

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Positioning Internal Audit For The Future

The theme for this year's Public Sector Internal Audit Conference, "Positioning Internal Audit for the Future" on 21 April 2022 emphasises the importance of internal audit in the public sector space in supporting the stakeholders in assuring that public funds are utilised effectively and services are delivered efficiently to the recipients.

The Covid-19 pandemic presented an unprecedented challenge to the public sector agencies as they are overly stretched in manpower and resources in safeguarding public health, maintaining job security and business continuity, and ensuring the quality of public services are maintained and not eroded. As the Singapore government provided various relief measures to help Singaporeans and businesses weather the Covid-19 crisis, public sector internal auditors have a role to play in ensuring processes and systems are robust and not compromised in view of cyber-attacks and remote working. The assurance work that is performed by internal auditors helps to improve the agency's governance and control processes and operational performance. Attendees can look forward to hearing from thought leaders and practitioners from Central Provident Fund Board, Ministry of Finance, Singapore Police Force, Tote Board, among others who will share and impart their rich knowledge and experiences. Join us at this in-person event to network with likeminded professionals, gain a greater understanding of leading practices, and elevate your career to the next level. Register here now to enjoy early bird savings.

To keep up with all the environment, social and governance (ESG) regulations, IIA Global has recently released the ESG report, "Understanding ESG Reporting Standards in 2022 and Beyond" that focuses on the major frameworks that internal auditors can use to manage ESG risk, along with regulatory concerns and reporting initiative. You can have a read here.

We are pleased to bring back the Young Professionals Internal Audit Mentorship programme on 23 February 2022. With this programme, we are providing an opportunity for IIA Singapore members – aspiring and seasoned internal auditors - to be part of a community that learns and gives back together. Mentors and mentees can apply here.

On the Institute front, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Eric Lim, IIA Singapore Technical Director as the Acting Executive Director, effective immediately. Eric is no stranger to the Institute as he served as President of the Institute from 2012 to 2015.

Together with Eric, we look forward to meeting new and old friends at the conference.

Yours sincerely

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