from **February 27 to March 6, 2010** with the theme ***New Age Professionalism***. A series of events were carried out during the week including:

- accounting quiz (AccQuiz) for upper secondary schools;
- accounting students quiz;
- management simulation game;
- sports and games competition; and
- career counseling sessions.

The Institute would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the supporters and sponsors for the 12th MICPA Accountancy Week.

A special mention also goes to the Accounting Club of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) for co-organising the Management Simulation Game and to the Accounting Clubs of Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) - APAcS, ABACCS, AFTAS for co-organising the Sports and Games Competition.

MICPA Participates in Professional Career Talks

The Institute continues to embark on an aggressive marketing strategy to position the Revised MICPA Programme and CPA Malaysia qualification. 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. In March 2010, the Institute participated in the following:

Professional Career Talks:

- ***Politeknik Sultan Azlan Shah*** – On Wednesday, March 3, 2010, YBhg Datin Fadzilah Saad, Council Member of MICPA gave a presentation to 38 students undertaking the Diploma in Accountancy and 2 accompanying lecturers;
- ***Politeknik Tuanku Sultanah Bahiyah*** – On Thursday, March 4, 2010, En Mohd Noor Abu Bakar, Managing Partner, IMRAN and a member of MICPA made a presentation to 37 students undertaking the Diploma in Accountancy and 3 accompanying lecturers;
- ***Politeknik Ungku Omar*** – On Friday, March 5, 2010, Mr Thong Foo Vung, Partner of KPMG and a member of MICPA made a presentation to 30 students undertaking the Diploma in Accountancy and 10 accompanying lecturers;
- ***SMK Puteri Titiwangsa*** – On Friday, March 5, 2010, Mr Tan Choon Hai, Education & Training Manager, MICPA made a presentation to 40 students undertaking the Principles of Accounts and 1 accompanying teacher;
- ***UiTM Alor Gajah*** – On Tuesday, March 16, 2010, Encik Mohd Noor Abu Bakar, Managing Partner, IMRAN and a member of MICPA made a presentation to 200 students undertaking the Bachelor of Accountancy, Diploma in Accountancy and Information Systems;
- ***UiTM Seri Iskandar*** – On Thursday, March 18, 2010, Mr Lam Weng Keat, Tax Director at KPMG Tax Services Sdn Bhd, Ipoh and a member of MICPA made a presentation to 200 students undertaking the Bachelor of Accountancy, Diploma in Accountancy and Information Systems;
- ***UiTM Shah Alam*** – On Sunday, March 21, 2010, the Institute's Executive Director made a presentation to over 250 students undertaking the Bachelor of Accountancy programme. Cik Nur Amiza Aman, Senior Executive in Bank Negara Malaysia and a member of MICPA also shared her experience with the students on undertaking the CPA Programme; and
- ***Politeknik Kota Bahru*** – On Tuesday, March 30, 2010 En Ahmad Nasri Abdul Wahab, Audit Principal, KPMG and a member of MICPA made a presentation to 34 students undertaking the Diploma in Accountancy and 2 accompanying lecturers.

Approved Training Organisations

The Institute in collaboration with Petronas had a student engagement session with Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM) Bachelor of Accountancy students on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. Encik Ahmad Nasri Abdul Wahab, Audit Principal, KPMG and a member of MICPA made a presentation to over 150 students.

The Institute would like to extend our appreciation to all the above Speakers who had given their undivided time to assist in promoting the Revised MICPA Programme to potential students.

To date, 77 approved training organisations (ATOs) are registered with the Institute where students can undertake training. To view the list of ATOs, visit the MICPA website www.micpa.com.my under the 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: vic.pr@micpa.com.my.

MICPA Technical Updates

INLAND REVENUE BOARD (IRB)

Guideline with Regard to Tax Exemptions on Subsidy/Grant and Income of Statutory Authorities

Further to Circular No.TEC/013/03/2010/W dated March 3, 2010, members' are informed that the IRB has recently issued the following Guidelines:

1. Guideline with regard to tax exemptions on subsidy/grant and income of Statutory Authorities
2. Real Property Gains Tax Guideline (RPGTA 1976) from January 1, 2010

The above Guidelines can be downloaded from the IRB's website at:

<http://www.hasil.gov.my/lhdnv3/index.jsp?process=16000&menu1=0&m2=7&ms2=GarisPanduanTeknikal>

Programme for Submission of Year 2010 Tax Return Forms

Further to Circular No.TEC/014/03/2010/W dated March 9, 2010, members' are informed that the IRB has recently issued the filing programme for the year 2010 to provide the latest information with regard to the submission of tax returns, repayment and Real Property Gains Tax.

