

ANNOUNCEMENT

Save the Date:

- MICPA Open Day 2019 : August 8, 2019, MICPA Office
- MICPA Annual Dinner 2019 : August 23, 2019, Hilton Kuala Lumpur
- NACRA 2019 Award Presentation Dinner : November 28, 2019, The Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur

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MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES

Joint Tax Working Group on Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (MFRS 16)

Issue Date July 3

Description Further to the Institute's Circular No. TEC/044/05/2019/W dated May 31, 2019, the Joint Tax Working Group on Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards (JTWG-MFRS) has now finalised the Discussion Paper (DP) on MFRS 16 Leases and submitted the said DP to the Tax Authorities via letter dated June 28, 2019 for their consideration

Federal Government Gazette - Income Tax (Restriction on Deductibility of Interest) Rules 2019

Issue Date July 5

Description Members are informed that the Income Tax (Restriction on Deductibility of Interest) Rules 2019 [P.U. (A) 175/2019] has been published in the Federal Government Gazette on June 28, 2019.

IRB - Restriction on Deductibility of Interest Guidelines [Section 140C, Income Tax Act 1967]

Issue Date July 11

Description Members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) has issued the Restriction on Deductibility of Interest Guidelines [Section 140C, Income Tax Act 1967] on July 5, 2019.



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UPCOMING CPD EVENTS

- Aug 6 - 7 Practical Auditing Methodology for SMPs
- Aug 8 Cross-Border Taxation & Withholding Tax: Key Considerations
- Aug 20 - 21 Practical Auditing Methodology for SMPs
- Aug 20 Yearly Compliance Matters - Critical Issues on Annual Return, Audit, Accounts
- Aug 21 - 22 Effective Emailing
- Aug 22 Corporate Tax Planning
- Aug 26 Advanced Principles of Business Combination & Consultation

MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES (CONT'D)

IRB - Guidelines on Tax Exemption in respect of Increase in Chargeable Income from Business

Issue Date July 11

Description Members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) has issued the Guidelines on Tax Exemption in Respect of Increase in Chargeable Income from Business on April 9, 2019.

IRB - Frequently Asked Questions on Restriction on Deductibility of Interest Guidelines

Issue Date July 26

Description Members are informed that the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) has issued the updated Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the Restriction on Deductibility of Interest Guidelines on July 17, 2019.

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 28 June 2019

Issue Date July 5

Description The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia amounted to USD102.7 billion as at 28 June 2019. The reserves level has taken into account the quarterly adjustment for foreign exchange revaluation changes. The reserves position is sufficient to finance 7.3 months of retained imports and is 1.2 times total short-term external debt.

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Monetary Policy Statement

Issue Date July 9

Description At its meeting today, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of Bank Negara Malaysia decided to maintain the Overnight Policy Rate (OPR) at 3.00 percent.

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REGULATORY DIALOGUES

Jul 8 Meeting with MOF on Joint Tax Working Group on Malaysian Financial Reporting Standards' Discussion Paper on MFRS 15 together with IRB and MASB



REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)

BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA (BNM) (CONT'D)

International Reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia as at 15 July 2019

Issue Date July 22

Description The international reserves of Bank Negara Malaysia amounted to USD103.3 billion as at 15 July 2019. The reserves position is sufficient to finance 7.3 months of retained imports and is 1.2 times total short-term external debt.

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Detailed Disclosure of International Reserves as at end-June 2019

Issue Date July 31

Description In accordance with the IMF SDDS format, the detailed breakdown of international reserves provides forward-looking information on the size, composition and usability of reserves and other foreign currency assets, and the expected and potential future inflows and outflows of foreign exchange of the Federal Government and Bank Negara Malaysia over the next 12-month period.

[Read more](#)

Monetary and Financial Developments in June 2019

Issue Date July 31

Description Click link to download the document in Pdf format.

