

# Presentation To Government Auditors

IIA Malaysia was invited to present a talk to internal auditors from the federal ministries and departments. The briefing was held on 29 April 2005 at the Ministry of Finance Complex in Putrajaya. More than 60 internal auditors from various departments and ministries attended the briefing session.

The session started with presentation by Yong Ngeak Choo, Executive Director of IIA Malaysia who briefed the audience on the roles and functions of IIA Malaysia in enhancing and developing the internal audit profession. In line with the circular issued by the Treasury, Ministry of Finance Malaysia which requires all internal audit units of Federal Ministries and Departments as well as State Government Offices to be corporate member of IIA Malaysia, Yong also shared the benefits of corporate membership. During the briefing, Wee Hock Kee, President of IIA Malaysia delivered a talk entitled “Changing Roles of Internal Auditors”. In his presentation Wee pointed out that the internal audit roles have gone through three eras of evolution – the era of financial controls in the pre-1990s, era of business advisors during the 1990s and era of governance partners in 2004 and beyond. In the era of governance partners, internal auditors are foot soldiers on the battleground of corporate governance. Therefore the internal audit function must be a proactive participant in the process of setting up corporate safeguards.

Also present at the briefing were Nur Hayati Baharuddin, Technical Manager of IIA Malaysia and Datuk R Theivandran, Governor of IIA Malaysia. Datuk Theivandran assisted in answering some questions fielded by the participants, particularly on those relating to the practices in public sector.