For further information, please refer to the Circular which can be downloaded from the MICPA website www.micpa.com.my in the Members' Area.

Members may also refer to the Filing Programme which can be downloaded at:

http://www.hasil.gov.my/lhdnv3e/documents/maklumat_terkini/Program%20Memfailkan%20Borang%20Tahun%202010.pdf.

Additional Notes to the Programme for Submission of Year 2010 Tax Return Forms

Following the Circular No.TEC/014/03/2010/W dated March 9, 2010, please be informed that the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) has issued Additional Notes to Item 1 of the filing programme for year 2010 on submission of tax return forms BE, B, M, P, TP, TJ and TF.

For further information, please refer to the Circular which can be downloaded from the MICPA website www.micpa.com.my in the Members' Area.

Members may also refer to the Additional Notes to the Filing Programme at:
http://www.hasil.gov.my/lhdnv3e/documents/maklumat_terkini/Tamb.%20kpd%20Program%20Memfailkan%20Borang%20bagi%20Tahun%202010.pdf

MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF)

Proposals for Year 2011 National Budget

Further to Circular No.TEC/015/03/2010/W dated March 9, 2010, members' are informed that the Institute will be submitting proposals for the National Budget to the Ministry of Finance.

In this regard, members were invited to contribute proposals for inclusion in the Institute's memorandum for the Year 2011 Budget, in particular relating to the following matters:

- Practical issues arising from recent amendments to the tax legislation, particularly the Income Tax Act relating to self-assessment system;
- Incentives for promoting investment;
- Specific industry issues which have implications on income tax, real property gains tax or indirect taxes; and
- Tax matters relating to e-business.

All proposals should be submitted in writing so as to be received by the Secretary of the Institute by March 31, 2010.

ROYAL MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS

Minutes of Meeting of the Consultative Panel Between Customs and Private Sector 1/2010

Further to Circular No.TEC/016/03/2010/W dated March 12, 2010, members are informed that the Consultative Panel between Customs and Private Sector provides a forum for discussion of practical issues and suggestions relating to customs and excise matters.

At the meeting of the Consultative Panel (1/2010) held on January 15, 2010, some of the issues discussed included the following:

- Waiver of sales tax for re-importation of rejected goods
- Exported taxable services
- Consultants/agents action on behalf of clients
- Service tax refund on bad debts
- Definition of manufacturers
- Transparency and progress of Customs Ruling

Members are informed that the minutes of the above-mentioned meeting of the Consultative Panel is now available on the MICPA website www.micpa.com.my in the Members' Area.

Amendments to Malaysian Customs Law & Subsidiary Legislations

Further to Circular No.TEC/017/03/2010/W dated March 12, 2010, members are informed that during the year 2009, the Royal Malaysian Customs had issued a total of 58 amendments to the Act, Regulations, Orders and Notification.

The above amendments can be purchased at Percetakan Nasional Berhad, Jalan Chan Sow Lin, Kuala Lumpur, Tel: 03-9221 2011, Fax: 03-9223 8941.

For further information, please refer to the Circular which can be downloaded from the MICPA website www.micpa.com.my in the Members' Area.

Issues for Discussion by Consultative Panel Between Customs and Private Sector

Further to Circular No.TEC/020/03/2010/W dated March 23, 2010, 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 submitted by the private sector.

In this regard, members are invited to submit any suggestions or practical problems that you may have encountered in your work or practice relating to customs and excise, and where deemed appropriate by the Institute, would be submitted for discussion by the Panel.

Members are requested to forward your submissions to the Secretariat by fax at 03-2698 9622 or email: technical@micpa.com.my, preferably by Monday, April 5, 2010.

COMPANIES COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA (SSM)

Relocation of Office

Further to Circular No.TEC/018/03/2010/W dated March 18, 2010, members are informed that SSM has moved all its offices at Putra Place to its new office building at KL Sentral with effect from March 12, 2010.

