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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Meeting with His Excellency Ambassador of the UAE

President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, Vice-President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha and Executive Director, CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha had a meeting with His Excellency Mr. Abdulla Saeed Mubarak Jarwan Al Shamsi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to Nepal at the Embassy of UAE in Lazimpat, Kathmandu on 8th November 2023 to seek cooperation for conducting CA Membership Examination in Dubai for CAs qualified from International Professional Accounting Bodies (PABs) having citizenship of Nepal. His Excellency has assured the Institute to extend all cooperation in this new initiative of the Institute.



Glimpse of Meeting of ICAN President, Vice-President and Executive Director with the H.E Ambassador of the UAE

Attended IFAC Ordinary Council Meeting

ICAN President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle attended the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Ordinary Council Meeting held on 15th and 16th November 2023 at Vienna, Austria. The IFAC Council meeting approved the new appointment and reappointments of IFAC Board Members along with approval of new members and associate member organization in IFAC membership.



Glimpse of IFAC Council Meeting held on 15th and 16th November 2023 at Vienna, Austria

Participation in 81st SAFA Board Meeting and Committee Meetings

ICAN President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, Vice-President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha; Past President and Council Member, CA. Yuddha Raj Oli, Council Members, CA. Santosh Kafle, CA. Peeyush Anand and RA. Madhav Prasad Parajuli attended the 81st SAFA Board Meeting and Committee Meetings hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India on 24th November 2023 at Gandhinagar, India.

Participated in Global Professional Accountants Convention (GloPAC)

ICAN President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, Vice-President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha; Past President and Council Member, CA. Yuddha Raj Oli, Council Members, CA. Santosh Kafle, CA. Peeyush Anand and RA. Madhav Prasad Parajuli along with staffs from the Institute Ms. Goma Raut, Joint Director and Ms. Poonam Bajracharya, Senior Officer participated in the Global Professional Accountants Convention organized by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India from 24th to 26th November 2023 at Mahatma Mandir Convention and Exhibition Centre Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India.



Glimpse of ICAN Delegation participation in the GloPAC held in Gujarat, India

Meeting with Director General of IRD

President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, Vice-President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha and Executive Director, CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha had a meeting with the Director General of Inland Revenue Department (IRD), Mr. Dirgha Raj Mainali and Vice President Federation of Nepalese Chamber of Commerce & Industries (FNCCI), Mr. Sur Krishna Baidhya on 7th November 2023 at the office of IRD in Lazimpat, Kathmandu to discuss on draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) developed for establishing cooperation among all the three entities for organizing trainings for the capacity development of account prepares of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

Meeting with the Chairman and Members of Committee formed by IRD to Review Tax Regime in Nepal

President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, Vice-President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha and Executive Director, CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha had a meeting with the Chairman of Committee formed by Inland Revenue Department (IRD) to Review Tax Regime, Mr. Bidhyadhar Mallik and members of committee Mr. Laxman Aryal and Mr. Shyam Dahal. The IRD has formed a high-level committee in the Chairmanship of Ex- Director General of IRD, Mr. Mr. Bidhyadhar Mallik to review and explore areas of development to make Income Tax (IT) services user-friendly, suggest areas on improvement in IT Act to overcome ambiguity being faced by the Taxpayers.

In this introductory meeting, ICAN President and Vice President highlighted some specific provisions of IT Act for immediate take over by the committee to make those provisions more specific instead of leading a confusion among the Tax Officers and Taxpayers. ICAN requested to provide a formal letter to work on various aspects of Direct and Indirect Taxes through its Fiscal Taxation and Research Committee to provide institutional opinion on this regard.

International Accounting Day 2023 Celebrated

The Institute celebrated the “International Accounting Day” on 10th November 2023 by organizing various programs at Kathmandu and branch offices of the Institute. The International Accounting Day is held every year on November 10th and is celebrated on global scale as this observance commemorates the date in 1494 when Luca Bartolomeo de Pacioli, the “Father of Accounting.” published a work that included bookkeeping practices.

Head Office

The Institute organized a walkathon and interaction program. The walkathon began from Bhirkuti Mandap at 7:30 AM, went around Shahid Gate, Ratnapark and completed at Bhirkuti Mandap at 9:00 AM. More than 500 participants including ICAN Past President, Council Members, Committee Members, Members, Student, Stakeholders, and staffs took part in the event. The event was concluded with the concluding remarks of ICAN President CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, ACAN President CA. Deepak Pandey and AudAN President RA. Kedar Nath Poudel.



