



Minutes of the 333<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee held on Tuesday, 16 April 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, 37/F., Wu Chung House, 213 Queen's Road East, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

Present: Mr. Dennis Ho (Chairman)  
Mr. Derek Broadley (Deputy Chairman)  
Ms. Mabel Cheung  
Mr. Ringo Chiu  
Mr. John Chong  
Mr. Jonathan Lai  
Mr. Patrick Law  
Mr. Alec Leung  
Ms. Grace Ma  
Mr. Steve Ong  
Mr. Ian Parker  
Mr. Paul Phenix  
Mr. Chi Kit Shaw  
Mr. Thomas Wong  
Ms. Joyce Woo

In attendance: Ms. Selene Ho, Associate Director, Standard Setting  
Ms. Phoebe To, Manager, Standard Setting

Apologies were received from Dr. Phyllis Mo.

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**2566. Minutes of the 332<sup>nd</sup> Meeting**

The minutes of the 332<sup>nd</sup> meeting were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

**2567. Work Plan Status Report and Update from Working Groups**

The Committee considered the work plan status report and noted the progress made on the various projects.

The Chairman updated the Committee on the progress of Section 408 guidance. The relevant government bodies have yet to provide a draft of their intended guidance on Section 408 which is critical to the development of the Institute's guidance.

It has been reported that the HKEx is updating its guidance for the new sponsor regime and would consult the Committee, where necessary.

**2568. HKSA 610 (Revised 2013) Using the Work of Internal Auditors**

The Committee noted that HKSA 610 (Revised 2013) has been converged with ISA 610 (Revised 2013) *Using the Work of Internal Auditors*, which was issued in March 2013 by the IAASB. HKSA 610 (Revised 2013) included new requirements and guidance to address the auditor's responsibilities if using internal auditors to provide direct assistance for the purposes of the audit.

In view of the reciprocal changes to the IESBA's Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) in conjunction with ISA 610

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(Revised 2013), the Committee requested the Standard Setting Department (SSD) to check the effective date of the revised IESBA Code and ensure that both HKSA 610 (Revised 2013) and the revised HKICPA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants are issued at the same time.

The Committee endorsed the HKSA 610 (Revised 2013) for final issuance, subject to the above.

*[Post meeting note: HKSA 610 (Revised 2013) and the revised HKICPA Code were issued on 16 May 2013 in Members' Handbook Update 129 and is available at:*

*[http://app1.hkicpa.org.hk/hksaebk/HKSA\\_Members\\_Handbook\\_Master/updates/update129.pdf](http://app1.hkicpa.org.hk/hksaebk/HKSA_Members_Handbook_Master/updates/update129.pdf) ]*

**2569. IAASB Future Strategy Survey (Survey)**

The Committee considered and provided comments on the draft response to the Survey prepared by the SSD. The SSD would revise the draft response and circulate to the Committee for approval after the meeting.

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*[Post meeting note: The SSD circulated the revised response to the Committee on 24 April 2013 and submitted the response online to the IAASB on 7 May 2013.]*

**2570. Revised PN 810.1 Insurance Brokers - Compliance with the Minimum Requirements specified by the Insurance Authority under Sections 69(2) and 70(2) of the Insurance Companies Ordinance**

The Committee noted that the comment period for the exposure draft on revised PN 810.1 ended on 5 April 2013 and no comment was received. The Committee endorsed the revised PN 810.1 for final issuance.

*[Post meeting note: Revised PN 810.1 was issued on 30 April 2013 in Members' Handbook Update 128 and is available at: [http://app1.hkicpa.org.hk/hksaebk/HKSA\\_Members\\_Handbook\\_Master/updates/update128.pdf](http://app1.hkicpa.org.hk/hksaebk/HKSA_Members_Handbook_Master/updates/update128.pdf) ]*

**2571. HKEx's e-mail on HKSIR and new Sponsor regime**

Regarding the new Sponsor regime to be effective from 1 October 2013, the Committee discussed the impact on the Hong Kong Standards on Investment Circular Reporting Engagements. It was considered that no significant update on these standards was necessary at this stage but some practical implementation guidance may be developed at later stage.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20 a.m.

DENNIS HO  
CHAIRMAN