Nevertheless, the SSM's business registration counters located at Level 2, Putra Place will still be operating until further notice. Should you have any enquiries, please contact SSM's Public Affairs Department at Tel: 03-2299 5525/5536.

For further information, please refer to the Circular which can be downloaded from the MICPA website www.micpa.com.my in the Members' Area.

MALAYSIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (MASB)

Amendments to FRS 1, FRS 7 and FRS 132

Further to Circular No.TEC/021/03/2010/W dated March 25, 2010, members are informed that the MASB has recently issued three amendments to three existing FRSs as follows:

- *Limited Exemption from Comparative FRS 7 Disclosures for First-time Adopters* (Amendment to FRS 1)
- *Improving Disclosures about Financial Instruments* (Amendments to FRS 7)
- Amendments to FRS 132, Financial Instruments: Presentation

The Amendments to FRS 1 and FRS 7 shall apply to financial statements of annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2011.

The Amendments in paragraphs 95A, 97AA and 97AB of FRS 132 shall apply to financial statements of annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2010. The Amendments in paragraphs 11, 16 and 97E of FRS 132 relating to Classification of Rights Issues shall apply to financial statements of annual periods beginning on or after March 1, 2010.

These pronouncements are already effective internationally and, except for Amendments to FRS 132, are identical to those issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB).

For further information, please refer to the Circular which can be downloaded from the MICPA website www.micpa.com.my in the Members' Area.

SECURITIES COMMISSION MALAYSIA (SC)

Members in Practice

- Briefing on Audit Oversight Board (AOB)

Further to Circular No.MEM/03/01/10 (W) dated March 29, 2010, members are informed that the Audit Oversight Board (AOB) has been established under the Securities Commission (Amendment) Act 2010. The Chairman of the SC has announced that the AOB will commence operations on April 1, 2010 and that an AOB Implementation Steering Committee has been set up to formulate the registration criteria for auditors of public interest entities.

The SC together with the MIA and MICPA is organising a **briefing on the operations of the AOB** and related matters on **Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at Auditorium LG1, Securities Commission, 3 Persiaran Bukit Kiara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** The briefing will cover the responsibilities of the AOB and duties of auditors under the AOB.

An invitation is extended to two (2) representatives from your firm to attend the above briefing session. Please confirm your attendance via email to: micpa@micpa.com.my or fax the [Reply Form](#) to: 03-2698 9403 latest by Friday, April 2, 2010.

For further information, please refer to the Circular which can be downloaded from the MICPA website www.micpa.com.my in the Members' Area.

Members Updates

Membership Data Update

Further to Circular No. MEM/01/11/2009 dated November 20, 2009 members are 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 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 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, 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.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programmes

Goods and Services Tax – Alleviating the Pain of Getting Ready

The MICPA is organising a one-day Seminar on *Goods and Services Tax – Alleviating the Pain of Getting Ready* on April 8, 2010 at Concorde Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The seminar aims to provide insights into the aspects on GST implementation with the lessons learnt from other countries. Participants will be able to gain a better understanding of GST, map out strategies for preparing and adapting GST and insights on the potential implications of GST on businesses. 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 April 19-20, 2010 at The Legend Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The main objective of the workshop is to 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**, 5th Edition 2009 worth RM125.00. For further information, please click [here](#).

Business Combinations and Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements (Revised FRS 3 and Revised FRS 127)

The MICPA is organising a one-day Seminar on *Business Combinations and Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements (Revised FRS 3 and Revised FRS 127)* on April 26, 2010 at Best Western Premier Seri Pacific Kuala Lumpur.

The seminar focuses on the application aspects of the revised FRS 3 and the revised FRS 127 and aims to update participants with the latest thinking on the subject of business combinations and consolidation in the two revised standards. For further information, please click [here](#).

Financial Instruments: Recognition, Measurement, Presentation & Disclosures (FRS 139, FRS 132, FRS 7, Amendments & IFRS 9)

The MICPA is organising a two-day Workshop on *Financial Instruments: Recognition, Measurement, Presentation & Disclosures (FRS 139, FRS 132, FRS 7, Amendments & IFRS 9)* on April 28 – 29, 2010 at The Legend Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The objective of the workshop is to assist participants to understand the complexities of accounting for financial instruments in the every dynamic, volatile and globalised financial markets. Participants will learn the application of recognition and measurement requirements in the standards, hedge accounting requirements of the standards and the presentation and disclosure requirements of the standards.

