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MALAYSIAN TAX CONFERENCE 2019

Malaysia Baru's Tax Reform Agenda—What's Next?



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Malaysia Baru has embarked on a long-overdue tax reform agenda, guided by the Tax Reform Committee established in October 2018. The essence of tax reform is the undertaking of a holistic review of the national tax system in assisting to broaden the tax base and reduce the crippling national debt, while supporting economic growth and social wellbeing.

The Malaysian Tax Conference 2019 will focus on the likely reforms and innovations geared to creating a more business-friendly tax ecosystem, with leading tax experts discussing pressing issues such as direct and indirect taxes, transfer pricing, governance and collaborative regulations, standards, dispute resolutions and taxpayer rights.

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Tax Practitioners
- Tax Managers
- Tax Agents
- Tax Advisors/Consultants
- Chief Financial Officers
- Finance Directors
- Heads of Finance Department
- Accountants

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- Provide thought leadership on tax reform and enhancing the tax system in Malaysia.
- Discuss the issues and challenges on tax dispute and ways to reduce and resolve them.
- Learn to leverage technology as part of the tax governance and controls to improve the tax function.
- Create and support new growth through innovation and implementing a business-friendly environment and tax eco-system.
- Gain practical knowledge on the implications of the tax and accounting reporting standards.
- Learn and review the findings and outcomes of the recent tax cases and best practical solutions.
- Keep abreast with the latest issues and crucial updates on transfer pricing.
- Formulate sound policy bases to develop and safeguard taxpayer rights and the client charter for the future tax system in Malaysia.



DAY 1 PROGRAMME

8.00am	REGISTRATION & WELCOME REFRESHMENTS
9.00am	Arrival of Guest of Honour
9.05am	Welcome Address Salihin Abang President, Malaysian Institute of Accountants
9.15am	Keynote Address by Guest of Honour Dato' Sri Sabin Samitah Chief Executive Officer, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia
9.35am	Launching Ceremony
9.45am	SESSION 1: Reforming and Enhancing the Tax System in Malaysia: Direct Tax and Indirect Tax Comprehensive tax reforms can improve the operations and governance of the tax ecosystem and simplify compliance for taxpayers, while enhancing Malaysia's global competitiveness and supporting national development. This session discusses the agenda for tax reform as guided by the Tax Reform Committee, and focuses on both direct and indirect tax in enhancing and improving the tax system in Malaysia. PANELLISTS Amarjeet Singh Malaysia Tax Leader & Business Tax Services Leader, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd Aurobindo Ponniah Executive Director, PwC Malaysia Nor Zahidi Alias Chief Economist, Malaysian Rating Corporation Berhad Senthuran Elalingam Financial Services Indirect Tax Leader—Asia Pacific and Partner, Indirect Tax, Deloitte Tax Services Sdn Bhd MODERATOR Dr Veerinderjeet Singh Chairman, Taxation Practice Committee, MIA
11.00am	MORNING REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING
11.45am	SESSION 2: Creating a Business-Friendly Tax Ecosystem All principal and ancillary parties in the tax ecosystem—e.g. tax administrators, taxpayers, banks, accountants, accounting firms, software companies, and payroll service providers—must discharge their roles effectively to create a business-friendly environment that supports tax transparency, compliance and reform. This session discusses how all parties must collaborate to develop an effective and competitive tax system that can take national development forward. PANELLISTS Anand Chelliah Managing Partner—Tax Services, Baker Tilly Malaysia Lee Heng Guie Executive Director, Socio-Economic Research Centre (SERC) Dr Rasyidah Che Rosli Principal Assistant Director, Tax Operation Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia MODERATOR Tai Lai Kok Member, Taxation Practice Committee, Malaysian Institute of Accountants
1.00pm	LUNCH & NETWORKING
2.15pm	SESSION 3: Tax Reporting and Strategy: Governance, Controls and Compliance This session examines how tax regulators can engage with business and taxpayers to address the issues and challenges that deter full and effective compliance, such as inadequate tax governance and controls, and tax arbitrage strategies. We also look at the potential solutions for building an effective tax control framework and function that leverages testing and technology and strengthens tone from the top to enhance tax governance and compliance. PANELLISTS Huang Shze Juin Vice President, Malaysian Institute of Accountants Laurence Todd Director, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) Theresa Goh Partner, Deloitte Tax Services Sdn Bhd MODERATOR Alan Chung Head of Indirect Tax, Grant Thornton Malaysia
3.30pm	SESSION 4: Tax Disputes: Supporting Tax Professionals Tax disputes and resolution—including tax audits, appeals and court appeals—are challenging yet normalised facts of life for tax practitioners. This session advises tax professionals on how best to manage the dispute and resolution process, while also navigating issues arising from the appeals and court appeals processes. The speakers will also compare Malaysia's resolution framework with other systems used overseas to check how we can improve. PANELLISTS Christopher Low Executive Director, Tax, BDO Malaysia Hazlina Hussain Director, Dispute Resolution Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia SPEAKER Sudharsanan R. Thillainathan Partner, Steven Thiru & Sundhar Partnership MODERATOR Chow Kuo Seng Executive Director—Tax, Deloitte Malaysia
4.45pm	AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS & END OF DAY 1

