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To: **Members of the Hong Kong Institute of CPAs**
All other interested parties

**INVITATION TO COMMENT ON INTERNATIONAL AUDITING
AND ASSURANCE STANDARDS BOARD'S (IAASB)
DISCUSSION PAPER, *AUDITS OF LESS COMPLEX ENTITIES:
EXPLORING POSSIBLE OPTIONS TO ADDRESS THE
CHALLENGES IN APPLYING THE INTERNATIONAL
STANDARDS ON AUDITING (ISAs)***

Comments to be received by 12 August 2019

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (Institute) Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee is seeking comments on the IAASB's Discussion Paper, *Audits of Less Complex Entities: Exploring Possible Options to Address the Challenges in Applying the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs)* (Discussion Paper) which has been posted on the Institute's website at:

<https://www.hkicpa.org.hk/en/Standards-and-regulation/Standards/Open-for-comment-documents/Auditing-and-Assurance>

In order to achieve its objective of enhancing the quality and consistency of audit practice throughout the world, and strengthening public confidence in the global auditing and assurance profession, the IAASB develops and maintains one set of auditing standards. These are applied to a wide variety of entities with differing circumstances.

Recognizing the challenges faced by practitioners in applying the ISAs, in particular for engagements where the entity being audited is less complex, this Discussion Paper focuses on audits of less complex entities (LCEs) using the ISAs, and sets out:

- Challenges that have been identified to date.
- A number of possible actions that could be undertaken to address the identified challenges.

The purpose of this Discussion Paper is to obtain input on the challenges and to help IAASB determine their actions in relation to audits of LCEs.

Questions are set out in "Questions for Respondents" section of the Discussion Paper to seek views of the stakeholders.



Comments should be supported by specific reasoning and should be submitted in written form.

To allow your comments on the Discussion Paper to be considered, comments are requested by the due date shown above.

Comments may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to:

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Comments will be acknowledged and may be made available for public review unless otherwise requested by the contributor.

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Discussion Paper

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