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF)

Ministry Of Finance Grants Three Year Extension For CGC TPUB-i Contract Financing Scheme Of RM300 Million Benefitting Bumiputra Entrepreneurs

Issue Date July 5

Description The Ministry of Finance has approved a three (3) year extension to Credit Guarantee Corporation Malaysia Berhad (CGC) to manage the revolving Tabung Projek Usahawan Bumiputera-i (TPUB-i) contract financing scheme up to 30 June 2022

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

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) confirms the GST law was broken and GST refunds that were not paid out to taxpayers were used for other purposes

Issue Date July 16

Description In early August 2018 when I first tabled in Parliament that there was RM19.4 Billion worth of GST refunds left unpaid as of 31 May 2018, taxpayers in Malaysia were shocked to find out that the Government had less than RM150 million in its Fund for GST Refunds to facilitate payment for GST refunds.

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Institutional Reforms, Political Stability, Fiscal Transparency And Accountability, Managing The Reduction Of Debts And Liabilities, Good Governance And Sustainable Economic Growth - Strong Credit Positives Towards Affirmation Of Malay

Issue Date July 20

Description The Ministry of Finance welcomes Fitch Ratings' confirmation of Malaysia's sovereign credit ratings at A- with a stable outlook on 18 July 2019, which follows similar confirmation by S&P Global Ratings on 3 July 2019.

[Read more](#)

Open Competitive Tenders And Zero-Based Budgeting Have A Positive Impact On The Government's Finances, Allowing For Development Expenditure To Increase By 13% Or RM2.4 Billion For The First 5 Months Of 2019 Compared To The Same Period

Issue Date July 24

Description Open competitive tenders and zero-based budgeting have a positive impact on the Government's finances, allowing for development expenditure to increase by 13% or RM2.4 billion for the January-May 2019 period, compared to the same period last year.

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REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)

MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF) (CONT'D)

Emphasising Sustainable Economic Growth Can Ensure The Success Of Shared Prosperity Following Receding Fears Of Deflation After Malaysia's Inflation In June 2019 Increased To 1.5% Year-On-Year From 0.2% In May 2019

Issue Date July 26

Description Emphasising sustainable economic growth can ensure the success of shared prosperity following receding fears of deflation after Malaysia's inflation in June 2019 increased to 1.5% year-on-year from 0.2% in May 2019.

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THE SECURITIES COMMISSION (SC)

SC Cautions Investors against Unauthorised Initial Coin Offerings and Digital Asset Exchanges

Issue Date July 4

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) has noted an increase in the number of queries and complaints from members of the public regarding initial coin offerings (ICOs) and digital asset exchanges (DAX).

[Read more](#)

Malaysia Capital Market To Strengthen Cross-Border Cooperation With China

Issue Date July 5

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) announced today that it will facilitate closer collaboration between the Malaysian and Chinese capital markets which will mutually benefit both economies, following a visit to the Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE) on 4 July 2019.

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REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES

THE SECURITIES COMMISSION (SC) (CONT'D)

SC to Implement Anti-Corruption Action Plan

Issue Date July 22

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) will be implementing an action plan with the main objectives of supporting the National Anti-Corruption Plan (2019-2023) (NACP) and with the view to improve Malaysia's ranking in the biennial Corporate Governance Watch survey by the Asian Corporate Governance Association.

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Launch of National Strategy for Financial Literacy 2019 – 2023 by Financial Education Network

Issue Date July 23

Description The National Strategy for Financial Literacy 2019 – 2023 (National Strategy) was launched by YAB Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today. It is formulated by the Financial Education Network (FENetwork), an inter-agency grouping co-chaired by Bank Negara Malaysia and Securities Commission Malaysia and with founding members comprising Ministry of Education, Perbadanan Insurans Deposit Malaysia, Employees Provident Fund, Agensi Kaunseling dan Pengurusan Kredit and Permodalan Nasional Berhad.

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Information on Bond and Sukuk Market's Issuance Redirected

Issue Date July 25

Description The information on Bonds and Sukuk Market's Issuance, previously accessible via the SC website at issuance.sc.com.my, will be redirected to the Bond + Sukuk Information Exchange (BIX Malaysia) website at www.bixmalaysia.com. Members of the public can now source information on bonds and sukuk through a single centralised platform

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REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES

SURUHANJAYA SYARIKAT MALAYSIA (SSM)

SSM Serbu Firma Setiausaha Syarikat

Issue Date July 2

Description Satu serbuan telah dijalankan oleh Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM) terhadap sebuah firma setiausaha syarikat yang terletak di Alor Setar, Kedah. Firma setiausaha syarikat ini diserbu berikutan daripada siasatan awal yang telah dijalankan ke atas aduan yang mendakwa tandatangan juruaudit telah dipalsukan ke atas 105 penyata kewangan yang belum diaudit. Siasatan dijalankan bagi kesalahan di bawah Seksyen 364(2) Akta Syarikat 1965 dan Seksyen 591(2) Akta Syarikat 2016.

