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INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Pronouncement of Nepal Financial Reporting Standard (NFRS) 2024

The Institute has pronounced Nepal Financial Reporting Standard (NFRS) 2024 with mandatory application for annual period beginning on or after 16th July 2025. The pronounced NFRS 2024 are developed by Accounting Standards Board of Nepal (ASB, Nepal) in line with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) 2024 issued by International Accounting Standards Board on 1st January 2024. The list of pronounced NFRS 2024 can be viewed from the link below:

https://en.ican.org.np/_uploads/_downloads/_files/3/ac27cc7294eb7999e7ace349648c0bf1.pdf

Appointment of Executive Director

The Institute appointed CA. Surendra Bhusan Shrestha as an Executive Director of the Institute for tenure of four years effective from 10th November 2024.



[Glimpse of contract signing ceremony with newly appointed Executive Director of the Institute](#)

Cordial Meeting with the Director General of Inland Revenue Department

Delegation from Institute led by President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha comprising Vice-President, CA. Nil Bahadur Saru Magar, Acting Executive Director, CA. Kiran Kumar Khatri and Assistant Director, CA. Santosh Bista had a cordial meeting with Director General, Inland Revenue Department, Mr. Ram Prasad Acharya and Deputy Director General, Mr. Gopi Krishna Koirala on 26th September 2024. During the meeting, delegation submitted Format of Certification of Income Tax Return and suggestion on exposure draft of Transfer Pricing Guidelines before the Director General.



[Glimpse of submission of Institute's suggestion and recommendation to the Director General, IRD during cordial meeting at the office of the Director General, IRD](#)

Participation in Interaction Program organized by Nepal Insurance Authority

ICAN President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha addressed, as the Chief Guest in the interaction program on NFRS 17, organized by the Nepal Insurance Authority on 18th September 2024.

Strategic Partner in the Fifth Nepal Infrastructure Summit 2024

The Institute signed a “Strategic Partnership Agreement – Nepal Infrastructure Summit 2024” with the Confederation of Nepalese Industries (CNI) on 28th August 2024. The fifth Nepal Infrastructure Summit 2024 on theme “Driving Sustainable Development through Strategic Investment” was organized on 12th and 13th September 2024 at The Soaltee Hotel, Kathmandu. The summit was graced by Rt. Hon’ble Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli along with Hon’ble Ministries and executives from Government Bodies. The two-day summit had in total 35 international speakers, 70 national speakers, 14 sessions with more than 1300 participants. As a strategic partner, the Institute provided 20 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credit hours for its members participating in the summit. Likewise, three staff of the Institute, Ms. Pragya Aryal, Assistant Director; CA. Amrita Thapa, Assistant Director and CA. Yangchen Lama, Senior Officer participated in the summit.

Training on Financial Statement and Auditing

The Institute with the objective to assist various regulatory bodies in discharging their regulatory function by equipping their officials with practical knowledge required for analyzing and review of financial statement and audit report, organized one day training on Financial Statement and Audit Report on 23rd September 2024 at ICAN premises for the officials of the various regulatory authorities. The three session of the training was facilitated by CA. Prabin Baral and CA. Bidur Luitel whereby, ICAN President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha also addressed the program. Altogether, 19 members participated in the training.



[Glimpse of group photo participants in training on Financial Statement and Audit Report with ICAN President, Vice-President, Officials and Resource Person](#)

Continuing Professional Education (CPE) Training

The Institute with the objective to enhance the capacity of Members of the Institute in various contemporary issues has organized a three days Continuing Professional Education (CPE) training from 14th to 16th September 2024 at ICAN Premises, located at Satdobato, Lalitpur. The CPE covered topics related to school audit, cooperative audit, Code of Ethics, audit report (NSA 700 series), major changes in tax act by finance bill and AML/CFT considerations. The CPE was facilitated by CA. Bishesh Bibu Acharya, CA. Bharat Nepal, CA. Sanjeev Dhakal, CA. Shesh Mani Dahal, CA. Prabin Baral, and Dr. Hari Nepal. Altogether, 106 participants participated in the CPE.

