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- 3,000 internal audit professionals and governance stakeholders to convene in Kuala Lumpur for the 70th Institute of Internal Auditors International Conference 2011

A first for Asia, the upcoming 70th Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) International Conference 2011 will be held in Malaysia from 10 – 13 July. The biggest gathering for audit professionals this year, the conference is expected to attract 3,000 delegates from over 100 countries to Kuala Lumpur and set the tone of the profession for the new decade.

The IIA is the global leader of the internal audit profession with over 170,000 members in 165 countries.

Commenting on Kuala Lumpur as the host city for 2011, Florida, USA-based Richard Chambers, IIA Global President and Chief Executive Officer said, "I am extremely proud that our global organisation will have the opportunity to gather in one of the most vibrant, dynamic and diverse international cities anywhere. Just as Malaysia has a history of long-held traditions and values, it is appropriate that this conference is held in Asia when The IIA is celebrating its 70th anniversary.

"The venue, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre in the heart of the city – is one of the most advanced facilities in the world and where internationally recognised speakers will present. This includes United Nations' Under-Secretary-General of Internal Oversight Services Carman Lapointe; one of the United Kingdom's leading voices on governance issues, Robert Haldane Smith, Lord Smith of Kelvin; as well as writer and economist Graeme Maxton who is a leading expert on Asian business and economics."

"Themed 'Standing Tall', it is particularly appropriate as Kuala Lumpur is home to a unique international landmark – the PETRONAS Twin Towers, one of the tallest man-made structures on the planet. The Twin Towers perfectly symbolises the aspirations of Malaysians to ascend to new heights and be leaders in their own right," said Mr Wee Hock

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