Glimpse of Walkathon program held on 10th November 2023 at Kathmandu

Simialry, the Institute also organized an interaction program on “Implementation Status of Accounting and Auditing Standards and Way Forward.”. The program started with the welcome remarks of ICAN President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle. The interaction program has in total three paper presentations followed by a panel discussion and question answer session. CA. Anup Kumar Shrestha, Chairman, Auditing Standards Board (ASB); CA. Manish Raj Upreti, Board Member, Accounting Standards Board (AuSB) and CA. Surendra Shrestha, Chairman, SIRC and Council Member, ICAN respectively presented paper on [“Current State of Development, Pronouncement and Implementation of Auditing Standards”](#), [“Contemporary Issues in Implementation of Standards and Way Forward”](#) and [“Development and Implementation of Standards, and Way Forward”](#). Altogether, 91 individuals participated in the interaction program.

Likewise, CA. Baikuntha Bahadur Adhikari, Council Member and Assistant Auditor General, Mr. Gyatriraman Khanal, Deputy Financial Comptroller General; CA. Prakash Jung Thapa, Chairman, ASB; CA. Anup Kumar Shrestha Chairman AuSB and CA. Deepak Pandey, President, ACAN were the panelist in the panel discussion session Chaired by CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle, President ICAN and moderated by CA. Prabin Kumar Jha, Vice-President ICAN.

Branch Office

Biratnagar Branch of the Institute organized an interaction Program with staffs working in Bank and Financial Institutions and Members on November 9, 2023. The program was addressed by ICAN President, CA. Sujan Kumar Kafle and ICAN Vice-President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha, CA. Aswini Bansal, Coordinator Biratnagar Branch Coordination Committee (BCC) along with the Executive Director, ICAN, CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha. In the program CA. Prajwal Adhikari Sharma, Member Biratnagar BCC and Mr. Santosh Budhathoki gave their paper presentation. Altogether 50 participants participated in the program.

Butwal Branch of the Institute organized an Interaction Program on “Good Governance in Public Financial Management and Role of Regulatory Bodies” on November 10, 2023. The program was Chaired by CA. Sheo Hari Sharma, Coordinator Butwal BCC whereby, Mr. Ganesh Aryal CDO Rupandehi District addressed the program as Chief Guest and Council Member RA. Madhav Prasad Parajuli, ICAN addressed the program as Special Guest. In the interaction program, representation from different Government and regulatory bodies along with ICAN Members discuss on the role of accounting professionals for economic stabilization and Nation development, need for effective coordination amongst the regulatory bodies while drafting and implementing the policies. Altogether there were 40 participants in the program.

Attended Wrap-up Meeting for Integrated Public Financial Management Reform Project (IPFMRP) and Scoping for new PFM Project

CA. Kiran Kumar Khatri, Director, ICAN and CA. Amrita Thapa, Assistant Director, ICAN attended the wrap-up meeting of IPFMRP along with scoping of new PFM project held at Ministry of Finance on 22nd November 2023. The meeting was Chaired by Mr. Krishna Hari Puskar, Finance Secretary whereby, Mr. Faris H. Hadad Zervos, Country Director for Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka, World Bank along with representatives from the Multi Donor Trust Fund, Development Partners and officials from other IPFMRP implementing agencies addressed the meeting. In the meeting, CA. Kiran Kumar Khatri highlighted the outcome of IPFMRP implementation by Institute and proposed the avenues of cooperation for the new PFM project.

Membership Examination Result Published

The Institute published the result of September 2023 Membership Examination held on 18th and 19th September 2022. The result was published on 8th November 2023 and a total of 40 examinees have qualified to obtain ICAN membership.

SAFA BPA Report Award 2022 Conference Marking Completed

CA. Suman Kumar Bohara, Joint Director, ICAN participated in SAFA BPA Report Award 2022 Conference Marking hosted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka from 24th to 29th November 2023 at Colombo, Sri Lanka. Delegation from SAFA comprising of representative from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) and Institute of Chartered Accountants of Bangladesh (ICAB) and Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) participated in the conference marking event whereby, the delegation from SAFA conducted review of allocated marks of total 147 participant companies under 14 different categories. ICAI will be hosting the SAFA BPA Award 2022 ceremony in India.