Each participant will receive a complimentary copy of the book, **Financial Instruments: Recognition, Measurement, Presentation & Disclosures**, 1st Edition 2010 worth RM100.00. For further information, please click [here](#).

News from Regulatory Bodies

BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA (BNM)

Ensuring Access to Basic Motor Insurance Coverage for Third Party Bodily Injury and Death

The Government, during the Budget 2010 Announcement, had announced the need to provide a basic motor insurance coverage for third party bodily injury and death (TPBID), at a reasonable premium that is commensurate with the level of protection provided. Bank Negara Malaysia has been working closely with the relevant authorities in formulating this new TPBID scheme.

The proposed new TPBID scheme is still at the formulation stage. Bank Negara Malaysia will be engaging with the relevant stakeholders, which include consumer, trade and industry associations as well as professional bodies, as part of the normal consultation process undertaken by Bank Negara Malaysia for major initiatives.

These consultation sessions will serve as the platform to obtain feedback from the relevant stakeholders, prior to submitting the proposal for the new TPBID Scheme to the Government for consideration. For further information, please visit www.bnm.gov.my.

SECURITIES COMMISSION MALAYSIA (SC)

SC Collaborates with Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies to Advance Islamic Finance

In a press release dated March 11, 2010, the Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) announced that they have joined hands with the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) to create an international platform for debate, dialogue and study on contemporary issues and challenges faced in Islamic finance.

The inaugural collaboration between SC and OCIS, well-known for its research and academic excellence, will help further facilitate intellectual discourse among Islamic finance experts, Shariah advisers and scholars from around the world. For further information, please visit <http://www.sc.com.my>.

COMPANIES COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA (SSM)

The Regional Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime 2010

The SSM in collaboration with the Centre for International Documentation on Economic and Organised Crime (CIDOEC) will be organising the *Regional Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime 2010* with the theme *Attaining Corporate Resilience Through Governance and Integrity* on June 22 – 24, 2010 at the Shangri-La Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

The MICPA is a supporting organisation of the Symposium and members who register to attend will be able to enjoy a preferential rate of registration fee of RM1,800 for the Symposium.

For further information on the Symposium and registration details, please contact Pn Norhaslinda Salleh at 03-40476023 or email: norhaslinda@ssm.com.my.

News from IFAC and IASB

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (IFAC)

Global Accountancy Leaders Support IFAC's Focus on SMEs and their Financial Advisors

Global accountancy leaders support the IFAC's recommendations to intensify its efforts to strengthen small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and accounting Practices (SMPs).

IFAC recently convened the chief executives of more than 40 accountancy organisations to discuss how to further alleviate the challenges arising from the recent global financial crisis--also identified in IFAC's 2009 Global Leadership Survey.

The following areas were at the top of the list for the chief executives who attended IFAC's annual meeting:

- Expand monitoring of global regulatory reform to ensure its suitability for SMEs and SMPs
- Increase the visibility and voice of SMEs and SMPs
- Collaborate with IFAC members to develop guides and resources to provide practical assistance to SMPs

The chief executives also agreed that IFAC should consider how to increase the participation of SMEs and SMPs in its standard-setting activities.

The chief executives backed IFAC's proposal to increase emphasis on sustainability reporting and corporate governance-related matters in its priorities for future action.

IFAC will take a stronger role in urging businesses to integrate sustainability throughout the whole of an organisation's decision-making processes. The chief executives supported IFAC's co-operative work with the Prince of Wales' Accounting for Sustainability Project and its development of an international connected reporting committee to advance decision making and reporting on sustainability.

The chief executives agreed corporate governance was essential to effective financial reform and that IFAC should press for the implementation of good corporate governance principles, both in the private and public sectors. The accountancy profession's support for national financial frameworks that embrace corporate governance will be discussed at a joint conference hosted by IFAC and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in April in Geneva.

To access the complete results of the survey, see web.ifac.org/publications.

IFAC Launches New and Improved Publications and Resources Website

IFAC has launched a newly redesigned and expanded *Publications and Resources website*, featuring over 200 titles developed by IFAC and its standard-setting boards and committees. This new site improves the user experience through enhanced navigation and features, including links to recommended publications based on user's selection.

