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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Interaction Program on Federal Budget 2081/82

The Institute organized a half day interaction program on federal budget 2081/82 on 31st May 2024 in Kathmandu. The objective of the interaction program was to analyze the rationality of budget and its likely impact on various spheres of economy. The program started with the opening remarks of CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, President, ICAN. Dr. (CA.) Biswash Gauchan, Executive Director and Director, Center for Economic Policy, IIDS presented a paper on “Federal Budget 2081/82” whereby CA. Prabin Raj Kafle, Member of Fiscal Taxation and Research Committee of ICAN, presented paper on “Changes in Tax Laws by Finance Bill, 2081”.



Glimpse of group photo of panelist along with CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, President ICAN in the interaction program

Followed by a presentation of Dr. (CA.) Biswash Gauchan, a panel discussion was held on “Budget and its Expected Impact on National Economy”. The panel discussion was Chaired by CA. Sudarshan Raj Pandey, Past President, ICAN whereby, Dr. (CA.) Biswash Gauchan, Executive Director and Director, IIDS; Mr. Deepak Shrestha, Vice-President, Nepal Chamber of Commerce; CA. Anal Raj Bhattarai, CEO, NRN Nepal Development Fund; RA. Balram Chaudhary, Treasurer, AuDAN, Central Committee and Mr. Rohit Gupta, Vice-President, Confederation of Nepalese Industries were the panelist in the session. The program was attended by 170 individuals including members of the Institute.

Publication of Federal Budget Highlights for Fiscal Year 2081/82

The Institute has published federal budget highlights for fiscal year 2081/82. The same can be viewed from the link below:

https://en.ican.org.np/browsable/file/resouces/Highlights_of_Federal_Budget_2081_82.pdf

Training on Audit Practice Manual (APM)

The Institute organized two-day training on Audit Practice Manual on 6th and 7th May 2024 at ICAN premises for the Chartered Accountants Members in practice. The objective of the training was to assist audit firms to carry effective and efficient audit by introducing the Audit Practice Manual and system designed to be used on audit of all general audit clients, with few customizations required for specialized audit. The two days training was facilitated by CA. Nanda Kishor Sharma whereby, the inaugural session of the training was addressed by CA. Prabin Kumar Jha, Vice-President, ICAN and RA. Dev Bahadur Bohara, Chairperson, Quality Assurance Board. Similarly, CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha, Executive Director, ICAN addressed the closing session of the training. Altogether 46 Chartered Accountants participated in the training.



Glimpse of Group photo of participants of training on APM along with the Executive Director and facilitator of the training

Representation in SAFA Webinar on Navigating Sustainability: Insights and Best Practices for Sustainability Reporting in Business

CA. Prabin Kumar Jha, Vice-President, ICAN; Chairman, Sustainability Reporting Committee, ICAN and Member, SAFA Committee on Sustainability Reporting and Assurance addressed the Webinar on “Navigating Sustainability: Insights and Best Practices for Sustainability Reporting in Business” organized by the Sustainability Reporting Standards Board (SRSB) jointly with the South Asian Federation of Accountants (SAFA) on 16th May 2024. Speaking in the webinar, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha shared the perspective of sustainability reporting in Nepal, major initiatives undertaken by the Institute and Government of Nepal and challenges & way forward for promoting sustainable business practices.

Representation in SAFA Webinar on "Post Implementation Challenges of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments"

CA. Surendra Shrestha, Council Member; Chairman, Standard Implementation Review Committee, ICAN and Member, SAFA Committee on Accounting Standards addressed as a panelist in the SAFA Webinar on “Post Implementation Challenges of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments” organized by SAFA Accounting Standard Committee on 15th May 2024. Speaking in the webinar, CA. Surendra Shrestha shared the status and challenges for implementation of NFRS 9 in Nepal and highlighted the initiatives of Central Bank of Nepal, Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) for development of guidelines on NFRS 9- Expected Credit Loss.

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Training

The Institute, with the objective to enhance conceptual and practical knowledge of the members of the Institute in various contemporary issues organized a three-day CPE training in Kathmandu, Pokhara and Dang. The CPE training was focused on NFRS for SMEs, NAS for MEs, First time adoption of NFRS, NAS for NPOs, Provision of VAT, Income Tax and Section 57 of the Income Tax Act, Cooperatives Audit, Audit Risk and Auditing Standards (NSA 700 series). The details of the CPE training are as presented below:

S. No.	Place	Date	Number of Participants
1.	Kathmandu	18 th to 20 th May 2024	86
2.	Pokhara	17 th to 19 th May 2024	43
3.	Dang	24 th to 26 th May, 2024	68

Training on NFRS for SMEs for Account Preparer

The Butwal Branch of the Institute organized a three-day Training on Nepal Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium Enterprises (NFRS for SMEs) for Accounts Preparators from 24th to 26th May 2024 at Butwal. Altogether, 50 individuals participated in the training.

