



**Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee**  
**Meeting summary – September 2004**

The Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee (Committee) met on 21 September 2004.

Members present at the meeting were: Carlson Tong (Chairman), Charles Chow (Deputy Chairman), Richard George (Deputy Chairman), Patrick Cheng, William Crowe, Charles Grieve, Paul Hebditch, Man Mo Leung, Thomas Wong, Lesley Yeung and Desmond Yuen.

Secretariat staff present at the meeting were: Stephen Chan, Elaine Chan and Steve Ong.

The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Mapping of SAS 600 “Auditors’ reports on financial statements” with ISA 700 “The Auditor’s Report on Financial Statements”
2. Proposed revised paragraph on “Conformity and Compliance with International Standards on Auditing”
3. Proposed HKSA 800 “The Auditor’s Report on Special Purpose Audit Engagements” consolidating the guidance in PN 710 “The Auditors’ Statement on the Summary Financial Report”

1. **Mapping of SAS 600 “Auditors’ reports on financial statements” with ISA 700 “The Auditor’s Report on Financial Statements”**

The Committee considered the mapping result of SAS 600 with ISA 700, and agreed to exclude the adoption of the extant ISA 700 from the proposed Exposure Draft of proposed Hong Kong Standards on Auditing as the extant ISA 700 is currently subject to revision by the IAASB.

2. **Proposed revised paragraph on “Conformity and Compliance with International Standards on Auditing”**

The Committee agreed that the only “difference” between the proposed HKSAs and ISAs was that any reference to IFAC Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants would be replaced by HKICPA Statements of Professional Ethics/Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants. Modifications because of local legal requirements or additional local guidance (ISA – plus) should not be treated as “differences” but should be reported in a separate paragraph.

3. **Proposed HKSA 800 “The Auditor’s Report on Special Purpose Audit Engagements” consolidating the guidance in PN 710 “The Auditors’ Statement on the Summary Financial Report”**

The Committee considered the proposed HKSA 800 consolidating the guidance in PN 710 and requested the secretariat to follow up with the IAASB on the following two matters:

- (i) the latest thinking of the IAASB on the appropriateness of “true and fair view” opinion adopted in the example auditor’s reports in the Appendices of the extant ISA 800; and
- (ii) the reason behind the IAASB decision not to indicate how the engagement was conducted in the example reports on Summarized Financial Statements in the Appendix of the extant ISA 800.

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