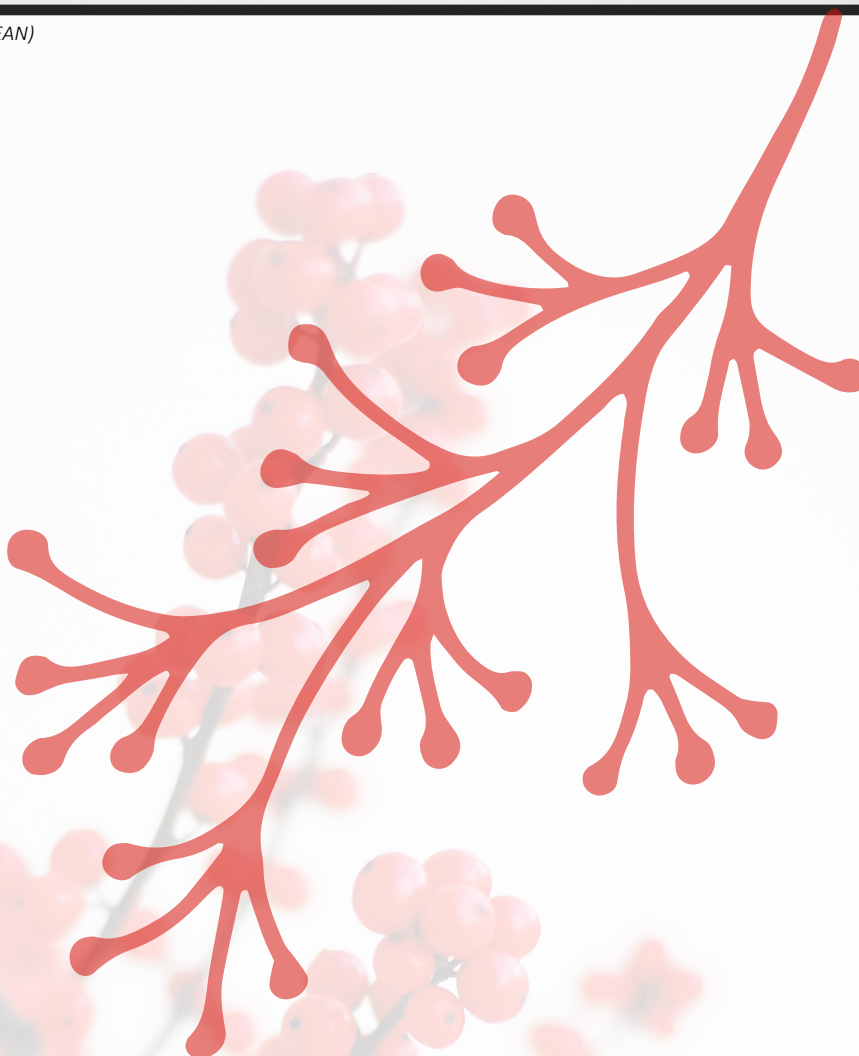


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1. Financial Reporting

1.1 ISCA issues Illustrative Financial Statements for Private Entities 2016

The Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) has issued the Illustrative Financial Statements for Private Entities 2016 which serves to provide illustration of annual financial statements of a Singapore-incorporated company prepared in accordance with Singapore Financial Reporting Standards and the Singapore Companies Act, Chapter 50. The publication seeks to provide guidance to preparers as well as reviewers of financial statements.

To download a copy, please go to the following URL: <http://isca.org.sg/tkc/aa/qa/illustrative-financial-statements/>

1.2 ISCA issues guidance on the accounting for Qualifying Certificate Extension Charges and Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty on residential property developments in Singapore

With the economic slowdown and uncertainties surrounding the market outlook, the private residential property index continued to fall in 2016. Coupled with the weakened market sentiments, some of the residential property developers are facing mounting pressures to dispose of the units within the specified time period as required under the Qualifying Certificate (QC) rules so as to avoid the hefty extension charges imposed under the QC rules. In addition, these developers may face potential claw-back of the remission granted for the Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty (ABSD).

Noting the significance of the accounting for these charges imposed on the developers, ISCA's Financial Reporting Committee (FRC) has developed this guidance to share the discussions and deliberations in the accounting for the QC extension charges and ABSD in order to promote consistency in accounting practices in Singapore.

