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Meeting with SEBON for NFRS Implementation in Listed Companies

A meeting was held between the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN) and Securities Board of Nepal (SEBON) on 14 May, 2019. The meeting discussed on current status of Nepal Financial Reporting Standards (NFRS) implementation in listed companies and immediate actions to mitigate it's implementation gap. The meeting also explored possible areas of cooperation between ICAN and SEBON in this regard and agreed to form a task force to strengthen NFRS implementation in listed companies.

President CA. Jagannath Upadhyay (Niraula) along with Vice President CA. Krishna Prasad Acharya, Executive Director CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha and CA. Komal Bahadur Chitrakar, Chairman of ICAN's NFRS Implementation Committee (Other than Banking) represented the Institute in the meeting whereas, Dr. Rewat Bahadur Karki, Chairman of SEBON, Directors and Chief Executive Officers of SEBON represented SEBON in the meeting.

Workshop on Audit Documentation

The Institute has organized a 3 days Capacity Development Workshop on Audit Documentation from 3-5 May, 2019 in ICAN Building, ICAN Marg, Satdobato, Lalitpur. The workshop was exclusively focused to enhance capacity of practicing B Class Registered Auditors Members of the Institute.

The workshop basically covered various topics related to audit such as appointment of auditor, communication with former auditor, planning, evaluation of threat, mobilization of audit team, review/evaluation of audit documentation, reporting etc. Altogether, more than 20 participants actively participated in the Workshop. The workshop was addressed by Vice President CA. Krishna Prasad Acharya.

The Institute also conducted a similar workshop in Sauraha, Chitwan from 10-12 May 2019 where more than 15 participants actively participated in the workshop. The workshop was addressed by Council Member and Chairman of RA Capacity Development Committee RA. Kedar Nath Paudel.

Training on Audit of Cooperative

The Institute organized a 2 days training on Audit of Cooperative with practical aspects from 10 to 11 May, 2019 at ICAN Building, ICAN Marg, Satdobato, Lalitpur. The training was designed to cover topics related to audit ethics, standards on quality control, planning and controlling of

audit, detail substantive and control procedures, compliance to regulatory requirements, review and completion of audit, auditor's opinion in context of audit of cooperative institutions. More than 50 members of the Institute actively participated in the training.

Meeting at Office of the Auditor General

Audit Advisory Committee of Office of the Auditor General (OAG) had organized a meeting on 12 May, 2019 at Office of the Auditor General in the Chairmanship of Honorable Auditor General Mr. Tanka Mani Sharma (Dangal). The meeting discussed on 56th Annual Report submitted by OAG to the Government, action plan for risk based audit and matters of public interest to be covered in audit. President CA. Jagannath Upadhyay Niraula, represented ICAN in the meeting in the capacity of member of the committee.

Introductory Video about the Institute

An introductory video regarding the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nepal (ICAN) has been broadcasted by the NTV Plus, a television channel on 14 May, 2019. This video has covered the various aspects of the Institute such as objective of the Institute, role of Institute in Nation's economic development including role of educator and regulator of accounting profession in Nepal, role played by ICAN members in different professional capacity, international relationship of the Institute, governance structure of the Institute, member's strength of the Institute, introduction to CA education imparted by ICAN, scope of Chartered Accountants qualified from ICAN, facility to students provided by the institute for development of accounting profession in Nepal etc. This video has also been uploaded to YouTube. Please view the video by clicking here and share it with other members, students and general public through different networking platforms such as Facebook, Twitter.

Link of the Video in YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXPOdfV5hB8

Participation in Review of Doing Business Report

Office of Prime Minister and Council of Minister, in coordination with the World Bank, had organized a program to review Doing Business Report, 2019. The workshop was focused on discussion of findings of the report regarding Nepal and exploring different remedial measures to be adopted for better business environment in Nepal. The program was participated by the high level government officials from different ministries and departments. President CA. Jagannath Upadhyay (Niruala) represented the Institute in the program.

Scholarship to Students

The Institute has published the list of 92 students selected for the scholarship. 52 students of CAP-I level, 26 students of CAP-II level and 14 students of CAP-III level have been selected for scholarship. For more details, please click here.

Notice of ISA Eligibility Test

The Institute has published a notice inviting registration for Information System Audit (ISA) eligibility test going to be held in technical collaboration with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI). The deadline to submit the registration form is 12 May, 2019. Examination date and time will be published later.

ICAN Invites EOI for Review, Update and Development of Study Materials

The Institute has invited expression of interest from Chartered Accountants members and other professionals to maintain a panel of resource persons to review, update and develop study materials of CAP-I, CAP-II and CAP-III levels at frequent intervals. Chartered Accountants members and other professionals with minimum 3 years of post-qualification experience having added exposure are invited to submit their expression of interest with updated profile including qualification, areas of experience and technical expertise in the subject matter clearly specifying the subject of interest.

