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## AFA announces the departure of Executive Director Tanujaya

## The new phase commences: AFA toward Golden Era of Accountancy Profession in ASEAN

JAKARTA, 11 June 2025 – AFA announces the departure of Mr. Edward Tanujaya from his role as Executive Director (ED) of the Federation, effective 20 June 2025. ED Edward, as he often called for, had resumed the position since April 2024 and decided to leave for personal reason, returning to academia life.

Despite the relatively short tenure, ED Edward has been an integral part of AFA activities making significant contributions to the profession in Southeast Asia. He played a significant role in strengthening AFA's position as the umbrella organisation for the Professional Accountancy Organisations of the ASEAN Member States and an important stakeholder in the global accountancy profession, including global standard setter and regulator.

Orchestrating a regional network of 21 member PAOs, ED Edward put the effort to maintain AFA position to be instrumental in the advancement of accountancy profession in ASEAN, which represent more than 2 million accountants and students. "AFA is always an important driving forces for advancing the accounting profession across Southeast Asia region. Through strong collaboration among primary members from 10 ASEAN member states and associate members which consists of regional and global PAOs, AFA will always be holding the key success for continuous enhancement of professional accountants in ASEAN," said ED Edward. "*Discedo ut discam, redibo ut magis contribuam*. I would not offer a goodbye, but just allow me to retreat to learn from outside perspectives and will continue to contribute the profession." he added.

"Even though the message was not to say a farewell, but on behalf of AFA Council and Office Bearers, we would like to extend our profound gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to ED Edward for his relentless commitment and exemplary service. His invaluable contributions have left an indelible mark, and we wish him the very best in his future endeavors." said President Tien. AFA looks towards the future with excitement and anticipation, while awaiting to announce the appointment of the new AFA ED.

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## About the ASEAN Federation of Accountants (AFA)

AFA was organised on 12 March 1977, to serve as the umbrella organisation for the recognised national Professional Accountancy Organisations (PAOs) of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (<u>ASEAN</u>) Member States. Our ten Primary Members collectively represent a regional network of more than 200,000 accountants in ASEAN jurisdictions, supported by a global network of Associate Members with more than 2 million members and students worldwide. AFA is an accredited Civil Society Organisation of ASEAN recognised under the ASEAN Charter and a Regional Network Partner of the International Federation of Accountants (<u>IFAC</u>).

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