Explore all the new features and download IFAC publications and resources for free by visiting the website at web.ifac.org/publications.

IAESB Issues Consultation Paper on Competence Requirements for Audit Professionals

The International Accounting Education Standards Board (IAESB) will be revising International Education Standard (IES) 8, *Competence Requirements for Audit Professionals*, and strongly encourages organisations and individuals to comment on proposed revisions. Comments can be submitted through the IAESB's newly issued Consultation Paper, which can be found online at www.ifac.org/Guidance/EXD-Outstanding.php.

IES 8 is one of eight standards that address the principles of learning and development for professional accountants. The IESs prescribe good practice in learning and development for professional accountants and should be incorporated into the educational requirements of IFAC's membership body, which is comprised of professional accountancy institutes from around the world.

The IESs are also considered relevant to stakeholders interested in the education and development of professional accountants and audit professionals, such as public accounting firms, regulators and employees.

The IAESB is seeking guidance on a number of issues, including IES 8's target audience, the knowledge and skills required to work as a competent audit professional, and the advanced-level competences required by audit professionals. The IAESB's objective in revising IES 8 is to:

- Implement a revised structure that clearly sets out the objective of the IES;
- Clarify obligations imposed on IFAC member bodies;
- Eliminate ambiguity about the requirements;
- Improve the explanation and guidance to support consistent application of IES requirements; and
- Ensure consistency with the other IESs.

The IAESB encourages IFAC members, associates, and regional accountancy bodies to promote the availability of this Consultation Paper to their members and employees.

IAASB Welcomes New Auditing Research Initiative

The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) looks forward to findings from four new auditing research projects announced by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the International Association for Accounting Education and Research (IAAER). ACCA, which is funding the project, the IAASB, and the IAAER are committed to supporting this initiative as it will help to inform debate within the profession on a range of important subjects relating to auditing and assurance, and thereby contribute to public confidence in financial reporting.

Through conducting this research, ACCA and the IAAER seek to contribute to the development of the assurance profession around the world and the quality of the standards underpinning the services they provide. The research is expected to provide insights into matters of relevance to the IAASB.

Research topics have been selected in the following four areas:

- International consistency and convergence in the application of auditing standards;
- The implications of eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) for audits of, or other assurance services on, financial statements;
- The use of risk-based audit methodology by small- and medium-sized practices; and
- The nature of professional judgement in auditing.

For further information, please visit www.ifac.org.

IESBA Seeks Views on its Strategy and Work Plan for 2010 - 2012

The International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) has released for comment an exposure draft (ED) setting out its proposed strategy and work plan for the next three years. The proposed strategy and work plan focuses on the board's new projects and activities, which were selected based on the results of an IESBA-commissioned survey of interested parties.

The work plan for 2010–2012 includes the IESBA's intention to complete two high-priority projects from its previous work plan:

- *Conflicts of Interest.* The IESBA will expand existing guidance for professional accountants, whatever their role, who face conflicts of interest. This will include the types of situations that give rise to conflicts, the mechanisms that can serve as safeguards in a conflict situation, and ways to manage conflicts; and
- *Responding to Suspected Fraud or Illegal Acts.* The IESBA will provide guidance for all professional accountants on how to respond when encountering a suspected fraud or illegal act. This will include the threshold for taking action, the types of actions that may be taken, the process for responding, and the timing of any disclosure.

The IESBA also plans to begin a project that addresses the application of the “related entity” definition in the IESBA's *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) to audits of collective investment vehicles.

In addition to its standard-setting activities, the IESBA plans to continue to assess what additional material or activities would be useful to support those who are adopting and implementing the Code. To further its objective of facilitating convergence of international and national ethical standards—including independence requirements—the IESBA will liaise closely with national standard setters and regulators to identify and understand their perspectives on convergence and to seek their views on how the Code can be a catalyst to achieve greater convergence.

Comments on the exposure draft are requested by **June 15, 2010**. For further information, please visit www.ifac.org.

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (IASB)

IASC Foundation Publishes Second Batch of Training Material for the IFRS for SMEs

The International Accounting Standards Committee (IASC) Foundation has published the second batch of training material for the *International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs)*.