The deadline for submission for EOI is 20 May, 2019. For further information, please <u>click here</u>.

Upcoming Event

Newly Qualified CA Members Welcome Program

The Institute is organizing a "Newly Qualified Members Welcome and Certificate Distribution" program for new Chartered Accountants Members of the Institute on 16 May, 2019 at ICAN building, ICAN Marg, Satdobato, Lalitpur.

Launching Program of Online CPE

The Institute is going to launch online Continuing Professional Education (CPE) for offering comfortable learning environment to its members on 16 May, 2019.

Capacity Development workshop on Audit Documentation

The Institute is going to organize a Capacity Development Workshop on Audit Documentation from 17-19 May 2019 in Biratnagar.

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Training

The Institute is going to organize Continuing Professional Education (CPE) training from 24-26 May 2019 at ICAN Building, ICAN Marg, Satdobato, Lalitpur.

National News

Accounting Standards Board Calls for Comment on Exposure Draft of NFRSs 2018

Accounting Standards Board (ASB) Nepal has published a notice inviting suggestions and comments on exposure draft of Nepal Financial Reporting Standards (NFRSs), 2018. The exposure draft of NFRSs, 2018 is available in website of the Board. Suggestions and comments on the exposure draft can be sent to Board within 60 days from the date of publication of notice i.e. 2076 Baisakh 28. For more details, please refer the notice published by the <u>Board</u>.

NRB Issues Circular Relating to Deposit Collection

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued a circular to A, B and C class bank and financial institutions (BFIs) restricting acceptance of fixed deposit for the period less than 3 months. NRB has also issued circular restricting acceptance of fixed deposit with terms of allowing withdrawal before maturity. For more details, please refer the <u>circular issued by NRB</u> in this regard.

Central Bank (NRB) has also issued a circular to A, B and C class BFIs imposing restriction on providing any gifts for the propose of collecting deposit. For more details, <u>please refer the</u> circular.

Insurance Board Issues Directive for Merger and Acquisition

The Insurance Board has issued Insurers Merger and Acquisition Directive, 2076. As per the notice published by the Insurance Board, this directive is the revised version of Insurers Merger Directive, 2070. This directive has prescribed various provisions relating to due diligence audit, approval for merger and acquisition, different exemptions available after merger and acquisition etc.

For more details, please refer the notice published by Insurance Board and the Directive.

Cooperative Regulation, 2075 Published in Government Gazette

Cooperative Regulation, 2075 has been published in Government Gazette on 2076 Baisakh, 23 following its approval by the Council of Minister. The regulation has specified various provisions regarding formation, registration and operation of cooperative, membership of cooperative, annual general meeting, utilization of deposit and credit, various funds, exemption and facilities, recovery of loan, liquidation, monitoring and regulation etc.

As per the rule 71 of the regulation, Nepal Rastra Bank can supervise and check books of account of Cooperative Bank and Cooperative Institutions having transactions more than NPR. 50 Crore. For additional information, please refer the <u>Cooperative Regulation</u>, 2075.

International News

IPSASB Seeks Comments on Measurement Proposals

The International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) has released a Consultation Paper (CP), Measurement, which addresses how measurement bases are determined in the public sector. The CP includes within it an illustrative Exposure Draft (ED), Measurement, which shows what the IPSASB currently envisages a final pronouncement will comprise. This is the first time that the IPSASB has used such an approach, which is intended to provide a firm basis for constituent comments.

Consultation Paper Calls for Public Comment by September 30, 2019

IESBA Staff Release Updated FAQs on Long Association

The Staff of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) has released an updated Q&A publication to support the adoption and implementation of the revised long association provisions Changes to the Code Addressing Long Association of Personnel with an Audit or Assurance Client. This publication is a revised version of the Staff Q&A publication published in May 2017. It contains additional frequently asked questions and is aligned to the revised and restructured International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (the Code), issued by the IESBA in April 2018.

IFRS Foundation Publishes 2018 Annual Report

The IFRS Foundation has published its annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The report focuses on the importance of collaboration in achieving the Foundation's mission. It showcases the role staff plays in supporting international collaboration and illustrates some arrangements in place to facilitate stakeholder engagement.

IASB Proposes Targeted Amendments to IFRS Standards in Response to IBOR Reform

The International Accounting Standards Board (Board) has published for public comment proposed changes to the old and new financial instruments Standards, IAS 39 and IFRS 9, in light of the reform of interest rate benchmarks such as interbank offer rates (IBORs).

The Board has proposed to amend IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement to provide relief from specific hedge accounting requirements that could have resulted in the discontinuation of hedge accounting solely due to the uncertainty arising from interest rate benchmark reform.

Proposed amendments to IFRS 9 and IAS 39 can be viewed in the Exposure Draft *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform*.

Comment letters can be submitted here.

The comment deadline is 17 June 2019. The Board aims to issue final amendments later in 2019.

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