

Cagamas issues RM1bil dual currency notes

KUALA LUMPUR: The national mortgage corp, Cagamas Bhd, has issued dual currency medium-term notes of US dollar and ringgit amounting to RM1bil.

The exercise, issued through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cagamas Global PLC, comprised of one-year US\$130mil and one-year RM470mil 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 yesterday.

He cited the issuance of US dollar medium-term notes, 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