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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, *FRAUD AND GOING CONCERN IN AN
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: EXPLORING THE
DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS ABOUT THE
ROLE OF THE AUDITOR AND THE AUDITOR'S
RESPONSIBILITIES IN A FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT***

Comments to be received by 11 December 2020

The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants' (Institute) Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee is seeking comments on the IAASB's Discussion Paper, *Fraud and Going Concern in an Audit of Financial Statements: Exploring the Differences Between Public Perceptions About the Role of the Auditor and the Auditor's Responsibilities in a Financial Statement Audit* (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>

As the auditor's role in relation to fraud and going concern in audits of financial statements continues to receive heightened public attention, amplified by high-profile corporate failures in recent years, the IAASB has recognised the need to further explore these topics. This Discussion Paper is aimed at gathering perspectives from a broad range of stakeholders across the financial reporting ecosystem about the role of the auditor in relation to fraud and going concern in an audit of financial statements. Stakeholders are asked for their perspectives on whether the auditing standards related to fraud and going concern need to be updated to reflect the rapidly evolving external reporting landscape, and, if so, in what areas.

The feedback collected will inform decisions about possible further actions on these topics. The IAASB is also hosting a [roundtable discussion on September 28](#) streamed on the IAASB's YouTube channel that will explore fraud and going concern expectations.

The IAASB invites all interested stakeholders to respond to this Discussion Paper, including, but not limited to, investors and other users of financial statements, those charged with governance of entities, preparers of financial statements, national standard setters, professional accountancy organizations, academics, regulators and audit oversight bodies, and auditors and audit firms.

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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Invitation to Comment

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11 December 2020

Discussion Paper

Comment due date extended
to 31 December 2020

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Differences Between Public Perceptions
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