DAY 2 PROGRAMME

8.00am	REGISTRATION & WELCOME REFRESHMENTS
9.00am	SESSION 5: Aligning Tax and Accounting Reporting Standards Greater alignment of tax, accounting and financial reporting standards can simplify the tax system for the benefit of all stakeholders, and full or partial alignment has been successfully achieved in certain other jurisdictions. This session examines the pros and cons of enhanced alignment while comparing the systems used by other countries with a view to facilitating the tax reform process. PANELLISTS Kohgilah Netaji Global Tax Manager, iflix, Malaysia Pragalathen Krishnan Country Controller & Director, NXP Semiconductors Malaysia Thin Siew Chi Executive Director—Business Tax, Deloitte Malaysia MODERATOR Dr Jeyapalan Kasipillai Professor, School of Business, Monash University Malaysia
10.15am	MORNING REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING
11.00am	SESSION 6: Transfer Pricing: Challenges and Crucial Updates Transfer pricing issues are becoming increasingly complex and challenging, raising taxpayers' concern. Predicting that current transfer pricing environment will become increasingly difficult in the future, taxpayers are advised to become more proactive in managing transfer pricing risks and staying abreast of the latest developments in transfer pricing, which will be discussed in this session. PANELLISTS Loke Yew Ken Tax Director, RSM Tax Consultants (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd Dr Nik Abdullah Sani Nik Mohamed Director, Multinational Tax Branch, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia Sockalingam Murugesan Partner, Tax, Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd MODERATOR SM Thannermalai Managing Director, Thannees Tax Consulting Services Sdn Bhd
12.00 noon	SESSION 7: Taxpayer Rights and the Client Charter The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) has issued its ICC Tax Charter as an effective roadmap to implementing fair and balanced Tax Charters for individual countries that take into account the rights and obligations of both taxpayers and tax administrations. This session looks at how tax authorities can engage with business to develop a Tax Charter that can establish consistent global standards that foster trust, improve tax administrative efficiency, and enhance business confidence in the tax system. PANELLISTS Rozina Shaik Osman Merican Director, Corporate Services Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia Surin Segar Head, Group Performance Reporting, Enterprise Investment Management & Tax, Maybank SPEAKER Neoh Beng Guan Executive Director—Corporate Tax, KPMG Malaysia MODERATOR Dr Veerinderjeet Singh Chairman, Taxation Practice Committee, MIA
1.00pm	LUNCH ENTERTAINMENT & NETWORKING
2.30pm	SESSION 8: Recent Trends and Topical Tax Cases from Around the Region While tax policies and practices in the region differ significantly, there is a common theme where taxing authorities are more active in investigating and assessing Taxpayers, and have widened their powers for this purpose. New taxing laws also widen the scope of tax collection by the authorities in the region, with implications on Malaysian Taxpayers engaged in cross-border transactions, providing services overseas, or with subsidiaries in different countries. As such, there are markedly different methods and approaches to deal with the authorities and resolve disputes in different countries. This session aims to keep you abreast with the latest tax disputes and trends in the region and to equip you with tools and knowledge to protect your interests. Specialist tax lawyers and tax practitioner from the region will provide insights on cases and developments affecting Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia and the region. PANELLISTS Pieter de Ridder Managing Partner, Mayer Brown Pte Ltd Renganathan Kannan Member, Taxation Practice Committee, Malaysian Institute of Accountants Vikna Rajah Equity Partner & Head, Tax and Trust & Private Client Practices, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP Willem Jan Hoogland Founder & Partner, HKWJ Tax Law & Partners Limited MODERATOR Anand Raj Partner, Tax & Revenue Practice Group and Competition Law & Antitrust (Co-Head), Shearn Delamore & Co.
4.00pm	AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS & END OF CONFERENCE



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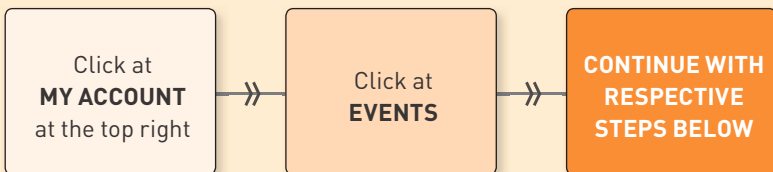


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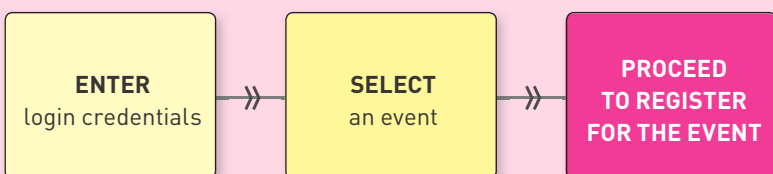
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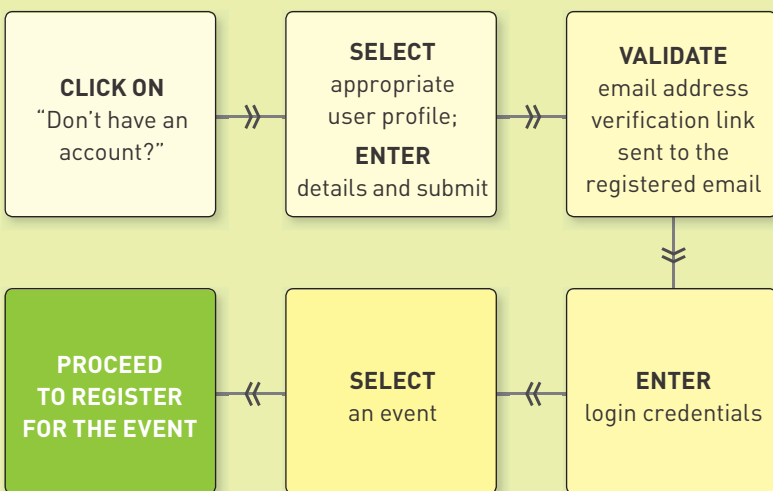
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