Virtual Participation in the CAPA Members Meeting

ICAN President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha; Vice-President, CA. Nil Bahadur Saru Magar; Council Member, CA. Sunil Devkota; Past President, CA. Yuddha Raj Oli and Acting Executive Director, Mr. Binod Prasad Neupane, virtually participated in the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) Members Meeting held on 9th September 2024.

Virtual Participation in the IFAC Board Meeting

ICAN President, CA. Prabin Kumar Jha; Vice-President and CA. Nil Bahadur Saru Magar virtually participated in International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) Board Meeting held on 5th and 6th September 2024.

25th General Management and Communication Skills Training (GMCS) Training Concluded

The 25th batch of General Management and Communication Skills Training (GMCS) training which commenced on 27th August 2024 has completed on 12th September 2024, at the premises of ICAN. Participation in this training is a pre-requisite for obtaining membership of the Institute. Altogether, 57 participants participated in the meeting.



ICAN President, Vice-President, Council Member and Acting Executive Director addressing the GMCS closing ceremony

Inspection of Accredited Academies

The Institute conducted inspection of 3 accredited academies in September 2024.

Chartered Accountancy Membership Examination, September 2024

The Institute conducted CA Membership examination of September 2024 on 18th and 20th September 2024 at Kathmandu, Biratnagar, Pokhara, Birgunj, Butwal, Chitwan and Nepalgunj. Altogether, 304 applicants appeared in the examination out of total 370 applied.

Staff Training on Information Technology

The Institute organized seven days training on "Fundamentals of MS Office" from 9th to 16th September 2024, for all the assistant-level staff at head and branch offices. Similarly, a session was organized for officer level staffs on Microsoft 365 on 25th September 2024 at ICAN premises.

MEMBERS UPDATE

Name and Membership Number of New Chartered Accountant (CA) Members

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 September 2024 are presented in table below:

S. No.	Membership No.	Members Name	S. No.	Membership No.	Members Name
1	CA-2262	Sujan Adhikari	3	CA-2264	Prakash Sharma
2	CA-2263	Prajeeta Maharjan			

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 September 2024 are presented in table below:

S. No.	Membership No.	Members Name	S. No.	Membership No.	Members Name
1	CA-598	Sunil Adhikari	4	CA-1367	Krishnahari Budhathoki
2	CA-1297	Bal Krishna Pandey	5	CA-1387	Lalit Kumar Agrawal
3	CA-1329	Madhu Pokharel			

Name and Membership Number of Demised Member

The Institute removes name of members from the Membership Register in case of death of members pursuant to Section 22(1) of the Nepal Chartered Accountants Act, 1997. Details of demised members whose membership has been removed from list of members during the month of September 2024 are presented in table below:

S. No.	Membership No.	Members Name	Class
1	RA-1864	Jhanka Prasad Gautam	RA 'B' Class
2	RA-374	Surya Kanta Lal Karna	RA 'D' Class
3	RA-607	Ratna Man Shakya	RA 'B' Class

ICAN NOTICE AND UPDATES

Notice Regarding Amendment in Effective Date of NFRS for SMEs, NAS for MEs and NAS for NPOs

The Institute has published notice regarding amendment in the effective date of application of NFRS for SMEs, NAS for MEs and NAS for NPOs. The notice of the same can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/988d23a548e7e9fb868e0a9984ca0c2c.pdf>

Notice Regarding Listing of Auditors at Local Level

The Institute has published notice to members in practice, regarding listing of auditors at local level. The notice of the same can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/536afef5a4dc1ddb8b57c60738fdd15d.pdf>

Notice Regarding Publication of NFRS, NFRS for SMEs, NAS for MEs and NAS for NPOs

The Accounting Standards Board of Nepal has issued notice regarding availability of NFRS, NFRS for SMEs, NAS for MEs and NAS for NPOs in the website of the board. The notice of the same can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/437d2b350079fb003531d9b825570e05.pdf>

Name list of Toppers in Chartered Accountancy, December 2023 and June 2024

The Institute has published name list of toppers in CA examination of December 2023 and June 2024 batch. The name list of toppers can be viewed from the link below:

<https://en.ican.org.np/uploads/downloads/files/3/5544d26d8fa45c183ed564aecbbc1554.pdf>

