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The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) hosts 20th Graduation and Awards Ceremony 2017 (GRACE 2017)

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 May 2017 – The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) held its 20th Graduation and Awards Ceremony 2017 today, with the presence of over one thousand attendees comprising graduates and guests. The graduation ceremony recognises the increasing importance of professional education for the banking industry as it showcases the growing pool of banking professionals who are competent, knowledgeable and professional. Officiating the event was the Governor of Bank Negara Malaysia, Datuk Muhammad bin Ibrahim, who delivered a special address at the graduation ceremony.

Tan Sri Azman Hashim, AICB Chairman said, “The mounting complexity in financial products, technology and growing consumer sophistication have led to a significant need for banking professionals who are not just highly competent, but also possess integrity and the right values to conduct business in order to contribute to the growth and stability of the industry. To further strengthen the ethical foundations and professional education development in banking, AICB and its exclusive training partner, the Asian Banking School, will continue to focus on promoting professionalism and raising competency standards for the banking industry through various professional banking education qualifications and trainings.”

Prasad Padmanaban, AICB Chief Executive said “AICB is well-positioned as a professional body to promote professionalism in banking as its members are governed by its Code of Professional Conduct. As part of AICB’s efforts to professionalise the industry, the Institute also focuses on promoting continuous professional development among its members and ensures that our professional educational offerings, developed in close consultation with the industry, remain relevant and meet the needs of bankers in this rapidly changing financial landscape.”

A total of 1062 AICB members comprising banking practitioners graduated from the various AICB qualifications. In line with its efforts to professionalise the banking industry, AICB also recently signed a Joint Declaration with 25 Members of the Association of Banks in Malaysia to create a workforce characterised by high standards of professional conduct, knowledge and competence through the Institute’s flagship programme, the Chartered Banker Programme. The Chartered Banker qualification is conferred jointly by AICB and the Chartered Banker Institute, UK. This milestone further reinforced industry’s unified stand on upholding standards of conduct that will inspire confidence in the financial system.

Further, the Institute also continues to ensure that its professional qualifications are aligned with industry needs in order for talent in the banking industry to be equipped with the requisite skills and values through its series of professional qualifications. This year marks the 40th year that the Institute has provided its banking education expertise to the nation.

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About AICB

The Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB) is the professional body for the banking industry in Malaysia. AICB is governed by a Council comprising representatives from Bank Negara Malaysia, The Association of Banks in Malaysia, and the Malaysian Investment Banking Association. The Institute's aim is to elevate professional and ethical standards of banking practitioners and create a banking workforce which subscribes to high standards of professional conduct, knowledge and competence. In line with our mission, AICB continues to ensure that our professional qualifications are aligned with industry needs in order for talent in the banking industry to be equipped with the requisite skills and values through its series of professional qualifications. For more information on AICB, log on to www.aicb.org.my.