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Interaction on Quality Assurance Review with Member Firms auditing the Listed Companies Organized

The Quality Assurance Board (QAB) organized an Interaction Program on Quality Assurance Review (QAR) on 25 May, 2018 at Kathmandu with member firms auditing the listed companies. The Interaction Program was organized to impart the initiatives taken by QAB to ensure quality assurance review of its member's practice and obtain the feedback and suggestions from members in practice. QAB has already started review of audit firms carrying out audits of listed companies and has plan to review all audit firms auditing the listed companies and public interest entities in FY 2018/19.

Executive Director of the Institute CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha welcomed the participants. Chairman of Quality Assurance Board Mr. Ramesh Raj Satyal briefed about the structure of the Quality Assurance Board, independence and authority of the Board, Board's proceedings, procedure of selection of Practicing Units for Quality Assurance, process of selecting and prioritizing the audit file for QAR.

President CA. Prakash Jung Thapa briefed about the Institute's strategies and initiatives to establish the effective system of QAR of Practicing Units to meet the international standards and comply with the IFAC's Statement of Members Obligation (SMO 1 – Quality Assurance) and to meet the expectation of Government, Corporate Sector, and General Public in regard to quality of professional services.

CA. Kiran Kumar Khatri, Joint Director, ICAN made a presentation conveying scope of review, focus and priorities of review.

The floor was opened for discussion where more than 10 participants suggested the effective measures to make Quality Assurance a success and appreciated the efforts of the Quality Assurance Board for the initiations taken so far. The concerns raised by the participants were responded by the Chairman of QAB Mr. Ramesh Raj Satyal and the Vice President of Institute CA. Jagannath Upadhyay (Niraula). The program was attended by more than 50 Members of the Institute representing several audit firms performing audit of listed entities including Council Members, Members of QAB and Past Presidents of the Institute.

June 2018 Examination Started

Examination of CAP I, CAP II, CAP III, CA Membership and RA upgrading have started from today. 3,015 students/candidates are appearing in the June examination started from 1 June 2018.

Capacity Building - CPE Training Continues

The Institute has conducted 3 days CPE training in Kathmandu on 4, 5 and 6 Jestha, 2075 which was organized to impart the knowledge relating to various topics such as Nepal Financial Reporting Standards (NFRS), Auditing, Impact of Information Technology on Auditing, Quality Assurance Review and other contemporary topics where 135 members of the Institute participated the training.

Similarly, three days trainings on Data Analytics for Auditors was also organized in Birtamod, Jhapa on 5, 6 and 7, Jestha, 2075 and in Nepalgunj on 11, 12 and 13, Jestha, 2075 where 21 and 23 members of the Institute participated respectively. The training in Nepalgunj was addressed by President CA. Prakash Jung Thapa and Chairman of RA Capacity Development Committee and Council Member RA. Surya Prasad Adhikari.

Nominations for National BPA Award 2017 Opened

The Institute has invited nominations for National Best Presented Annual Report (BPA) Award 2017. The objective of the awards is to promote better presentation of financial and other pertinent information and disclosure in the annual report by the entities to comply with national and international best accounting practices.

The national BPA Award 2017 will be held under the following categories:

Category 1 : Banking Sector (Private and Public Sector)

Category 2 : Financial Sector (Including Development Banks and Finance Companies)

Category 3 : Insurance Sector

Category 4 : Public Interest Entity

Category 5 : General Sector

5.1 : Service Sector

5.2 : Manufacturing Sector

5.3 : Others.

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Winners of the BPA Reports award will be announced on the occasion of oath taking ceremony of newly formed 8th Council of the Institute in July 2018. The Institute has invited the interested organizations having their financial statements prepared based on Nepal Financial Reporting Standards (NFRS) to send their interest for participation with 6 copies of annual report (Preferably in English) of fiscal year 2016/17 (2073/74) by June 14, 2018. For more information please see the notice and evaluation criteria by visiting [Institute's website](#).

Republic Day Celebrated

Republic Day celebrated by organizing tree plantation program in the premises of the Institute on 15 Jestha, 2075 (29 May, 2018) which was attended by President CA. Prakash Jung Thapa, Past President CA. Prakash Lamsal, Executive Director CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Department Heads and staffs of the Institute.

Update on 8th Council Election

8th Council Election will be held on 25 Jestha, 2075 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm at Yogambar Banquet, National Trading Limited compound, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu.

National News

First Federal Budget Tabled

Honourable Finance Minister Dr.Yubaraj Khatiwada tabled federal budget of NPR 1,315 billion for the fiscal year 2018-19 in the joint session of the House of Representatives and National Assembly on 29 May, 2018, with a major focus on transforming the production sector and development of physical infrastructure. The budget targets growth of eight per cent and aim at creating employment for 500,000 individuals. Several changes have been made in Value Added Tax Act-2052, Income Tax Act-2058, and various legislations. New tax slabs and rates have been introduced for natural person and some industries are now subject to levy of higher rate of Income Tax i.e. 30 %. For details please refer the [Finance Act, 2075](#).

Cabinet Passes Labor Rules

The Cabinet has approved the Labour Rules, 2075 with immediate effect. The Rules have made the provisions regarding employment, permission and approval, working time and remuneration, gratuity, provident fund and percentage of disability, occupational safety and

occupational policy, provisions regarding inspection, internal management of enterprises, resolution of dispute etc.

International News

Helping Small and Medium Practices Thrive in the Global Economy

IFAC (International Federations of Accountants) has released an updated publication—the Guide to Practice Management for Small- and Medium-Sized Practices Fourth Edition (the Guide) to help SMPs meet the challenge. The Guide will help SMPs improve their management and operational efficiency and support their sustainability and success.

Envisioning the Future-Survey on the IAASB’s Future Strategy

The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) has started the consultation process about its future strategy. It has released a Strategy Survey to seek views and insights from its stakeholders on emerging developments and trends that are likely to be important to its 2020-2023 strategy.

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