



Minutes of the 337th meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee held on Tuesday, 22 October 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. Derek Broadley (Deputy Chairman) – Acting Chairman
Ms. Mabel Cheung
Mr. Ringo Chiu
Mr. John Chong
Mr. Jonathan Lai
Mr. Patrick Law
Dr. Phyllis Mo
Mr. Steve Ong
Mr. Ian Parker
Mr. Paul Phenix
Mr. Chi Kit Shaw
Mr. Thomas Wong
Ms. Joyce Woo

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

Apologies were received from Mr. Dennis Ho, Mr. Alec Leung and Ms. Grace Ma.

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| <p>2586. <u>Minutes of the 336th Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the 336th meeting were approved by the Committee and signed by the Acting Chairman.</p> | |
| <p>2587. <u>Work Plan Status Report and Update from Working Groups</u></p> <p>The Committee considered the work plan status report and noted the progress made on the various projects.</p> <p>The Convenors of the Accountants' Report Sub-Committee (Sub-Committee) and the Working Group on Types of Reporting updated on the development of revised pronouncements.</p> | |
| <p>2588. <u>Revised PN 860.1 The Audit of Retirement Schemes</u></p> <p>The Committee noted the comment period for the exposure draft on revised PN 860.1 ended on 23 September 2013 and one comment letter was received. The comment received was mainly related to the wording under the "Use of report" paragraph in the example compliance reports.</p> <p>The Committee suggested the Standard Setting Department (SSD) to clarify the comment with the commentator.</p> | SSD |
| <p>2589. <u>ISAE 3400 The Examination of Prospective Financial Information</u></p> <p>The Committee deliberated on the adoption of ISAE 3400 in Hong Kong given that the IAASB had decided not to revise ISAE 3400.</p> | |

The Committee agreed that it would continue with the current practice of using Auditing Guideline (AG) 3.341 *Accountants' Report on Profit Forecasts*. The Convenor of the Sub-Committee advised that AG 3.341 is being updated with the suite of Hong Kong Standards on Investment Circular Reporting Engagements pronouncements.

2590. Annual Auditing Update Conference (AAU) 2013

The Committee noted the details for the coming AAU to be held on 26 October 2013.

2591. The Global Accounting Alliance's (GAA) Joint Thought Leadership Projects

The Executive Director of the Institute joined the meeting for this item and gave an introduction of the GAA group and the proposed project.

The Committee provided comments on the value of the proposal for initial discussion by the GAA.

2592. IFAC Council Seminar on "The Drivers of Audit Quality" (Seminar)

Mr. Albert Au, the HKICPA representative on the IFAC SMP Committee joined the meeting for this item and discussed his forthcoming attendance as a panellist at the Seminar to be held on 13 November 2013 at Seoul, South Korea.

The Committee discussed and provided their views on the topic.

2593. Update on Section 408 Guidance

The Director of SSD reported on the development of the draft s408 guidance and the working relationship established with the Companies Registry.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:55 a.m.

DENNIS HO
CHAIRMAN

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