

## **2021 IIA International Conference Brings Together Global Thought Leaders on Top Issues Affecting Internal Audit**

*Annual event makes first-ever stop in Singapore with powerful virtual line-up of speakers*

SINGAPORE (14 June 2021) – Navigating a transformational era of ever-evolving risks, new technologies and other challenges is the focus of the 79<sup>th</sup> annual Institute of Internal Auditors' International Conference, co-hosted by The Institute of Internal Auditors Singapore.

This is the annual conference's first time in Singapore. More than 1,000 international and local attendees are expected for the five-day, virtual event, which continues through Friday, 18 June.

Internal auditors recognise that delivering innovative solutions is more important than ever, with many rising to the challenge of increased responsibilities for bringing value to their organisations, especially in today's new normal.

The educational and networking event brings together more than 70 industry leaders and subject-matter experts from the Asia Pacific region, North America, and Europe, offering fresh insights on where the profession is heading, the tools for getting there, and how practitioners can take charge of their future amid disruption.

Ms Indranee Rajah, Singapore Minister in the Prime Minister's Office and Second Minister for Finance and National Development said in her opening address, "With business uncertainty from Covid-19 and digital transformation, internal auditors must adapt and reskill to meet increasing stakeholder expectations and demands. This conference will give internal auditors the opportunity to discuss how their work is evolving, and how to turn challenges into opportunities."

The conference theme, "Scaling New Heights," demonstrates the common goal of The IIA Global and IIA Singapore to come together and initiate discussions, providing a platform for internal auditors to adopt new tools and techniques, and to develop capabilities needed to become more agile to effectively respond to today's challenges.

The 2021 IIA International Conference has received the support of 24 sponsors and exhibitors across the industry, including the market regulator, Singapore Exchange Regulation ("SGX RegCo").

Mr Tan Boon Gin, CEO of SGX RegCo, said, "Good governance begins at home and internal audit is at the frontline of our system of checks and balances. Covid-19 has brought new challenges to the environment and our lives. As the world faces changes and is fraught with more uncertainties, a strong internal audit function will serve as the compass to help companies stay on course. SGX RegCo looks forward to working closely with IIA Singapore in raising standards of internal audit and developing the profession."

"The pandemic has created opportunities for the internal audit profession to perform their role as trusted advisors to businesses and, at the same time, meet higher-than-ever expectations from stakeholders. It is important that internal auditors continually adapt and transform themselves to

thrive in a post-Covid world. As the only professional body in Singapore dedicated to internal audit, IIA Singapore is committed to preparing the profession to be future-ready. The 2021 IIA International Conference, co-partnered with The IIA Global, brings to the forefront hot-button topics impacting the profession – from artificial intelligence to risk management strategies, to help internal auditors understand these issues and how to navigate the challenges ahead. We look forward to having participants from around the world join us virtually in this learning journey,” said Mr Koh Chin Beng, CIA, CA (Singapore), President of IIA Singapore and Conference Co-chair, and Ms Tan Boon Yen, CIA, CRMA, CA (Singapore), Immediate Past President of IIA Singapore and Conference Co-chair.

“We are thrilled to have IIA Singapore as our partner in hosting this premier, global event for internal auditors,” said Mr Anthony J. Pugliese, CPA, CGMA, CITP, IIA President and CEO. “In addition to Ms Indranee Rajah’s compelling opening remarks, we have an incredible line-up of speakers and educational sessions that examine the impact of technology on our profession and our organisations, risks and opportunities associated with global economic and business challenges including cybersecurity, and how internal auditors can become better equipped to define their future and our profession.”

The conference is taking place in Singapore Standard Time, but offers multiple viewing options to accommodate an audience in time zones around the world. Besides being able to engage with speakers via live Q&As, attendees can watch the sessions in real-time with audio translations in 16 languages or on-demand over the next 30 days.

For more about the 2021 IIA International Conference, visit <https://ic.globaliia.org/2021>.

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