



# 2025 BUDGET SEMINAR

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## PRESENTED BY CHOW CHEE YEN

- » 7 November 2024 (Thursday)  
Shangri-La Tanjung Aru,  
Kota Kinabalu
- » 13 November 2024 (Wednesday)  
Courtyard by Marriott, Melaka
- » 15 November 2024 (Friday)  
Sheraton Hotel Kuching
- » 19 November 2024 (Tuesday)  
Holiday Villa Johor Bahru Hotel
- » 20 November 2024 (Wednesday)  
St Giles Wembley Penang
- » 21 November 2024 (Thursday)  
Weil Hotel Ipoh

## PRESENTED BY PANEL OF SPEAKERS

- » 6 November 2024 (Wednesday)
  - » 3 December 2024 (Tuesday)
- Connexion Conference & Event Centre  
@ The Vertical, Bangsar South,  
Kuala Lumpur

The 2025 Budget tabled on 18 October 2024 focusses on economic growth, fiscal resilience, competitiveness, and good governance.

The Budget is aimed to support Malaysia in achieving its Madani Economy vision, namely to restore the nation's dignity by restructuring the economy and improving the quality of life for all Malaysians, and empowering and strengthening the middle class and the small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Join us at these annual nationwide budget seminars jointly organised by MIA and MATA, which will summarise and provide an in-depth analysis of this year's Budget measures.

## BENEFITS OF ATTENDING

- Gain an in-depth analysis and fresh perspective on the 2025 Budget proposals
- Analysis on Budget measures and their impact on businesses and individuals
- Discover the latest developments in SST and insights on pressing issues for businesses
- Understand what it takes to win in tax disputes and the pitfalls to avoid
- Learn the current tax issues faced by businesses
- Gain CPD points as this programme is recognised by MOF for the purposes of application and renewal of the tax agent licence under Section 153(3) of the Income Tax Act 1967

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## SEMINAR OUTLINE: PRESENTED BY CHOW CHEE YEN

### SEMINARS AT JOHOR, MELAKA, PENANG, PERAK, SABAH, SARAWAK

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| 8.30 am<br>–9.00 am   | Registration and Welcome Refreshments   |
| 9.00 am<br>–10.30 am  | <b>BUDGET 2025 PROPOSALS: UPDATES AND CHANGES (PART 1)</b>  |
| 10.30 am<br>–11.00 am | Morning Refreshments and Networking   |
| 11.00 am<br>–12.00 pm | <b>BUDGET 2025 PROPOSALS: UPDATES AND CHANGES (PART 2)</b>  |
| 12.00 pm<br>–1.00 pm  | <b>PANEL DISCUSSION<br/>BUDGET 2025 PROPOSALS</b><br><br>PANELLIST (7 NOVEMBER 2024 – KOTA KINABALU)<br><b>DR MOHD ARIF ROMLI</b>   <i>Director, Data &amp; Information Analysis Division, Research &amp; Strategic Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia</i><br><br>PANELLIST (15 NOVEMBER 2024 – KUCHING)<br><b>DATIN SERINA ISMAIL</b>   <i>Director, Services and Labuan Division, Tax Policy Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia</i><br><br>PANELLIST (19 NOVEMBER 2024 – JOHOR BAHRU)<br><b>NORLINA NAEM</b>   <i>Section Director, Research Division, Research and Strategic Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia</i><br><br>PANELLIST (20 NOVEMBER 2024 – PENANG)<br><b>DR MOHD SHAMSULIZAM ZAINUDIN</b>   <i>Section Director, Specialised Industries Division, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia</i> |
| 1.00 pm<br>–2.00 pm   | Lunch and Networking  |
| 2.00 pm<br>–3.30 pm   | <b>LATEST UPDATES ON E-INVOICING</b>  |
| 3.30 pm<br>–4.30 pm   | <b>LATEST UPDATES ON CAPITAL GAINS TAX</b>  |
| 4.30 pm<br>–5.00 pm   | Afternoon Refreshments and Networking   |
| 5.00 pm               | End of Seminar  |