To access the guidance, please go to the following URL: <http://bit.ly/2IKIX5h>

1.3 MAS announces financial reporting for business trusts and collective investment schemes for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018

On 19 January 2017, the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) announced that for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018, registered business trusts will adopt a new Singapore financial reporting framework that is identical to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), while authorised collective investment schemes (including real estate investment trusts) will continue to prepare financial statements using Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice 7 (RAP 7) *Reporting Framework for Unit Trusts*, issued by ISCA.

For further information, please visit the following URL: <http://bit.ly/2krN2JJ>

1.4 IASB issues ED on Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2015–2017 Cycle

On 12 January 2017, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) published Exposure Draft (ED) 2017/1 *Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2015–2017 Cycle*.

The ED contains proposed amendments to three Standards (IAS 12 *Income Taxes*, IAS 23 *Borrowing Costs* and IAS 28 *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*).

- The proposed amendments to IAS 12 clarify that an entity should account for all income tax consequences of dividends in the same way, regardless of how the tax arises.
- The proposed amendments to IAS 23 clarify which borrowing costs are eligible for capitalisation as part of the cost of an asset in particular circumstances.
- The proposed amendments to IAS 28 clarify that an entity should apply IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* to long-term interests in an associate or joint venture to which it does not apply the equity method.

The deadline for comments on the ED is 12 April 2017.

To access the ED, please go to the following URL: <http://bit.ly/2kIN9Ls>

2. Ethics

2.1 IESBA completes first phase of Restructured International Code of Ethics and enters second and final phase

On 24 January 2017, the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA) announced completion of the major first phase of its strategic project to restructure its Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code). The outcome of the first phase is a new structure and drafting convention, as well as a major restructured portion of the Code. The IESBA's overall restructuring efforts are intended to result in a Code that is more understandable and easier to use, thereby facilitating its adoption and effective implementation globally. At the same time, the IESBA has agreed revisions to a number of provisions pertaining to safeguards in the Code, including enhancements to the conceptual framework of "threats and safeguards."

The IESBA now enters the final stage (Phase 2) of this project. Comprised of three Exposure Drafts (EDs), this final stage sets out new proposals that:

- Restructure select sections of the Code, including recently finalized provisions addressing accountants' response to non-compliance with laws and regulations (NOCLAR), long association of audit firm personnel with an audit or assurance client, and ethical issues that professional accountants in business (PAIBs) often face (Structure ED-2);
- Revise the safeguards-related provisions in the independence sections of the Code pertaining to non-assurance services provided to audit and other assurance clients (Safeguards ED-2); and
- Clarify the applicability of PAIB provisions to professional accountants in public practice (Applicability ED).

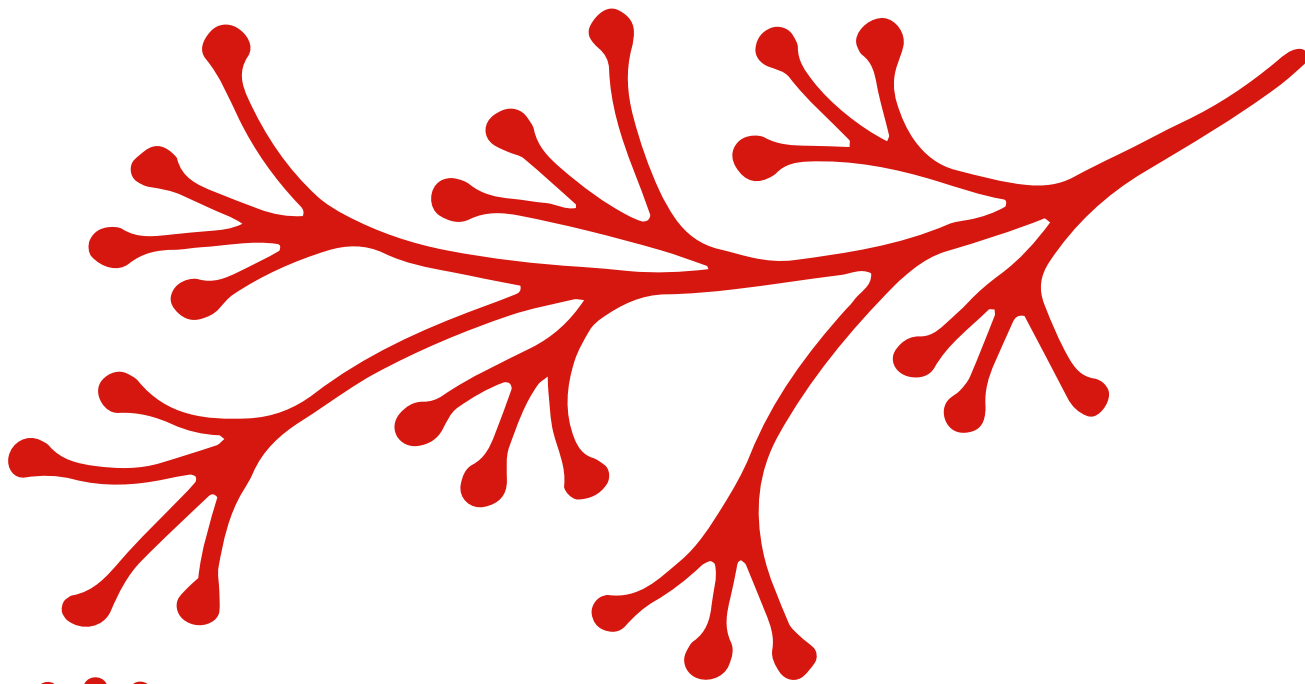
The IESBA is targeting December 2017 for completion of this work to restructure and strengthen the Code. The restructured Code, which will be renamed *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)*, will contain significant new requirements and revised provisions that the IESBA has already finalized, including:

