



## Minutes of the 370<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Committee

- Date: Tuesday, 11 September 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
- Location: 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. Paul Lau (Chairman)  
Ms. Loretta Fong (Deputy Chairman)  
Mr. Derek Broadley  
Mr. Edmond Chan  
Mr. Paul Hebditch  
Mr. Frank Lam  
Ms. Susanna Lau  
Mr. Steve Ong  
Mr. Chi Kit Shaw  
Mr. Anthony Wong  
Miss. Basilia Wong  
Miss. Joyce Woo  
Mr. Thomas Wong
- In attendance: Mr. Chris Joy, Executive Director  
Ms. Selene Ho, Associate Director, Standard Setting  
Ms. Phoebe To, Manager, Standard Setting  
Ms. Grace Lau, Manager, Standard Setting

### Action

**2832. Minutes of the 369<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

The Committee approved and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 369<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**2833. Work Plan Status Report and Update from Working Groups**

The Committee considered the report and noted progress of various projects.

**2834. Experience in the performance of assurance engagements over emerging forms of external reporting ("EER") in Hong Kong and/or Mainland China**

It was reported that Mr. Chris Joy, Executive Director of HKICPA, would attend a roundtable discussion held by IAASB in November to discuss the future of assurance over EER. The Committee was requested to provide their experiences, challenges and comments on EER assurance work in Hong Kong and/or Mainland for the purposes of the roundtable discussion.

**2835. Exposure draft of PN 850 (Revised), Reporting on Flag Days and General Charitable Fund-raising Activities Covered by Public Subscription Permits issued by the Social Welfare Department**

It was reported that the Social Welfare Department ("SWD") had revised its Public Subscription Permit Application Form (including the Permit Conditions section) which is effective for application of permit for charitable fund-raising activities on or after 1 August 2018. The Flag Days Application Form was also revised and will be effective for application in 2019-2020.

PN 850 (Revised) was updated as a result of the revised permit conditions of charitable fund-raising activities and flag days. The Committee had some drafting comments. SSD would follow up the comments received during the meeting and circulate a revised draft for the Committee's approval in due course.

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**2836. Update on post implementation research project on revised auditor's reports**

SSD reported that the desktop review of selected auditor's reports had been completed. The Committee considered the preliminary findings and provided comments for SSD's consideration.

SSD reported that the second phase of the project, qualitative review of selected key audit matters by a panel of HKICPA technical staff and investor group representatives, was in progress. SSD would update the Committee with the findings in due course.

The proposed publication of the research results is expected to be made available before the next reporting season.

SSD

**2837. Annual Auditing Update Conference 2018 ("AAU")**

The Committee was informed that the AAU would be held on 27 October at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Kowloon. The Committee considered the proposed programme and provided some comments for SSD's consideration.

**2838. Issues related to bank confirmation requests**

In July 2018, SSD received a letter from a company which encountered a bank refusing to issue an audit confirmation as the company was no longer the bank's client after the year end date. The Committee discussed the matter and considered that it was not within the remits of the Committee. Nonetheless, it requested SSD to communicate the matter with the Hong Kong Association of Banks where appropriate.

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

PAUL LAU  
CHAIRMAN

3 October 2018