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CISA ORIENTATION PROGRAMME

Distinguished professionals, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to today's CISA Orientation Programme organised by A. J. Silicon.

I want to begin with one simple message: your decision to be here today could become an important turning point in your professional journey.

The world of work is changing rapidly. Technology now drives banking, accounting, auditing, finance, manufacturing, government and virtually every sector of the economy. As organisations become more dependent on technology, the demand is increasing for professionals who can understand systems, identify risks, evaluate controls and provide assurance.

That is where CISA becomes extremely relevant.

The Certified Information Systems Auditor, CISA, certification is more than another qualification to add to your name. It can help you develop knowledge and credibility in information systems audit, technology risk, governance, controls and assurance.

And I want to emphasise something very important today: you do not have to remain where you are professionally.

You may be an accountant today. You may be an auditor, banker, finance professional, compliance officer, risk professional, consultant, graduate or someone considering a new professional direction. With the right knowledge, certification, preparation and determination, you can reposition yourself for greater opportunities.

Many people admire successful professionals from a distance and assume that they had special advantages. But very often, the difference is that at some point they made a decision to learn something new,

acquire a new qualification and prepare themselves for opportunities before those opportunities arrived.

CISA can be one of those decisions for you.

Today, we will introduce you to CISA, explain the five domains, discuss the examination and preparation process, and show you the opportunities available in areas such as IT audit, technology risk, governance, compliance and digital assurance.

We will also provide guidance on how you can position yourself for employment opportunities, both onsite and remote, locally and internationally.

But certification alone is not enough. You must be willing to study. You must be willing to develop practical competence. You must be willing to invest in yourself. And most importantly, you must believe that your professional life can move from where it is today to where you want it to be.

Do not allow your present position to define your future possibilities.

Do not say, *“I am only an accountant.”*

Do not say, *“I am not an IT person.”*

Do not say, *“It is too late for me to learn something new.”*

The professional world is increasingly interdisciplinary. The accountant of today must understand technology. The auditor must understand systems. The risk professional must understand digital risks. The finance professional must understand how technology affects business processes and controls.

The question is therefore not whether technology will affect your profession.

It already has.

The real question is: Will you prepare yourself to take advantage of the opportunities it is creating?

At A. J. Silicon, having been involved in CISA training for over two decades, we have seen professionals take bold steps to improve themselves, obtain certification and move into new areas of responsibility and opportunity.

Your own journey can also begin with a decision.

Perhaps that decision begins today.

I therefore encourage you to listen carefully, participate actively and ask questions. Do not simply attend this orientation. Use it to evaluate where you are, where you want to be and what you need to do to get there.

The opportunity before you is not merely to obtain another certificate.

It is an opportunity to build new competence, increase your professional relevance, expand your employment possibilities and position yourself for a changing global workplace.

I congratulate you for taking this first step.

I warmly welcome you once again to the CISA Orientation Programme, and I hope that when you look back sometime in the future, you will remember today as one of the days when you decided to take your professional development to another level.

Thank you, and I wish you a highly inspiring and rewarding session.