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Notice Issued for Independent Verification by the Auditor

The 231st meeting of ICAN Council has clarified on the eligibility of auditors for the propose of certifying statement of current assets and liabilities of borrowers from the bank and financial institutions required as per *Directive 2 of Unified Directives issued by Nepal Rastra Bank to the Bank and Financial Institutions (BFIs) of Class A, B and C.* As per Section 35(2) of the directive, statement of current assets and current liabilities submitted by borrowers of BFIs for the approval and renewal of overdraft loan facility in excess of NPR. 250 million are required to be certified by auditor.

The Institute has made this decision to clarify the eligibility of auditors for the propose of certification considering the independence requirement of ICAN members as mandated by Code of Ethics issued by the Institute.

As per the <u>notice issued by the Institute</u>, independent auditors except following members holding Certificate of Practice (COP) are eligible to certify such statements;

Statutory auditor, internal auditor or financial consultant of the borrower; and Statutory auditor and internal auditor of the related Bank and Financial Institutions (BFIs).

CPE Guidelines Revised

The Guidelines on Continuing Professional Education (CPE) have been revised by the 231st meeting of the Council. Revised guidelines have allotted increased CPE hours for participation in Conference, Seminar and Symposia subject to CPE.

Please click here to access the revised Guidelines on CPE.

Meeting at Department of Money Laundering Investigation

In order to coordinate in achieving objectives of Anti Money (Assets) Laundering Act, the Institute had a meeting with the Department of Money Laundering Investigation at Singha Durbar, Kathmandu on January 8, 2019. The meeting was focused to explore avenues for coordination between the Institute and the Department to combat money laundering and terrorist financing in Nepal. It was decided during the meeting to prepare a "Guideline on Combatting Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing" for ICAN members to help them fulfill the

responsibilities of Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Processionals outlined in Assets (Money) Laundering Prevention ACT, 2008.

ICAN President CA. Jagannath Upadhyay (Niraula), Vice Present CA. Krishna Prasad Acharya and Executive Director CA. Sanjay Kumar Sinha represented the institute in the meeting.

It may be noted that the Institute signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Money Laundering Investigation on November 16, 2018.

ICAN Quiz and Elocution Contest 2019

The Institute has organized "ICAN Quiz and Elocution Contest" for the second time among CAP – III students. Altogether, 20 students, 10 students in Quiz and 10 students in Elocution participated in the contests. The Institute has selected two students for each contest for their participation in similar contest going to be held at SAFA (South Asian Federation of Accountants) programs scheduled from January 20-22, 2019 at Pune, India.

What Next???

22nd Anniversary Programme

ICAN is going to celebrate its 22nd anniversary on 31 January 2019 (17 Magh 2075). Coinciding with the celebration of anniversary a full-day Conference on **"Accounting Profession & Way Forward"** will be organized at Hotel Radisson, Kathmandu, Nepal. The conference will consist of four technical sessions as under: ;

- > Enhancing quality of the audit to meet the expectation of stakeholders;
- > How Blockchain is revolutionizing banking and financial markets;
- > Corporate governance reporting and role of professional accountants; and
- Experience sharing on implementation of NSFRS (Especially in banking and insurance sector).

Please register for the conference by visiting the Institute's website. 10 CPE credit hours will be provided to ICAN members participating this Conference.

For additional information, please refer the brochure.

Blood Donation Programme

The Institute is organizing blood donation programme jointly with ICAN Employees Union and Nepal Chartered Accountants Students' Association (NCASA) on Friday, 25 January 2019, in ICAN Building, Satdobato, Lalitpur.

SEBON Revised Security Issuance and Allotment Guidelines, 2074

The Security Exchange Board of Nepal (SEBON) has revised the Security Issuance and Allotment Guidelines, 2074. As per the <u>press release of SEBON</u>, some revisions are made regarding minimum level of credit rating as eligibility to issue Initial Public Officer (IPO), Issue of Debenture, Premium on Initial Public Offer (IPO) and Further Public Offer (FPO).

International News

Accountants Must Seize Opportunity to Drive Effective Enterprise Risk Management

Professional accountants have a meaningful opportunity to enable more effective Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) within their organizations, according to a <u>report published today</u> by IFAC (the International Federation of Accountants).

Businesses face rapid change and increasing uncertainty driven by a myriad of factors, including geopolitical events, volatile financial markets, technology developments, cyber security, data privacy concerns, and climate change. According to the report, professional accountants can play an amplified role within their organizations to identify, measure and mitigate emerging risks through robust ERM practices.

New Standard on Leases Now Effective

IFRS 16 Leases was issued in January 2016 and is effective for annual reporting periods starting on or after 1 January 2019. It replaces IAS 17 Leases and related Interpretations.

IFRS 16 changes the accounting substantially for lessees. The new Standard eliminates a lessee's classification of leases as either operating leases or finance leases. Instead, almost all leases are 'capitalized' by recognizing a lease liability and right-of-use asset on the balance sheet. There is little change for lessors.

Capital Markets Advisory Committee Call for Members

The Capital Markets Advisory Committee (CMAC) is seeking new candidates to join the CMAC from 1 January 2020 for a term of three years, renewable once for a further three years. The CMAC welcomes applications from analysts and investors from all over the world.

The CMAC is an independent advisory body established with the specific aim of providing regular input from an international community of users of financial statements to the International Accounting Standards Board.

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