



Minutes of the 328th meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee held on Tuesday, 16 October 2012 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. Dennis Ho (Chairman)
Mr. Derek Broadley (Deputy Chairman)
Ms. Mabel Cheung
Mr. Ringo Chiu
Mr. Jonathan Lai
Mr. Anthony Leung
Ms. Grace Ma
Dr. Phyllis Mo
Mr. Steve Ong
Mr. Ian Parker
Mr. Paul Phenix
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 for absence were received from Mr. John Chong, Mr. Gary Poon and Mr. Charlix Wong.

	<u>Action</u>
<p>2526. <u>Minutes of the 327th Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the 327th meeting were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>2527. <u>AASC Work Plan 2012 – Status Report</u></p> <p>The Committee considered the status report of the Work Plan for 2012 and noted the progress made on the various projects.</p> <p>The Committee requested the Standard Setting Department (SSD) to follow up with the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data on their reply to our earlier enquiry.</p> <p>The Committee also suggested including the proposed timeline for completion of various projects in the status report.</p>	SSD SSD
<p>2528. <u>HKSAE 3410 "Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements"</u></p> <p>The Committee considered the proposed HKSAE 3410 and suggested some amendments to the example assurance reports. The SSD was requested to make the amendments and to circulate the revised draft to the Committee for approval.</p> <p><i>[Post meeting note: The proposed HKSAE 3410 was approved by circulation on 19 October 2012. HKSAE 3410 was issued on 7 November</i></p>	SSD

2012 in Members' Handbook Update 122 and available at http://app1.hkicpa.org.hk/hksaebk/HKSA_Members_Handbook_Master/updates/update122.pdf

2529. HKSRE 2400 (Revised) "Engagements to Review Historical Financial Statements"

The Committee approved the adoption of ISRE 2400 (Revised) as HKSRE 2400 (Revised). The SSD will submit the proposed HKSRE 2400 (Revised) to the Committee for approval in due course. SSD

2530. CICA's Discussion Paper Enhancing Audit Quality: Canadian Perspectives – The Auditor Reporting Model (DP)

The Committee noted the issuance of this DP and also noted that the IAASB has a similar project on audit quality. The IAASB is currently developing a proposed consultation paper on an audit quality framework. The SSD will inform the Committee and prepare a submission in due course when the IAASB's consultation paper is issued. SSD

2531. IAASB Roundtable: Improving the Auditor's Report

The Chairman of the Committee had attended the IAASB Roundtable held on 8 October in Kuala Lumpur. The Chairman updated the Committee on the major areas discussed in the IAASB Roundtable, including the auditor's commentary, going concern and other reporting improvements which were generally in line with the Institute's submission letter to IAASB.

[Post meeting note: The Institute's submission letter to IAASB's Invitation to Comment is available at:

http://www.hkicpa.org.hk/file/media/section6_standards/standards/Audit-n-assurance/submission/2012/sub_aud.pdf]

2532. Working Group on Section 408 of the new Companies Ordinance (WG)

The SSD updated the Committee on the existing composition of the WG and encouraged members of the Committee to join or nominate other members in their firms to join the WG.

The SSD will arrange the first meeting and circulate the composition of the WG and timing of the meeting in due course. SSD

2533. Convergence Process with the IAASB

The Committee noted that the SSD was required to sign an addendum to the overarching agreement with IFAC for copyright of every pronouncement adopted by the HKICPA and to forward the converged Hong Kong pronouncement to IFAC for copyright clearance. The Committee was concerned about the timing of the convergence process and requested the SSD to seek ways to speed up the process. SSD

2534. Annual Auditing Update Conference 2012 (AAU)

The SSD reported that there were over 600 people attended the AAU and recorded a vote of thanks to the speakers.

The Committee suggested circulating the feedback to speakers and the overall comments on the AAU to the Committee. SSD

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:05 a.m.

DENNIS HO
CHAIRMAN

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