Membership Examination Result Published

The Institute published the result of March 2024 Membership Examination held on 14th and 15th March 2024 which were held across eight different centers throughout the country. The result was published on 5th May 2024. Altogether, 27 examinees have qualified to obtain ICAN membership out of total 347 examinees appeared in the exam among 422 applied examinees. Examinees can view their result from the website of the Institute under members menu or by sending message <<ICAN Membership Roll No.>> at 35001. Press release of the membership exam result can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/b9c465ff801a86b5f934dae398e0b190.pdf>

Recruitment of New Staffs

The Institute recruited 18 new staff in various vacant positions with effective from 29th May 2024. The details of newly recruited staffs along with their position is presented below:

S. No.	Position	Number of Newly Recruited Staffs
1.	Assistant Director	1
2.	Senior Officer – Chartered Accountant	1
3.	Senior Officer	2
4.	Officer	5
5.	Senior Assistant	3
6.	Assistant	6

Staff Training on Public Speaking

The Employee Union of the Institute organized half day staff training on Public Speaking for the staff of the Institute on the occasion of International Labour Day on 1st May 2024. The training was facilitated by Mr. Rajesh Pandey and was conducted at Durbar Resort, Bhaktapur. Along with the training, there was a session relating to the benefits of Trade Union and recreational session for the staffs. The opening session of the training was Chaired by Mr. Sanoj Bhattarai, President, ICAN Employee Union and was addressed by CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, President, ICAN; CA. Prabin Kumar Jha, Vice-President, ICAN along with Mr. Padam Raj Regmi, President, Financial Institute Employee Union (FIEUN) and Mr. Bikash Shrestha, General Secretary, FIEUN and the Directors of the Institute.



Glimpse of the inaugural session of the training

Career Counselling for Chartered Accountancy (CA) Education

The Institute with the objective to make students aware of the Chartered Accountancy (CA) Course offered by the Institute and to provide a brief profile about the Institute and its role organized a career counselling programs throughout the nation. Details of career counselling has been presented below:

S. No.	Place of Training	Date
1	Kathmandu	24 th to 26 th May 2024
2	Biratnagar, Pokhara, Butwal, Birgunj	24 th May 2024

MEMBERS UPDATE

Name and Membership Number of New Chartered Accountants (CA) Member

The Institute registered Chartered Accountant Members pursuant to Section 16(2) of the Nepal Chartered Accountants Act, 1997. New CA Membership issued during month of May 2024 are presented in table below:

S. No.	Membership No.	Members Name	S. No.	Membership No.	Members Name
1	CA-2221	Ruby Mahato	5	CA-2225	Udeshya Shrestha
2	CA-2222	Raunak Mulmi	6	CA-2226	Nikesh Adhikari
3	CA-2223	Tikadatta Chaulagain	7	CA-2227	Sangita Khanal
4	CA-2224	Keshav Gautam	8	CA-2228	Nem Raj Paudel

Name and Membership Number of New Fellow Chartered Accountants (FCA) Member

The Institute registered Fellow Chartered Accountants pursuant to Section 17(b) of the Nepal Chartered Accountants Act, 1997. New Fellow Chartered Accountants Membership issued during month of May 2024 are presented in table below:

S. No.	Membership No.	Members Name	S. No.	Membership No.	Members Name
1	CA-605	Jagadishowr Devkota	4	CA-1305	Ankur Goyal
2	CA-1050	Deepak Gautam	5	CA-1351	Subas Acharya
3	CA-1248	Vijay Prasad Rouniyar	6	CA-1358	Subash Rijal

ICAN NOTICE AND UPDATES

Vacancy Announcement 2024

The Institute has issued vacancies for Chartered Accountants members of ICAN in the position of Deputy Director (1 Seat) and Senior Officer (3 Seats). The due date for submission of the online application form is 5th June 2024. The notice of the vacancy announcement can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/69ced44f5a46e9620d3cf9e0b448e752.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Training on Audit Documentation Manual

The Institute is organizing a two-day training on audit documentation manual on 13th & 14th June 2024 at ICAN premises. The training has been designed to introduce registered auditor firms about the Audit Documentation Manual and quality assurance review procedures of the Institute with the objective for supporting the registered auditors' firms to implement audit system in their firms to carry effective and efficient audit by complying with all the required auditing and ethical standards. The notice of the same can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/004a7b0c53bd48ba5291cb54ada7fbdb.pdf>

NATIONAL NEWS AND UPDATES**Federal Budget 2081/82 Unveiled**

The Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 2081/82 was tabled by Hon'ble Finance Minister Mr. Barsha Man Pun, in the House of Representatives and National Assembly on 28th May 2024 (2081/02/15). The budget speech can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.mof.gov.np/site/publication-detail/3359>

