

65PC INCREASE YEAR-ON-YEAR

Cagamas' RM19.2b issuances this year highest since 2002

KUALA LUMPUR: National mortgage corporation Cagamas Bhd said its aggregate issuances this year rose 65 per cent year-on-year to RM19.2 billion — its highest yearly issuance since 2002.

In a statement yesterday, it also announced the aggregate issuances of RM900 million three-month Conventional Commercial Papers (CCPs), with the proceeds to be used to fund the purchase of housing loans from the financial system.

According to Cagamas, the CCPs were priced at the corresponding three-month Kuala Lumpur Interbank Offered Rate (KLIBOR) benchmark rate plus three basis points (bps), based on the KLIBOR fixing on the pricing date, representing a spread of 24 bps above the corresponding Malaysia Treasury Bills.

It said the papers, which will be

redeemed at their full nominal value upon maturity, are unsecured obligations of the company, ranking *pari passu* with all other existing unsecured obligations of the company.

“They will be listed and tradable under the scripless securities trading system.”

President and chief executive officer Datuk Chung Chee Leong said the company was pleased to conclude the year with another successful issuance.

“It has been an eventful year, following how challenging last year was for all markets, he said.

“We are hopeful that next year will be better as the world charts for economic recovery amidst the emergence of the Covid-19 Omicron variant, which may pose a downside risk to recovery.”

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