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## SEMINAR OUTLINE: PRESENTED BY PANEL OF SPEAKERS

### 6 NOVEMBER 2024, WEDNESDAY

8.30 am  
–9.00 am Registration and Welcome Refreshments

9.00 am  
–10.15 am **SUMMARY ON THE KEY 2025 BUDGET PROPOSALS**  
SPEAKER  
**FARZAANA MUHAMAD** | Head of Section, Indirect Tax, Tax Division,  
Ministry of Finance

10.15 am  
–10.45 am Morning Refreshments and Networking

10.45 am  
–12.00 pm **FORUM DISCUSSION**  
**2025 BUDGET PROPOSALS**  
MODERATOR  
**SURIN SEGAR** | Member, Taxation Practice Committee, MIA  
PANELLISTS  
**DATIN AZAH MUHAMAD** | Division Director, Profession,  
Employment and Others Division, Tax Policy Department,  
Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia  
**INTAN NADIA JALIL** | Regional Head, Group Economic and Market  
Analysis, CIMB Bank Berhad  
**MOHAMED GHOUSE SHAJAHAN** | General Manager, Financial Services  
Department, DRB-HICOM  
**YEE WING PENG** | Country Managing Partner, Deloitte Malaysia

12.00 pm  
–1.30 pm **TAX LITIGATION TRENDS, DEVELOPMENTS AND  
RECENT CASES**  
SPEAKER  
**JASON TAN JIA XIN** | Partner, Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill

1.30 pm  
–2.30 pm Lunch and Networking

2.30 pm  
–3.15 pm **SST AND INDIRECT TAX: UPDATES & INSIGHTS**  
SPEAKER  
**SITI SALASIAH WAN** | Deputy Director of Customs, Facilities Section,  
Royal Malaysian Customs Department

3.15 pm  
–4.30 pm **FORUM DISCUSSION**  
**INNOVATIONS IN TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE  
TAX FUNCTIONS**  
MODERATOR  
**AMARJEET SINGH** | Member, Taxation Practice Committee, MIA  
PANELLISTS  
**ALBERT LEE** | Leader, Tax Technology and Transformation, EY Asia Pacific  
**FITRIAH YUSOF** | Head, Tax, Maxis Berhad  
**KARAN BATRA** | Head, Corporates (Asia), Thomson Reuters  
**DR RASYIDAH CHE ROSLI** | Director, e-Invoice Division, Tax Operation  
Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia

4.30 pm  
–5.00 pm Afternoon Refreshments and Networking

5.00 pm End of Seminar

### 3 DECEMBER 2024, TUESDAY

8.30 am  
–9.00 am Registration and Welcome Refreshments

9.00 am  
–10.15 am **SUMMARY ON THE KEY 2025 BUDGET PROPOSALS**  
SPEAKER  
Representative from Ministry of Finance

10.15 am  
–10.45 am Morning Refreshments and Networking

10.45 am  
–12.00 pm **FORUM DISCUSSION**  
**2025 BUDGET PROPOSALS**  
MODERATOR  
**TAI LAI KOK** | Chair, Taxation Practice Committee, MIA  
PANELLISTS  
**KALSUMAWATI MOHD ARIS** | Country Tax Manager, Shell Malaysia Limited  
**LYNETTE LEE** | Chief Economist, SME Bank  
**NOR HAIDA ABDUL HAMID** | Director, Property Development and Digital  
Economy Division, Tax Policy Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia  
**VIVIAN NEW** | Executive Director, Lumenz Tax Advisory Sdn Bhd

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PANELLISTS  
**LAVINDRAN SANDRAGASU** | Partner, Tax, PwC Malaysia  
**PRAGALATHEN KRISHNAN** | Vice President, Finance-Global Operation,  
Advanced Energy Inc.  
**SYAREIN ABU SAMAH** | State Operation Director (Investigation),  
WP Kuala Lumpur Branch, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia

