

# Cagamas issues RM1b dual currency notes

THE national mortgage corporation, Cagamas Bhd, has issued dual currency medium-term notes (MTN) of US dollar and ringgit amounting to RM1 billion.

The exercise, issued through its wholly owned subsidiary, Cagamas Global plc, comprised one-year US\$130 million (RM534.56 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 is favoured to obtain a lower weighted average funding cost," said CEO Chung Chee Leong in a statement yesterday.

He cited the issuance of US dollar MTN, which was concluded through a private placement, was competitively priced at 1.60%.

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. — *Bernama*