NATIONAL NEWS AND UPDATES

Issuance of Bank Account Freezing and Release Byelaws, 2081

Nepal Rastra Bank has issued byelaws regarding provision for freezing and releasing the bank account. The byelaws can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.nrb.org.np/contents/uploads/2024/09/Khata-Rokka-Fukuwa-2081.pdf>

Issuance of Assets Insurance Directive, 2080 (First Amendment)

The Nepal Insurance Authority has issued first amendment to the directives on Assets Insurance. The Directive can be viewed from the link below:

https://nia.gov.np/Admin/images/Law/Directive/66d84d83c6f43_1725451651.pdf

Issuance of Accidental Insurance Directive, 2078 (First Amendment)

The Nepal Insurance Authority has issued first amendment to the directives on Accidental Insurance. The Directive can be viewed from the link below:

https://nia.gov.np/Admin/images/Law/Directive/66d84fb663023_1725452214.pdf

Issuance of Foreign Employment Term Life Insurance Group Insurance Fund (Pool) Formation and Operation Directives, 2081

The Nepal Insurance Authority has issued Foreign Employment Term Life Insurance Group Insurance Fund (Pool) Formation and Operation Directives, 2081. The Directive can be viewed from the link below:

https://nia.gov.np/Admin/images/Law/Directive/66d84bbd64cde_1725451197.pdf

INTERNATIONAL NEWS, EVENTS AND UPDATES

IAASB Releases 2022-2023 Public Report: Balancing Effectiveness and Timeliness in Audit and Assurance Standard Setting

The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) is pleased to share its 2022-2023 Public Report, *Balancing Effectiveness and Timeliness in Audit and Assurance Standard Setting*. This report offers a comprehensive overview of the IAASB's progress in addressing key public interest issues and reiterates its strategic direction to continue bolstering confidence in audits and assurance engagements. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2024-09/iaasb-releases-2022-2023-public-report-balancing-effectiveness-and-timeliness-audit-and-assurance>

IAASB Publishes New ISA for LCE Adoption Guide

The International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) has released a comprehensive [adoption guide designed to help jurisdictions adopt the ISA for LCE](#), an alternative to the full suite of International Standards on Auditing. The guide provides valuable insights into the adoption process, highlighting common steps and successful approaches, while also addressing potential challenges. The guide also outlines steps for legislative, regulatory, or relevant local bodies with

standard-setting authority to allow practitioners to use the ISA for LCE. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.iaasb.org/news-events/2024-09/iaasb-publishes-new-isa-lce-adoption-guide>

IESBA Q&A Update: Clarifying PIE Definition for Global Compliance

The Staff of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) today released an update to its [Questions and Answers \(Q&As\) publication](#), originally published in March 2023, on the IESBA [revisions to the definitions of listed entity and public interest entity \(PIE\)](#) in the [IESBA Code of Ethics](#). Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ethicsboard.org/news-events/2024-09/iesba-qa-update-clarifying-pie-definition-global-compliance>

IFRS Foundation publishes guide for companies as investors call for voluntary application of ISSB Standards

Investors globally have called on companies to voluntarily apply ISSB Standards to provide investors with decision-useful, globally comparable information in the absence of regulatory requirements to apply ISSB Standards. To support companies meet this demand, the IFRS Foundation has—at New York Climate Week—published [Voluntarily applying ISSB Standards—A guide for preparers](#). The guide aims to support companies as they start to apply ISSB Standards voluntarily as well as helping them communicate their progress to investors. Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifrs.org/news-and-events/news/2024/09/ifrs-foundation-publishes-issb-voluntary-application-guide/>

Exposure Draft and comment letters: Equity Method of Accounting—IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (revised 202x)

On 19 September 2024 the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) published Exposure Draft *Equity Method of Accounting—IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (revised 202x)*. The Exposure Draft proposes amendments to IAS 28 to answer application questions about how to apply the equity method of accounting; and complements the proposed amendments to IAS 28 by proposing new disclosure requirements to IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interests in Other Entities and IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements. The deadline for submitting comment letters is 20th January 2025. Link to access exposure draft:

<https://www.ifrs.org/content/dam/ifrs/project/equity-method/exposure-draft/iasb-ed-2024-7-equity-method.pdf>

Further details can be viewed from the link below:

<https://www.ifrs.org/projects/work-plan/equity-method/ed-cl-equity-method/>

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