3.30 pm  
–4.30 pm **TAX LITIGATION TRENDS, DEVELOPMENTS AND RECENT  
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SPEAKER  
**S. SARAVANA KUMAR** | Partner and Head of Tax, SST & Customs Practice,  
Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership

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5.00 pm End of Seminar



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## SEMINAR SPEAKERS

### SPEAKER & PANELLISTS (JOHOR, MELAKA, PENANG, PERAK, SABAH, SARAWAK)



**CHOW CHEE YEN** FCCA, FCTIM, CA(M)

Chee Yen is currently the Senior Executive Director of Grant Thornton Malaysia. He has more than 30 years of tax experience and was involved in tax engagements concerning cross border transactions, tax due diligence review, restructuring schemes, corporate tax planning, group tax review, inbound investments and goods and services tax (GST). Chee Yen's expertise is in high demand, and he is a prolific trainer/facilitator for tax workshops and seminars organised by ACCA, CCH, CPA Australia, CTIM, MIA, MAICSA, MICPA and the STAR newspaper. In addition, he conducts in-house training for both professional firms and corporations as well as a guest speaker for national and international conferences. He is the Immediate Past President of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (FCTIM), a Fellow Member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (FCCA) and a Chartered Accountant of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (CA).



**DR MOHD ARIF ROMLI**

Dr Mohd Arif is Director of the Data & Information Analysis Division, Research and Strategic Department of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM). Commencing his career at the IRBM in 2003, he has over 21 years of robust experience encompassing diverse areas such as direct tax policy reforms, tax collection, tax assessment, and customer service. Dr Mohd Arif holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Business Economics) from Universiti Putra Malaysia, a Master's in Public Finance (Taxation) from The National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo Japan, and a Bachelor of Accountancy (Hons) from Universiti Putra Malaysia.



**DR MOHD SHAMSULIZAM ZAINUDIN**

Dr Mohd Shamsulizam is Section Director of the Specialised Industries Division at the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM). He has over 20 years of experience in tax administration, specifically in the areas of tax assessment, tax audit, and tax policy. Dr Mohd Shamsulizam holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Accounting & Finance) from Aberystwyth University, United Kingdom, a Master of Science (Finance) from the International Islamic University Malaysia, a Bachelor of Accounting (Hons) from Universiti Tenaga Nasional Malaysia, and a Diploma in Fundamentals-Tax Treaties from the International Tax Centre, Leiden.



**NORLINA NAEM**

Norlina is the Section Director of the Taxation Research Section, Research and Strategic Department of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM). She joined the IRBM in 2004 and has over 20 years of tax experience. She specialises in the financial industry and was previously involved in tax policy matters especially for insurance and takaful. She was also a member of IRBM's Drafting Committee for Budget 2022 and 2023. Norlina is a Certified Islamic Finance Professional of the International Education Centre in Islamic Finance (INCEIF, Malaysia), and holds a degree in Accountancy from Universiti Utara Malaysia and a diploma in International Taxation from Leiden University in collaboration with the Malaysian Taxation Academy.



**DATIN SERINA ISMAIL**

Datin Serina Ismail is the Director of Services and Labuan Division, Tax Policy Department of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM). She has served over 25 years in various branches and departments in IRBM. Her experience includes tax auditing, tax training, tax advisory, and tax policy development. She is a member of IRBM's Budget Drafting Committee since 2018. Currently, she facilitates policy consultation for services related industries and Labuan taxation under the Income Tax Act 1967, Promotion of Investments Act 1986, and Labuan Business Activity Act 1990.

### MODERATORS & PANELLISTS (KUALA LUMPUR)



**ALBERT LEE**

Albert is EY's Asia Pacific Tax Technology and Transformation leader and is a member of EY's Global Tax Executive Committee. He has over 30 years of tax experience spanning the profession and industry. Albert helps clients transform their tax functions through enhanced operating models, process improvements and implementation of enterprise and bespoke technologies. He is also experienced in working with the digitisation of tax authorities. Albert holds a Master of Taxation (Law) and a Master of Commerce (Taxation).



