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UPCOMING CPD EVENTS

- Aug 7 Tax Incentives in Malaysia – Latest Updates and Developments
- Aug 8 MICPA Morning Talk on “Implementation and Enforcement of the New Practice Review Framework”
- Aug 13 Share Capital with No Par Value, Share Buybacks & Redeemable Preference Shares: Accounting Implications
- Aug 27 - 28 Practical Auditing Methodology for SMPs

MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES

IRB - Amendment to Public Ruling No. 1/2014: Withholding Tax on Special Classes of Income

Issue Date July 3

Description Members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) had on June 27, 2018 amended Paragraphs 14.1 and 19, Examples 24, 25, 29, 30, 31, and 36 and deleted Paragraph 8.5(f) of Public Ruling No. 1/2014: Withholding Tax on Special Classes of Income issued on January 23, 2014.

RMC - Due Diligence and Customs Agent Code of Ethics

Issue Date July 6

Description Members are informed that the Royal Malaysian Customs (RMC) has posted the Due Diligence and Customs Agent Code of Ethics.

MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES

IRB - Amendment to Public Ruling No. 7/2017: Disposal of Plant or Machinery Part I - Other Than Controlled Sales

Issue Date July 10

Description Members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) has amended Paragraph 7.4 of Public Ruling No. 7/2017: Disposal of Plant or Machinery Part I - Other Than Controlled Sales (to both the Bahasa Malaysia and English versions) with the insertion of Example 9 on July 6, 2018.

IRB - Minutes of Dialogue for Post 2018 Budget Issues

Issue Date July 20

Description A dialogue between the Tax Policy Department of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) and representatives from MICPA, CTIM, MIA and MAICSA, amongst other bodies was held on January 12, 2018 to discuss on issues arising from the 2018 Budget.

IRB - Minutes of Meeting of Working Group with Accounting Bodies – Desire No. 1/2018

Issue Date July 20

Description The DESIRE Working Group Meeting No. 1/2018 was held between the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) and representatives from the MICPA, MIA and CTIM amongst other bodies on April 17, 2018 to discuss on any issues pertaining to the improvement and upgrade to the IRBM's tax operations delivery system.

For further details on MICPA Technical Updates, log on to <http://www.micpa.com.my/resources/for-members/circulars/>

REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES

BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA (BNM)

International Reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia as at 29 June 2018

Issue Date July 6

Description The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia amounted to USD104.7 billion as at 29 June 2018.

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REGULATORY DIALOGUES
IN JULY

- July 12 2019 Budget Consultation at MOF
- July 19 Briefing session on Implementation of SST at RMCD Kelana Jaya
- July 20 Meeting to discuss on IP tax incentives at MOF



REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)**BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA (BNM) (CONT'D)****Monetary Policy Statement**

Issue Date July 11

Description At its meeting today, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Bank Negara Malaysia decided to maintain the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 3.25 percent.

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Promoting usage of Bahasa Kebangsaan in the Financial Sector

Issue Date July 12

Description Sekretariat Gerakan Bahasa Kebangsaan Sektor Kewangan Bank Negara Malaysia continues to undertake initiatives to enhance, promote and implement the usage of Bahasa Kebangsaan in the financial industry, in line with our financial inclusion initiatives and to generate greater awareness on matters concerning financial consumers.

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International Reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia as at 13 July 2018

Issue Date July 20

Description The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia amounted to USD104.6 billion as at 13 July 2018.

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Detailed Disclosure of International Reserves as at end-June 2018

Issue Date July 31

Description Click link for more info.

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Monetary and Financial Developments in June 2018

Issue Date July 31

Description Click link for more info.

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REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)**MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF)**

Services & Operation Suspension Notice Issued for Suria Synergy Energy Resources (SSER) with a Construction Cost of RM9.4 Billion & East Coast Rail Link (ECRL) that costs RM81 Billion

Issue Date July 6

Description Suria Strategic Energy Resources Sdn Bhd (SSER) and Malaysia Rail Link Sdn. Bhd. (MRL) are Minister of Finance Inc. (MoF Inc.) wholly-owned subsidiaries. SSER has been given a mandate to undertake the Multi-Product Pipeline (MPP) and the Trans-Sabah Gas Pipeline (TSGP) projects. Whereas, MRL was mandated to undertake the East Coast Rail Link (ECRL).

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The Finance Ministry Has Appointed A New Chairman And An Executive Committee (EXCO) Led By An Accounting Firm, Grant Thornton Malaysia To Operate SSER

Issue Date July 11

Description The Minister of Finance Inc., the sole shareholder of Suria Strategic Energy Resources Sdn Bhd (SSER) who has taken control over SSER offices since 5 June 2018 has announced a new Chairman and the formation of an executive committee (EXCO).

