

# Cagamas issues RM1b dual currency notes

KUALA LUMPUR: The national mortgage corporation, Cagamas Bhd, has issued dual currency medium-term notes of US dollar and Ringgit amounting to RM1 billion.

The exercise, issued through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cagamas Global PLC, comprised of one-year US\$130 million and one-year RM470 million notes.

"Amid uncertainty in interest rate expectations, post non-farm-payroll release in the US and pre-Monetary Policy Committee meeting in Malaysia, the dual currency issuance was favoured to obtain a lower weighted average funding cost,"

said Chief Executive Officer Chung Chee Leong in a statement Tuesday.

He cited the issuance of US dollar medium-term notes, which was concluded through a private placement, was competitively priced at 1.60 per cent.

On the local front, he said the Ringgit issuance achieved a commendable bid-to-cover-ratio of 2.6 times and was subscribed by a diversified pool of investors.

Foreign participation represented 13 per cent of the Ringgit issuance, he added.

The new issuance would bring Cagamas' aggregate issuance for the year to RM5.4 billion. - Bernama