**AMARJEET SINGH**

Amarjeet is the EY Asean Tax Leader and has over 20 years of professional experience in taxation, specialising in tax structuring and incentives as well as group reorganisations and IPOs. He has served clients across a wide range of sectors, including some of Malaysia's largest conglomerates and government-linked corporations. He has also been involved in some of the country's largest mergers and group re-organisations, including investment structuring for the public utilities, plantation, property, leisure, tourism and automotive sectors. Amarjeet's vast incentive experience includes global incentive benchmarking and feasibility studies, multi-jurisdictional studies on the economic benefits of treasury centre incentives and assisting multinationals in negotiating and securing special incentive packages in Malaysia. A regular speaker at seminars and conferences, he is often consulted on policy matters regarding foreign direct investments.



**DATIN AZAH MUHAMAD**

Datin Azah Muhamad is Director of the Profession, Employment and Others Division, Tax Policy Department of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM). She started her career at the IRBM in 1999 and has over 20 years of experience serving at various branches and departments of the IRBM, including at the Malaysian Tax Academy. Additionally, she is a member of IRBM's Finance Bill Drafting Committee from 2021 to 2024. Datin Azah Muhamad holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the Iowa State University, Iowa, USA.

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### **FARZAANA MUHAMAD**

Farzaana is the Head of Indirect Tax Section of the Tax Division in the Ministry of Finance (MoF), where she has dedicated nearly 19 years of service. Beginning her career with MoF as an Administrative and Diplomatic Service officer, she has gained broad experience across the ministry, covering areas such as budget management, government procurement, and financial analysis for statutory bodies. In her recent role, she has contributed to initiatives such as the development of MyCukai tax database and has contributed to the indirect taxes policies particularly during the transition from GST to SST 2.0 regime besides drafting the indirect taxes legislations. She represents MoF in the ASEAN Sub-Forum on Excise Taxation, member of Task Force Committee on War on Sugar, and also a member of the Steering Committee for the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control under the purview of the Ministry of Health. Farzaana holds an MBA from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and a Bachelor of Accountancy from the International Islamic University Malaysia.



### **FITRIAH YUSOF**

Fitriah is the Head of Tax at Maxis, the leading converged telecommunication solutions provider. She has over 20 years of experience in taxation including with Ernst & Young, and has been involved in all areas of taxation including tax compliance, tax accounting, reporting & governance, tax advisory, tax planning and optimisation, tax risk management, transfer pricing, indirect tax (GST and service tax) as well as tax audit, dispute and resolution. Her experience includes establishing a centralised tax function for a large group of companies with diverse industries. In leading in-house tax function, she is instrumental in establishing relevant tax strategies, policies, and procedures for the group. She also has vast experience in finance and tax business process transformation as well as involvement in leading edge accounting systems implementation.



### **INTAN NADIA JALIL**

Nadia is the Regional Head, Group Economic and Market Analysis for CIMB Bank Berhad. Her previous appointments include the CEO of the PNB Research Institute, Associate Director of Economics at the Malaysian Aviation Commission, and Deputy Director of Research at Khazanah Research Institute. She has more than 20 years' experience in undertaking policy advisory and research work in Malaysia and Southeast Asia focusing on macroeconomics, international trade, growth and development strategies and economic regulation, including a term as Malaysian economist for the World Bank. Nadia holds an MSc in Regional and Urban Planning Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and graduated from Selwyn College, University of Cambridge with a BA in Economics.