Right Center: CA. Anoji De Silva, Chairman of SAFA Committee for Improvement in Transparency, Accountability and Governance presenting token of love to Left Center: CA. Suman Kumar Bohara, Joint Director ICAN during visit to CA Sri Lanka for SAFA BPA Report Award 2022 Conference Marking Event, along with other Officials.

Student and Staff Participation in the International Students' Conference on “Embracing Artificial Intelligence” on organized by Northern Regional Committee of ICAP

Two students of CAP III level namely Ms. Punam Kumar Sharma and Mr. Pratik Gelal represented the Institute and participated in the ICAP International Students' Conference 2023 on the theme “Embracing Artificial Intelligence” organized by Northern Regional Committee of ICAP on 21st October 2023 at Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore, Pakistan. The students addressed the Conference as panelists during a panel discussion on the topic related to Embracing Artificial Intelligence. CA. Gaurab Khatiwada, Assistant Director, ICAN also accompanied the students in the Conference and had exposure visit of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP), Lahore branch.



Glimpse of International Students' Conference held at Pakistan.

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 has organized a three-day CPE training from 24 to 26 November 2023 at ICAN Premises, located at Satdobato, Lalitpur and Nepalgunj. The three days CPE was conducted in 12 sessions. The training covered various topics such as Major Provisions of Income Tax and VAT; and Return Filing, Cyber security and Cyber Law, Applicable Regulatory Provisions of ICAN and Code of Ethics, AML CFT- Legal & Compliance Provisions; Identification of AML-CFT, Risks in Clients and Reporting of Suspicious Transaction, NFRS, legal provisions etc. Altogether, 65 and 69 members participated in the training held at Lalitpur and Nepalgunj respectively.

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 November 2023 are presented in table below:

S. No.	Membership No	Members Name
1	Bijaya Moktan Tamang	CA-2136
2	Srijana Poudel Sharma	CA-2137
3	Nasala Shakya	CA-2138
4	Bijay Pokhrel	CA-2139
5	Madhav Pokharel	CA-2140
6	Madhav Bista	CA-2141
7	Yogesh Sharma	CA-2142
8	Anil Karki	CA-2143
9	Keshab Prasad Pandey	CA-2144
10	Ashma Khanal	CA-2145

S. No.	Membership No	Members Name
11	Sachina Kunwar	CA-2146
12	Prashant Babu Prasai	CA-2147
13	Jemi Shrestha	CA-2148
14	Shristi Sapkota	CA-2149
15	Sandip Karki	CA-2150
16	Ojaswi Pokharel	CA-2151

ICAN NOTICE AND UPDATES

Notice About Examination Schedule of Chartered Accountancy and CA Membership for ACCAs Examination, December 2023

The Institute has published examination schedule for CA and CA Membership examination for ACCAs which is scheduled from 1st to 12th December 2023 inside Kathmandu Valley and outside valley in Biratnagar, Butwal, Birgunj, Pokhara, Chitwan, Dhangadi and Nepalgunj. The examination schedule can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/29c8809e00aefd643dc5474edebffe26.pdf>

Notice for Submission of Technical and Financial Proposal for Development of Study Materials for 40 Hours Information Technology (IT) Training of ICAN

The Institute has published a notice regarding submission of technical and financial proposals for development of study materials for 40- and 60-Hours IT Training of ICAN. The due date for submission of proposal by the eligible vendor is 7th December 2023. The notice can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/7a87139569680be079e88f8f2f396464.pdf>

UPCOMING EVENTS

ICAN Quiz and Elocution Contest 2023

The Institute is going to organize National Level Quiz and Elocution Contest 2023 on 19th December 2023 at ICAN Premises located at Satdobato, Lalatpur. Students of CAP III level can nominate themselves for participation in this Quiz and Elocution Contest by submitting an email at: education@ican.org.np latest by 02nd December 2023. The notice can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/d2443846076361ba947f5daa68f641d8.pdf>

NATIONAL NEWS AND UPDATES

Amendment in Unified Directive 2080 issued to A, B and C Class Banks and Financial Institutions

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued circular regarding amendment in Unified Directives 2080 issued to 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/2023/11/Circular-5-ABC_merged.pdf