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Projected Total Cost Of LRT3 Estimated At RM31.45 Billion Due To Poor Management By Prasarana Malaysia Bhd Requires Drastic Cost Reductions To Make The LRT3 Cost Effective

Issue Date July 11

Description The 37km Light Rait Transit 3 (LRT3) project is a critical project meant to alleviate the issue of traffic congestion along one of the most important and densely populated economic development corridor in the Klang Valley, from Klang to Petaling Jaya.

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REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)**MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) (CONT'D)**

Total cost of the LRT3 Project Reduced By 47% from RM31.65 billion to RM16.63 billion, Saving Malaysians RM15.02 billion

Issue Date July 12

Description On 30 March 2018, Prasarana Malaysia Bhd submitted the latest projected cost of the LRT3 project which amounted to RM31.65 billion. At the same time, Prasarana sought an additional financing of RM22 billion in the form of government guarantees, on top of the initial RM10 billion granted in 2015 to finance the project.

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GST is a Cradle-to-Grave Tax that Covers 60% of the CPI Basket of Goods and Services Compared to SST that is Taxable on only 38% of the CPI Basket of Goods

Issue Date July 19

Description The Goods and Services Tax (GST) is a cradle-to-grave tax that covers 60% of the CPI (Consumer Price Index) Basket of Goods and Services as compared to Sales and Services Tax (SST) that is taxable on only 38% of the CPI Basket of Goods.

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REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)**ROYAL MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT****Proposed Sales Tax Implementation Model**

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Sales Tax Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Proposed Goods Exempted From Sales Tax

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Proposed Service Tax Implementation Model

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Service Tax Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

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Guide on Entertainment Industry (revised as at 17 July 2018)

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Guide on Event Management Services (revised as at 17 July 2018)

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Guide on Travel Industry (revised as at 17 July 2018)

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OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (CAANZ)

Acuity – August 2018 Issue

Description Acuity - CAANZ's bi-monthly magazine on economics, finance and business.

Cover article: Can the Big Four keep winning?

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How technology is helping increase transparency in supply chains

Issue Date July 4

Description The opportunities for business to use blockchain to simplify processes and improve their reputation

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Keeping finance relevant

Issue Date July 20

Description Seven years ago, David Boyar FCA, was working as a business banker. The game-changing moment came when he visited a client that was exceeding every metric. Boyar admitted he was, "blown away." The company – a vertically integrated bedding manufacturer, was using advanced project costing, pricing projects and other types of analysis that Boyar didn't expect in a business of this smaller scale.

[Read more](#)

Why bad spreadsheets are killing your business

Issue Date July 20

Description I am pretty sure that spreadsheets are killing your business. The problem is that spreadsheets are risky. Really risky. Risk of formula error; risk of input error; risk of misinterpreting the outputs; version control risk; access control risk; data import risk; macro risk ... that's a lot of risk.

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (CAANZ)

The countdown is on - 100 days until WCOA

Issue Date July 27

Description The 100-day countdown for the world's premier accounting conference being held in Sydney has begun.

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INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (IFAC)

Updated Practical Support and Guidance for Small Business Audits

Issue Date July 17

Description Small- and medium-sized practices (SMPs) may require practical support when implementing the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) in audits of small- and medium-sized entities (SMEs).

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Three Ways to Effectively Manage Fee Pressure

Issue Date July 24

Description Pressure to lower fees has consistently appeared as one of the top challenges facing small- and medium-sized practices (SMPs).

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Accounting as a Social and Moral Practice

Issue Date July 30

Description Many people see accounting as little more than techniques, concepts and procedures—that is, as technical practice.

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INTERNATIONAL UPDATES (CONT'D)

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (IASB)

Feature: Reducing the gap between insurance and other industries

Issue Date July 5

Description Existing accounting practices in the insurance industry are widely perceived as opaque and inconsistent. For companies applying IFRS Standards, the accounting for insurance contracts currently differs significantly from the accounting for other contracts. This diversity poses unnecessary difficulties for potential investors.

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Supporting IFRS 17 implementation: insurance contracts issued by mutual entities

Issue Date July 10

Description As part of our activities to support the implementation of IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts, we have today published educational materials for insurance contracts issued by mutual entities

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IFRS 17 implementation: new support materials on reinsurance contracts held now available

Issue Date July 13

Description As part of our activities to support the implementation of IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts, we have today published a pocket guide on reinsurance contracts held and a simple example of a reinsurance contract held.

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July IASB Update published and work plan updated

Issue Date July 20

Description The July 2018 IASB Update has been published and the work plan updated.

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