### **JASON TAN JIA XIN**

Jason Tan is a Partner at Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill, specialising in income tax and customs investigations and litigation, trade remedy investigations, and trade facilitation. He has been involved in many of the largest income tax and customs disputes before all levels of Court on major points of tax law, involving transfer pricing, withholding tax, income recognition, capital allowance, reinvestment allowance, double taxation agreements, deductibility of expenditure, excise valuation and customs procedures. Jason represents numerous manufacturers in local and foreign trade remedy investigations such as antidumping, safeguard duties, countervailing duties and anti-circumvention investigations. Jason was recently recognised as a "Leading Individual" by the Tax practice in The Legal 500 Asia-Pacific 2024 and was acknowledged as a "Future Star" in the Benchmark Litigation Asia Pacific 2024 rankings, as well as a "Rising Star of the Year" in the Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific Awards 2023. Jason is also ranked as "Up and Coming" in the tax practice by the Chambers Asia-Pacific 2024 rankings, and a "Notable Practitioner" by the AsiaLaw 2024 rankings.



### **KALSUMAWATI MOHD ARIS**

Kalsumawati leads the tax function of Shell Malaysia with 25 years of experience in direct (both Petroleum Income Tax and Corporate Income Tax), indirect and employment taxes, with expertise ranging from tax policy, advisory, compliance, corporate structuring, mergers and acquisitions, tax audits and investigations, transfer pricing audits and cross border exposures management. She ensures that the Shell Malaysia Group of Companies comply with the letter and the spirit of the tax laws. She also holds the role as the Convenor of the Fiscal and Economics sub-committee of the Petroleum Production Sharing Contractors Committee (PPSC), and a committee of the Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MICCI). She works closely with government authorities, actively advocates for new improved tax policies, and has been invited to participate in and provide input to various task forces on tax policy matters. Prior to joining Shell, she was a Tax Manager in the tax practice of Ernst and Young specialising in the Financial Services sector. Kalsumawati holds a Bachelor of Accounting from University of Malaya.



### **KARAN BATRA**

Karan leads Thomson Reuters Corporates business in Asia and is Regional Leader of Shared Services segment based in Singapore. This role covers ASEAN, Greater China, Taiwan and India. He is responsible for helping clients transform their operating models and achieve their future state digital objectives by leveraging content-enabled ONESOURCE technology solutions. Within this role, he has supported cross business transformation projects with multinational clients, where technology has been central to automating their Tax and Finance Functions. Prior to the current role, he has held Executive-level positions in operations and technology, across number of global locations. Karan's client centric focus, combined with his technology and international market experience, enables him to bring value and insights to the company's clients across the markets he leads.



### **LAVINDRAN SANDRAGASU**

Lavindran heads the Tax and Reporting Strategy group in PwC MY undertaking projects involving processes improvement, chart of accounts review, organisational efficiency, SAP Central Finance project, etc. He has more than 20 years of experience in providing tax and business advisory services to a wide range of companies. The range of services he performs from a tax perspective include privatisations, reorganisations, acquisitions, disposals, cross border investments, setting up entities, and dealing with the authorities. He has clients in the telecommunication, IT, oil & gas, power, utility, port, and manufacturing sectors. He has experience in dealing with the tax authorities, Ministry of Finance, Bank Negara and other ministerial agencies on a multitude of issues.



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## SEMINAR SPEAKERS



### LYNETTE LEE

Lynette is the Chief Economist at SME Bank where she leads a team of economists responsible for conducting independent macroeconomic research and industry analysis. She advises Board members and Senior Management on macroeconomic related issues, identifying emerging risks and opportunities that can affect the operating environment of various industries. Her views, opinions and reports are frequently quoted by the press, and she actively participates in forums, events, roadshows and knowledge sharing sessions. She works closely with Bank Negara Malaysia and Government Ministries and is enthusiastic in engaging the SME community.

As such, she pioneered the SME Sentiment Index in 2022. Earmarked to be a national leading economic indicator, the Index serves to gauge SMEs' sentiment on the economy and business environment, providing a glimpse into the reality of SMEs on the ground. Prior to SME Bank, she was with RAM Ratings, a credit rating agency where she specialised in Sovereign Ratings and has vast experience in Economics and Financial Institution Ratings. Lynette graduated from the London School of Economics and Political Science and has interest in development and behavioural economics.