Amendment in Unified Directive 2080 issued to Infrastructure Development Banks

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued circular regarding amendment in Unified Directives 2080 issued to Infrastructure Development Banks. The Circular can be viewed from the link below:

https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2023/11/Cover-Letter_merged.pdf

Amendment of Policies and Procedural Provisions for granting approval for Companies providing Hire Purchase Loan, 2070 (Fourth Amendment, 2080)

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued amendment of Policies and Procedural Provisions for granting approval for Companies providing Hire Purchase Loan, 2070 (Fourth Amendment, 2080). The notice along with the amended policy can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2023/11/PUBLISH.pdf>

Issuance of Long Form Audit Report (LFAR) of Insurer, 2080

Nepal Insurance Authority has issued Long Form Audit Report of Insurer, 2080. The LFAR can be viewed from the link below:

<https://nia.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/LFA.pdf>

Issuance of Circular related to Quarterly Financial Statement of Insurer

Nepal Insurance Authority has issued Circular related to Quarterly Financial Statement of Insurer. The Circular can be viewed from the link below:

<https://nia.gov.np/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Quarterly-Financials-Circular-2080-Combined.pdf>

INTERNATIONAL NEWS, EVENTS AND UPDATES

IASB Consults on Improved Accounting Requirements for Financial Instruments with Both Debt and Equity Features

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) has proposed amendments to address the challenges in companies' financial reporting on instruments that have both debt and equity features. To address these challenges, the proposals in the [Exposure Draft](#) would amend IAS 32, IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures, and IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements. The deadline for comments to the Exposure Draft Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity—Proposed amendments to IAS 32, IFRS 7 and IAS 1 is 29 March 2024. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2023/11/iasb-consults-on-improved-accounting-requirements-for-financial-instruments/>

GRI Establishes Sustainability Innovation Lab in Coordination with the IFRS Foundation

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) has announced the upcoming launch of the Sustainability Innovation Lab (SIL), in partnership with the IFRS Foundation as its Convening Partner. The SIL is being established to enable companies to meet their evolving sustainability disclosure requirements, fostering professional development, training, practical solutions, and innovative thinking. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2023/11/gri-establishes-sustainability-innovation-lab-in-coordination-with-the-ifrs-foundation/>

IFAC Releases Sustainability Checklist for Small Businesses

The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) released a [Small Business Sustainability Checklist](#) (the Checklist) to help small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) maximize the benefits of incorporating sustainability into their strategy and business operations. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifac.org/news-events/2023-11/ifac-releases-sustainability-checklist-small-businesses>

New IFAC & CA ANZ Quality Management Toolkit Will Help Small- and Medium-Sized Practices Globally

The International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (CA ANZ) released a quality management toolkit to help small- and medium-sized practices (SMPs) implement the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board's (IAASB) suite of quality management standards. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifac.org/news-events/2023-11/new-ifac-ca-anz-quality-management-toolkit-will-help-small-and-medium-sized-practices-globally>

Proposed ISSA 5000: IAASB's Global Outreach Campaign

The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) launched a public consultation on its landmark proposed global sustainability assurance standard, [International Standard on Sustainability Assurance \(ISSA\) 5000, General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements](#). It also committed to an extensive, high-level outreach plan to ensure broad stakeholder input to improve both the quality of and trust in the final standard. This plan included in-person roundtables around the world, virtual webinars for global audiences, and regional and national meetings with regulators and oversight bodies. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2023-11/proposed-issa-5000-iaasb-s-global-outreach-campaign>

New IAASB Resources Alert: Explore ISSA 5000 FAQ on Materiality

As part of its intensive outreach campaign across the globe, the IAASB has heard requests from a range of stakeholders to provide additional information on materiality matters to better help them navigate the recently proposed International Standard on Sustainability Assurance (ISSA) 5000, *General Requirements for Sustainability Assurance Engagements*. Accordingly, a comprehensive set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), The Application of Materiality by the Entity and the Assurance Practitioner, has been developed. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2023-10/new-iaasb-resources-alert-explore-issa-5000-faq-materiality>

IPSASB Issues IPSAS 49, Retirement Benefit Plans

The International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB), developer of international accrual-based accounting standards for use by governments and other public sector entities around the world, has issued [International Public Sector Accounting Standard \(IPSAS\) 49, Retirement Benefit Plans](#). Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ipsasb.org/news-events/2023-11/ipsasb-issues-ipsas-49-retirement-benefit-plans>

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