



## A DEFINING WEEK FOR OUR PROFESSION

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What an incredible few days it has been for our profession, and for Singapore. Hosting the 2026 IIA International Conference and welcoming close to 2,000 delegates from across the globe was both an honour and a proud milestone for IIA Singapore, made even more meaningful as we celebrate our 50th anniversary this year. For three inspiring days, Singapore became the meeting place for the global internal audit community. The energy, conversations and exchange of ideas throughout the conference reminded us that while our organisations, industries and risks may differ, our shared purpose remains the same, to strengthen governance and help organisations create, protect and sustain value.

Our Guest of Honour, Minister Indranee Rajah, set the tone for the conference with a thought-provoking address that reflected many of the themes explored over the three days. Artificial intelligence was woven through many of the discussions, not as a distant possibility, but as a reality already reshaping organisations and redefining the role of internal audit. We were also privileged to hear from Senior Minister of State Tan Kiat How, whose insights on Singapore's AI journey and responsible innovation added another valuable perspective to the conversations. Alongside discussions on cybersecurity, organisational resilience, sustainability and emerging risks, the conference reinforced an important truth: while technology will continue to transform how we work, it is our judgement, integrity and professional scepticism that will continue to define our value.

One of the highlights, and certainly one of the most talked-about moments, was the closing conversation with Sophia the Humanoid. It was fascinating, at times humorous and, for many of us, a little surreal. Watching an unscripted exchange with a humanoid robot, with several moments that had the audience laughing and even a surprise song from Sophia, was certainly a memorable way to conclude the conference.

Beyond the keynote stage, however, some of the most valuable conversations happened during networking sessions, roundtable discussions and simply over coffee. Delegates openly shared experiences, practical insights and fresh ideas. Those conversations often become the catalyst for future collaborations and lasting professional relationships, reminding us that some of the greatest value from a conference comes from the connections we make with one another.

As we return to our organisations, I hope each of us carries forward not only new ideas and meaningful connections but also renewed confidence in the future of our profession. Every so often, there are moments that remind us why our profession matters. The 2026 IIA International Conference was one of those moments.

On behalf of IIA Singapore, I extend my heartfelt thanks to every delegate, speaker, sponsor, volunteer and partner who contributed to making this conference such a memorable success. I would also like to express our sincere appreciation to The IIA Global for their close partnership and collaboration in bringing this world-class conference to Singapore. Together, we demonstrated the strength of our global profession and what we can achieve when we come together with a shared purpose.

Yours sincerely

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