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The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) Appoints Edward Ling as Chief Executive Effective 20th September 2021

Kuala Lumpur, 21 September 2021: The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) today announced the appointment of Edward Ling Hsiao Wee as the new Chief Executive, effective 20th September 2021. Edward takes over from Prasad Padmanaban, who served the Institute for close to five years.

AICB Chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim said, "We are delighted to welcome Edward as the new AICB CEO. His vast knowledge and rich experience in the professional development and financial sphere, leading local and regional portfolios uniquely positions him to lead the Institute and help us serve the needs of our members and the banking industry during this period of rapid transformation."

Edward is a veteran in the financial sector and has worked at ACCA for over 11 years. Before this, he served as the Regional Portfolio Head – Maritime Southeast Asia for ACCA, after serving four years as Country Head of ACCA Malaysia and various positions within the Association over the last decade.

Edward Ling, newly appointed Chief Executive, Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB), said, "Digitalisation has dramatically altered the banking industry, creating new challenges and placing greater emphasis on workforce transformation. It has become critical for the industry to optimise technology and upskill and reskill their staff to keep up with the revolution. I am excited to join AICB and look forward to contributing to raising the professional standards in the banking industry and ensuring our members are equipped with the professional knowledge and skills to navigate the future of banking."

Edward was awarded the Chief Executive's Award in 2017 from ACCA and Academic Excellence Scholarships from USA Groups in 2000. He is an accomplished business leader in the financial sector with many awards and accolades to his credit.

Edward will lead the Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) strategy for its 32,000 members and oversee its activities and initiatives to empower bankers in Malaysia and beyond. He is also passionate about aviation, portrait photography and is a fan of the Civilization strategy game series.

NOTE: Hi-res Images are available for download here: Link



About The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB)

The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) is the sole professional body for Malaysia's banking industry. The Institute is governed by a council of representatives from Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM), The Association of Banks in Malaysia (ABM), and the Malaysian Investment Banking Association (MIBA).

With over 32,000 members and growing, AICB aims to elevate professional and ethical standards in banking by creating a workforce with the highest standards of professional conduct, knowledge and competence through its professional membership and qualifications.

AICB is the only institute in Southeast Asia that is approved by the Chartered Banker Institute, UK, to award the Chartered Banker status. It continues to engage with industry experts to ensure that it's suite of qualifications remains relevant and futureproof, equipping bankers with the requisite skills and values to keep pace with the ever-evolving banking environment.

The Institute continues to support the growth of its members through innovative learning and by advocating professionalism, advancing thought leadership, and facilitating networking opportunities.

For more information on AICB, please visit: <u>www.aicb.org.my</u>

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