Issuance of Circular (Hire Purchase): Prevention of Financial Investment in Money Laundering and Terrorism Activities

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued circular to all the licensed company providing hire purchase loan regarding the provision related to prevention of financial investment in money laundering and terrorism activities. The circular can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2024/05/Hirepurchase-AML-CFT.pdf>

Issuance of Circular (Employee Provident Fund and Citizen Investment Trust): Prevention of Financial Investment in Money Laundering and Terrorism Activities

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued circular to Employee Provident Fund and Citizen Investment Trust regarding the provision related to prevention of financial investment in money laundering and terrorism activities. The circular can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2024/05/EPF-CIT-AML-CFT.pdf>

Amendment in Unified Directives, 2080 issued for Licensed A, B and C Class Banks and Financial Institutions

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued circular regarding amendment in the Unified Directives, 2080 issued to licenses A, B and C class Banks and Financial Institutions. The circular can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2024/05/Circular-8-ABC-Final.pdf>

Issuance of Inspection and Supervision Byelaws, 2074 (Second Amendment 2080)

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued second amendment of the Inspection and Supervision Byelaws, 2074 with effective from 19th March 2024. The Byelaws can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2024/04/NRB-Inspection-and-Supervision-Biniyamawali-2074-second-Amendment-2080.pdf>

Issuance of Prevention of Financial Investment in Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Directive, 2081

Nepal Insurance Authority has issued Directive related to Prevention of Financial Investment in Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing. The Directive can be viewed from the link below:

https://nia.gov.np/Admin/images/Law/Directive/6649e1116ed6b_1716117777.pdf

Digital Insurance Policy Guidelines, 2081

Nepal Insurance Authority has issued Digital Insurance Policy Guidelines, 2081. The Guidelines can be viewed from the link below:

https://nia.gov.np/Admin/images/Law/Directive/664c2a602f50f_1716267616.pdf

Amendment in Annexure of Securities Trader (Securities Broker and Securities Dealers), Byelaws, 2064

Securities Board of Nepal has issued amendment in the annexure 14 of the Securities Trader (Securities Broker and Securities Dealers), Byelaws, 2064 with effective from 14 May 2024. The amended annexure can be viewed from the link below:

<https://sebon.gov.np/uploads/2024/05/17/DkuBfohqAhpu8im8aKSMajgCyi9JGLusaXJCCNtV.pdf>

INTERNATIONAL NEWS, EVENTS AND UPDATES

IASB Proposes IFRS Accounting Taxonomy update for IFRS 18

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) has published proposals to amend the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy to reflect the new presentation and disclosure requirements introduced in IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements. The IASB is inviting feedback on these proposals. The deadline for submitting comments is 3 September 2024. The IASB will analyze the feedback and make the necessary changes before finalizing the IFRS Accounting Taxonomy Update for IFRS 18.

The proposed taxonomy can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifrs.org/content/dam/ifrs/project/ifrs-accounting-taxonomy-update-primary-financial-statements/iasb-ptu-2024-1-ifrs18.pdf>

Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2024/05/iasb-proposes-ifrs-accounting-taxonomy-update-for-ifrs-18/>

Global Accountancy Profession's Response to the IESBA's Proposed International Ethics Standards for Sustainability Assurance (IESSA)

On behalf of the global accountancy profession, IFAC welcomes the opportunity to provide input to the IESSA ED. The comment letter IFAC on proposed IESSA can be viewed from the link below:

<https://ifacweb.blob.core.windows.net/publicfiles/2024-05/IFAC%20IESBA%20Sustainability%20ED%20Response.pdf>

Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifac.org/news-events/2024-05/global-accountancy-profession-s-response-iesba-s-proposed-international-ethics-standards>

IFAC Congratulates IFRS Foundation and International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) on Growing Global Commitment to ISSB Standards, Welcomes New Jurisdictional Guide

The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) congratulates the IFRS Foundation and the ISSB on their [announcement](#) today that more than twenty jurisdictions, representing over half the global economy by GDP, have already decided to use, or are taking steps to introduce, ISSB Standards in their legal or regulatory frameworks. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifac.org/news-events/2024-05/ifac-congratulates-ifrs-foundation-and-international-sustainability-standards-board-issb-growing>

Joint Statement from the IAASB And IESBA Chairs on the ISSB's New Jurisdictional Adoption Guide

New evidence came today of the global momentum toward sustainability disclosure. The [International Sustainability Standard Board \(ISSB\) released a new guide to](#) help jurisdictions adopt its sustainability reporting standards, S1 and S2, and announced that more than 20 jurisdictions have indicated plans to incorporate these standards into their legal or regulatory frameworks. These jurisdictions collectively represent nearly 55% of global GDP and more than 30% of global market capitalization. Further details

can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2024-05/joint-statement-iaasb-and-iesba-chairs-issb-s-new-jurisdictional-adoption-guide>

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