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SSM Melancarkan Pelan Induk Skim Kepentingan

Issue Date July 23

Description Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM) melancarkan buat julung kalinya Pelan Induk Skim Kepentingan sempena penganjuran Persidangan Kebangsaan Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia 2019 (SSMNC2019) selama dua (2) hari bermula bermula 23 hingga 24 Julai 2019 bertempat di Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre, Petaling Jaya.

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Lebih 122 Notis Kompaun Terima Inisiatif Pengurangan Kompaun Secara Automatik Bermula 1 Julai 2019

Issue Date July 23

Description Sehingga 21 Julai 2019, sebanyak 122 notis kompaun yang dikeluarkan oleh Suruhanjaya Syarikat Malaysia (SSM) telah menikmati inisiatif pengurangan kompaun secara automatik dengan nilai kompaun sebelum diskaun sebanyak RM377,800.00.

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REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)**ROYAL MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT****Report to Be Prepared for Exemption Under Schedule A for Item 57**

Description Click to download the announcement by RMC on Sales and Service Tax.

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Keberanan Jual / Pindah Milik / Eksport Kenderaan di bawah Program Malaysia My Second Home (MM2H)

Description Click to download the announcement by RMC on Sales and Service Tax.

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Sales Tax (Amendment) Act 2019

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Service Tax (Amendment) Act 2019

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OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (CAANZ)****Acuity – August 2019 Issue**

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

Cover article: Get up to speed on cryptocurrencies

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INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (IFAC)

Global Accountancy Education: Preparing Future-Ready Accountants

Issue Date July 2

Description To assist professional accountancy organizations (PAOs) and other key stakeholders to prepare future-ready professional accountants, IFAC is establishing a comprehensive, integrated approach to respond to accountancy education challenges and opportunities posed by a rapidly changing environment.

[Read more](#)

Benefits of Integrated Reporting for Small Businesses and Not for Profit Organizations (NPOs)

Issue Date July 22

Description Integrated reporting (IR) represents one of the most recent innovative approaches to corporate reporting. One of the important, sometimes underrated, implications of this idea is that IR is not only about drawing up a management report.

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Implementation Support for ISA 540 (Revised) Accounting Estimates

Issue Date July 25

Description In October 2018 the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) released International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 540 (Revised), its revised standard on auditing accounting estimates and related disclosures. ISA 540 (Revised) becomes effective for financial statement audits for periods beginning on or after December 15, 2019.

[Read more](#)

Cyber and the CFO

Issue Date July 31

Description A survey 'Cyber and the CFO' conducted jointly by ACCA, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, Macquarie University and Optus showed that 57% of respondents rank cyber security in their top five business risks and 52% saw cyber security as a high or very high risk to their organization.

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INTERNATIONAL UPDATES (CONT'D)

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (IASB)

IASB proposes amendments to accounting for deferred tax

Issue Date July 17

Description The International Accounting Standards Board (Board) has today published for public comment proposed changes to the IFRS Standard for income tax, IAS 12. The amendments clarify how companies account for deferred tax on leases and decommissioning obligations.

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IFRS Foundation to publish stakeholder engagement register

Issue Date July 22

Description The IFRS Foundation will publish a register to provide a public record of the International Accounting Standard Board members' engagement with stakeholders.

The decision to publish the register reflects the desire to continue demonstrating the Board's independence and accountability and is also in line with stakeholder feedback.

[Read more](#)

July 2019 IASB Update, including IASB-FASB joint meeting, published and work plan updated

Issue Date July 31

Description On 23 July the International Accounting Standards Board held a joint meeting with the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). This was during a monthly IASB meeting on 22-25 July.

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July IASB podcast published

Issue Date July 31

Description OChair and Vice-Chair of the International Accounting Standards Board (Board) Hans Hoogervorst and Sue Lloyd join communications team member Kasia Gilewska to summarise the July Board meeting and discuss other developments and events this month.

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