

President's Message

Global Connectivity to Elevate the Internal Audit Profession

Happy new year to you all. I hope you celebrated the start of 2019 in good spirits with family and friends.

2018 was another fulfilling year for IIA Singapore. We broadened our professional development curriculum with the addition of new courses, including “Cybersecurity in an Unsecure World” and “Identifying Different Fraud Schemes and Red Flags of Fraud”, to hone members’ technical skills. The successful application of funding schemes for our core courses, such as the SkillsFuture Singapore training grant saw members enjoying savings on our courses. In addition to on-site training, the presence of OnDemand Training gives our members the flexibility to learn at their own time and pace. Integral to our efforts to build a pipeline of internal auditors with multi-disciplinary skillsets, we are now into the second run of the Professional Conversion Programme for Internal Auditors.

With a new year comes new developments and goals, but our aim is clear. We will continue to focus on adding value to our members, the profession and wider community. We are steadfast continuing to advocate adherence to the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing. Supported by IIA Global, and we do this by providing technical support and professional development to our members and communicating timely insights and perspectives on internal audit (IA). Look out for the “Three Lines of Defense” position paper in the first quarter of 2019. All active certification holders can demonstrate their credentials by choosing to be included in the IIA Certification Registry, scheduled for launch in 2019. This is an opportunity for employers and recruiters to verify your certification.

To enable internal auditors to maximise their contribution to good governance and organisational success, we will be rolling out new programmes to engage Audit Committees and small-sized IA functions. Our training programmes will offer a more structured pathway to promote lifelong learning and guide internal auditors to better understand the different skills applicable to their roles, identify competency gaps and assess the relevant training opportunities. In addition to our flagship conferences, we will be offering a sectoral-focused learning platform with the inaugural [Banking Sector Internal Audit Conference 2019](#).

With the exciting journey ahead, IIA Singapore is ever determined to drive and elevate the IA profession.

Yours sincerely
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