Cagamas concludes issuances of RM3.3 bln worth of bonds, sukuk

KUALA LUMPUR: Cagamas Bhd has successfully concluded the issuances of RM3.3 billion worth of bonds and sukuk from both domestic and international markets, ahead of expected further monetary policies tightening by the US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) and Bank Negara Malaysia's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meetings this week.

It had successfully priced its RM500 million three-year Asean Social Sustainable and Responsible Investment (SRI) Sukuk, RM300 million three-year Asean Social Bonds, RM2.3 billion combined multi-tenured Islamic Medium Term Notes (IMTNs) and one-year S$65 million (S$1=RM3.35) Fixed Rate Euro Medium Term Notes (EMTN).

In a statement yesterday, the national mortgage corporation of Malaysia said proceeds from the issuances will be used to fund the purchase of housing loans, house financing and eligible assets from the financial system.

Cagamas president and chief executive officer Datuk Chung Chee Leong said that demand for the corporation's domestic and foreign currency bonds and sukuk remained resilient amid market uncertainties with the continued support from the local and foreign investors including asset managers, financial institutions, insurance companies, as well as statutory bodies.

"The issuances bring the company's year-to-date (YTD) issuances from both domestic and international markets to RM16.1 billion.

"The Singapore dollar (SGD) issuance also marks the company's fifth foreign currency issuance exercise for the year and brings the YTD SGD-denominated issuances to S$615 million," he said.

Cagamas noted that the SGD-denominated bonds, issued via its wholly-owned subsidiary, Cagamas Global PLC, are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Cagamas.

Meanwhile, Cagamas' ringgit issuances, 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. — Bernama