The training material is designed to assist companies and accounting practitioners in applying the IFRS. It will also assist educators in teaching how to apply the *IFRS for SMEs*. The remaining material will be published in the course of this year as it is completed.

The free-to-download training material forms part of a range of initiatives undertaken by the IASC Foundation and the International Accounting Standards Board to support the widespread adoption of the *IFRS for SMEs*. The training material is available for download from <http://go.iasb.org/smetraining>.

Train-the-trainers programme

As part of these activities the IASC Foundation recently held Train-the-Trainers workshops in India and Malaysia jointly with the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA). The workshops support the development of local trainers to teach implementation of the *IFRS for SMEs* within their own jurisdictions.

The next IASC Foundation workshop will be held in Tanzania on May 11 – 13, 2010, hosted jointly with the Eastern Central and Southern African Federation of Accountants (ECSAFA). Similar regional workshops will be held in the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean later in 2010. For further information, please visit: www.iasb.org.

IASC Foundation Invites Public Comment on the Proposed IFRS Taxonomy 2010 and Releases a New IFRS Viewing Tool

The IASC invites public comment on the *exposure draft of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) Taxonomy 2010*, which was published on February 19, 2010. The proposed taxonomy contains significant architectural improvements when compared with the 2009 version, and for the first time, integrates the IFRSs and the IFRS for SMEs into a single taxonomy.

To facilitate review of the proposed taxonomy, the IASC Foundation is pleased to provide a new tool, xIFRS (IFRS with XBRL). Available to eIFRS subscribers only, xIFRS supports viewing and understanding of the IFRS Taxonomy, without requiring any knowledge of XBRL. xIFRS provides a view of the electronic IFRSs with embedded XBRL, and it is available for both the IFRSs and the IFRS for SMEs.

The IFRS Taxonomy 2010 is a translation of IFRSs as issued on January 1, 2010 into XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language). XBRL is rapidly becoming the format of choice for the electronic filing of financial information - particularly within jurisdictions reporting under IFRSs - because it facilitates simpler and faster filing and comparison of IFRS financial data by companies, regulators, investors, analysts and other users of the IFRS Taxonomy.

Interested parties are invited to comment on the exposure draft of the IFRS Taxonomy 2010 by April 22, 2010. For further information, please visit www.iasb.org.

IASB and FASB publish proposals on Reporting Entity Concept

The IASB and US Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) has recently published for public comment an exposure draft on the reporting entity concept. The proposals form part of a joint project to develop a common and improved **conceptual framework** that provides the basis for developing future accounting standards.

A discussion paper on the reporting entity concept was published in May 2008. Respondents broadly supported the boards' preliminary views. In response to these comments the exposure draft proposes what a reporting entity is and when an entity controls another entity.

Comments on the exposure draft are invited by 16 July 2010. To access the exposure draft *Conceptual Framework for Financial Reporting: The Reporting Entity* go to the Open to Comment page or visit www.fasb.org.

New IFRS for SMEs Update Newsletter

The IASB has published the first issue of the IFRS for SMEs Update newsletter – a regular staff summary of news relating to the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs). To view the IFRS for SMEs Update, please visit www.iasb.org.

News from Professional Bodies

MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS (MIA)

Accountancy Career and Education Fair (ACEF) 2010

The Malaysian Institute of Accountants will be organising the Accountancy Career and Education Fair 2010 on April 16 - 18, 2010 at the Mid-Valley Exhibition Centre, Kuala Lumpur. The MICPA in collaboration with The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ICAA) will be participating as an Exhibitor in the fair. Do come along and visit us at booth No.391 located in *Accountancy Career Section*.

World Congress of Accountants 2010

Malaysia will host the 18th World Congress of Accountants 2010 which will be held in Kuala Lumpur on November 8-11, 2010 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. For further information, please click [here](#).

Members' Firms Update

Deloitte Malaysia Strengthens GST Team

Deloitte Malaysia announced on March 1, 2010 that Mr Peter Devlin has been appointed as Executive Director and head of its rapidly expanding indirect tax team in Malaysia. Peter brings with him more than 15 years of indirect tax experience in the GST/ VAT service lines in Canada, Australia, Ireland, Singapore and Malaysia. In his new role, Peter will have charge of customs duties and will initially focus on assisting companies prepare for the implementation of GST in Malaysia.

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