Cagamas ends Q3 with RM11.95b issuances

KUALA LUMPUR: Cagamas Bhd has ended the third quarter with year-to-date aggregate issuances of RM11.95 billion, which surpassed the total of RM11.7 billion recorded last year.

The national mortgage corporation said this included the latest aggregate issuances of RM2.45 billion comprising the RM400 million three-month Conventional Commercial Papers, RM550 million two-year Conventional Medium Term Notes and RM1.5 billion multi-tranche one-, two- and three-year Islamic Medium Term Notes (IMTNs).

It said proceeds from the issuances would be used to fund the purchase of housing loans and eligible assets.

"Although set against a backdrop of soft market conditions arising from market expectations of a possible tapering announcement by the United States Federal Open Market Committee, coupled with concerns over potential default by a property firm in China and its impact on global markets, we are delighted by the strong support for Cagamas' papers," said president and chief executive officer Datuk Chung Chee Leong.

He said the IMTNs were priced through a public book building exercise that attracted a diverse base of investors

"Demand for our papers was overwhelming, resulting in the tightening of the one-year tranche to 2.18 per cent from an initial price guidance of 2.20 per cent, while the three-year tranche was upsized from an initial RM800 million to a final RM1.15 billion."