



## MAY MATTERS: INTERNAL AUDIT MONTH

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May is a meaningful month as we celebrate both Labour Day and Internal Audit Month, a timely reminder of the people, purpose, and profession that strengthen our organisations every day. To all our members, I extend warm May Day greetings and my appreciation for the important work you do behind the scenes to build trust, resilience, and good governance.

This year feels especially exciting as we count down to the 2026 International Conference, happening right here in Singapore from 22 to 24 June. It is a rare opportunity for our profession to welcome the global internal audit community to our shores to connect, learn, and exchange ideas with peers and leaders from around the world. I encourage members to take advantage of the very special Internal Audit Month registration offering - refer to our website and EDMs for more details.

IIA Global has also launched this year's Internal Audit Month campaign, bringing together members worldwide to spotlight the vital role internal auditors play in strengthening organisations. Members are encouraged to share their stories, celebrate their teams, and help stakeholders better understand the value of internal audit. I encourage all internal audit functions to use this opportunity to advocate within your own organisations, to show how internal audit goes beyond assurance, bringing critical thinking, insight, and trusted advice to leadership, especially in an age increasingly shaped by artificial intelligence (AI).

In the spirit of Internal Audit Month, IIA Singapore is also supporting members in their professional development journey through a range of offers across our training and certification programmes. Whether you are looking to deepen technical capabilities, strengthen leadership skills, or advance your professional qualifications, this is a good opportunity to invest in your growth and the future readiness of your internal audit function.

And of course, no message today feels complete without mentioning AI. As organisations navigate increasing complexity, the conversation around AI continues to accelerate. Recent headlines around Anthropic's "Mythos" model, which reportedly raised concerns over how frontier AI can identify and exploit cybersecurity vulnerabilities, have reinforced the importance of stronger cyber resilience and governance. This makes our upcoming event, held in partnership with KPMG, on governing AI for trust, integrity, and impact especially timely. AI is no longer simply a technology discussion, it is a governance, risk, and assurance priority.

Finally, the Topical Requirement on Organisational Resilience, released on 30 April, is also a timely reminder that resilience is no longer optional in today's environment of disruption and permacrisis.

As we reflect on our profession this month, I hope we continue to take pride in the value we bring, advocate confidently for our role, and remain committed to elevating internal audit for the future. Though internal auditors often work quietly, your impact in helping organisations navigate uncertainty and make better decisions is significant.

My warm wishes as well to all members and families observing Vesak Day and Hari Raya Haji this month.

Yours sincerely

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