- A greater emphasis on compliance with the fundamental principles in the Code;
- Clarified and strengthened provisions regarding application of the conceptual framework, including safeguards;
- A strengthened partner rotation regime for audits of public interest entities;
- Provisions addressing accountants' responsibilities regarding NOCLAR;
- More comprehensive provisions addressing PAIBs' responsibilities when preparing or presenting information; and

- New requirements and guidance for PAIBs regarding pressure to breach the fundamental principles.

The IESBA has also made available on its website the restructured and revised portions of the Code it has agreed to so far. These, together with a staff-prepared compilation of the proposed restructured Code, Basis for Conclusions documents, mapping tables, and other resources, are intended to support stakeholders' timely adoption and implementation efforts, and consideration of the EDs.

For further information, please visit the following URL: <http://www.ethicsboard.org/restructured-code>

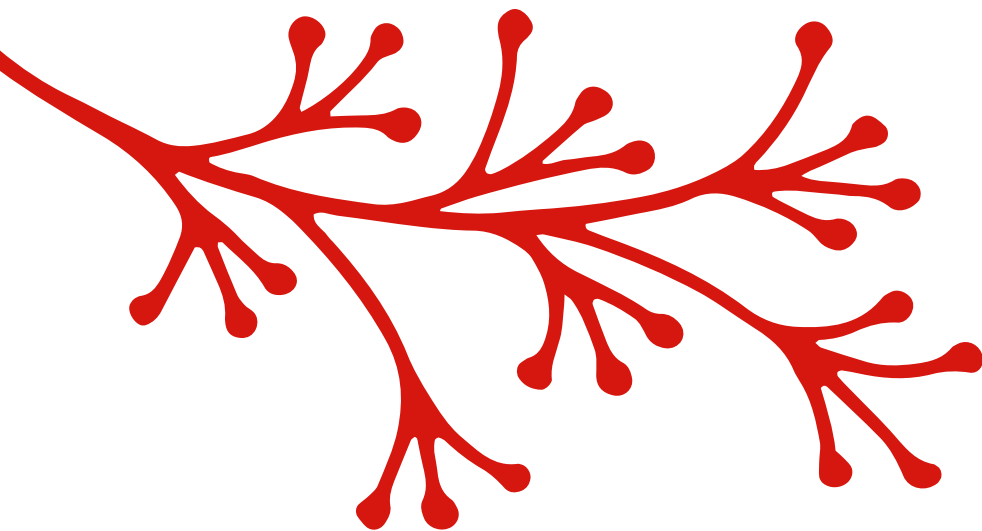
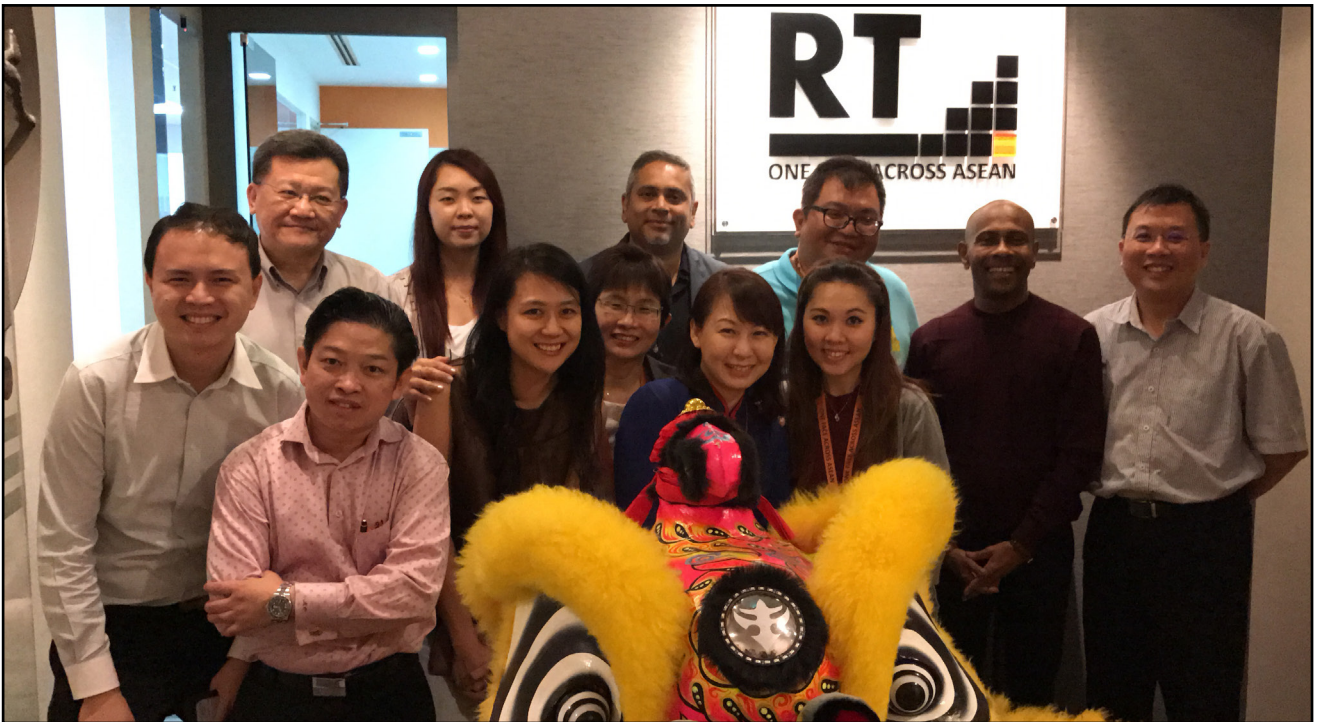


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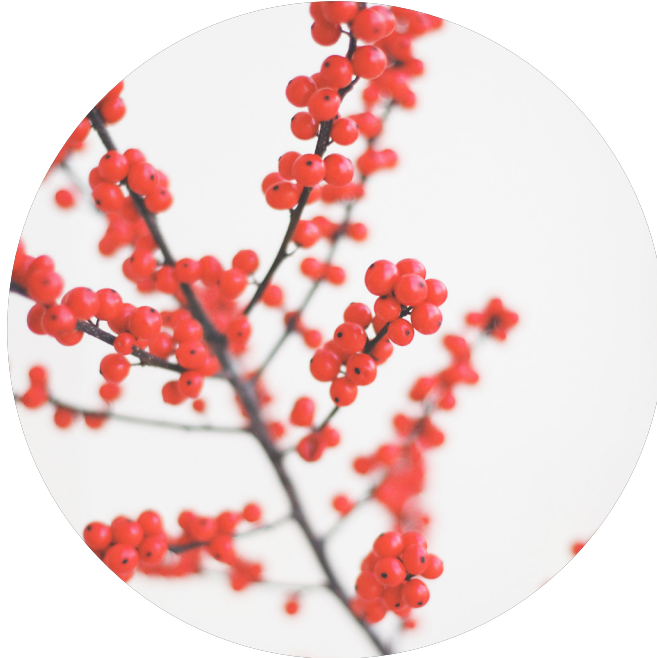


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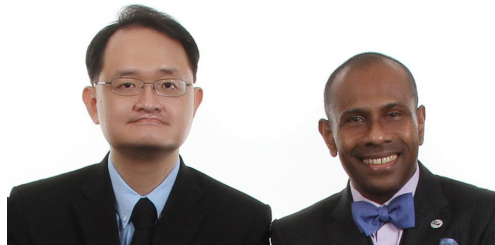
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