### MOHAMED GHOUSE SHAJAHAN

Mohamed Ghouse is General Manager of the Financial Services Department at DRB-HICOM. He is a Chartered Certified Accountant by training with 28 years of working experience in finance, audit, and taxation that includes a 12-year stint in PwC amongst others. In his long career, he has advised public listed companies, multinationals, and others on tax planning, investment structuring, cross-border transactions and on regulatory issues with clients from the automotive, manufacturing, property development, airlines, and shipping industries, etc. He has extensive experience in corporate tax planning and in dealing with tax audit and investigations matters, with mostly successful outcome. He has overseen the implementation of GST, SST, and e-Invoicing for his Group and handled various technical issues surrounding these matters. Mohamed Ghouse is a Fellow Member of the ACCA (U.K.) and a Member of MIA.



### NOR HAIDA ABDUL HAMID

Nor Haida is Director of the Property Development and Digital Economy Division, Tax Policy Department of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM). She began her career at the IRBM in 2000 and has extensive experience as a tax audit officer. She has been involved in Dispute Resolution Proceedings for tax appeal cases, resolving appeals involving issues such as tax incentives, transfer pricing, special industries, and real property gains tax from 2016 to 2023 before joining the Property Development and Digital Economy Division. She had also served as a Research Officer in the Research and Strategic Department and at the Malaysian Tax Academy. Nor Haida holds a Master of Business Administration (International Business) from University of Malaya and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Finance from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



### PRAGALATHEN KRISHNAN

Praga is the Vice President of Finance–Global Operation at Advanced Energy Inc. He has over 24 years of professional experience in Corporate reporting, taxation, incentives, company restructuring and business modelling. He also has expertise in financial re-engineering, risk management, acquisitions in the Asia Pacific region and transfer pricing. Prior to joining Advanced Energy, he was with several MNC companies with Global engagements and PwC. He currently holds a CA(M), FCCA, ACPA, and MBA (UK). He has contributed thought leadership in various industries and the mainstream media, and is a frequent speaker at various events including forums and seminars organised by MIA.



### DR RASYIDAH CHE ROSLI

Dr Rasyidah is Director of the e-Invoice Division, Tax Operations Department at the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM). She has served with the IRBM for over 17 years and has been involved in various fields including e-Invoicing implementation in IRBM, tax compliance for corporate and individuals, as well as being involved with the implementation of data analytics. She has co-authored 2 publications on tax and has presented at tax conferences locally and internationally. Dr Rasyidah has a PhD in Accounting (Taxation) and holds a Master's in Forensic Accounting & Financial Criminology, and a Degree in Accounting.



### SITI SALASIAH WAN

Siti Salasiah is a Deputy Director of Customs with Facilities Section of the Royal Malaysian Customs Department. She has a diverse experience in the fields of accounting, with a definite involvement in the Sales Tax and Service Tax. She kick-started her career in an audit firm where she gained basic auditing knowledge before advancing to serve with the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD). Her extensive experience with the RMCD includes conducting audit of companies registered under the Sales Tax Act 1972, Service Tax Act 1975, and the Goods & Services Tax Act 2014. She had also served at the Service Management Division and Sales Tax Division during Sales Tax 1972. She is a sought-after speaker for sharing her experience and in-depth knowledge. Siti holds a Bachelor of Accounting and a Master of Management Science, both from Universiti Utara Malaysia, and a Diploma in Management Science from the National Institute of Public Administration of Malaysia.



### S. SARAVANA KUMAR

Saravana is a Partner and head of the Tax, SST & Customs Practice with the law firm, Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership (RDS) where he has appeared in benchmark litigations with a sizeable volume of wins in tax disputes. He is recognised as one of the leading lawyers by Asialaw Profiles. Saravana was also named as one of the 100 leading lawyers in Malaysia by Asia Business Law Journal in 2022 and 2024. He chairs the Taxation & Customs Committee of LAWASIA and also serves as a Trustee of the Malaysian Tax Research Foundation, which is an independent body dedicated for the promotion, encouragement and advancement of tax research in Malaysia.



### SURIN SEGAR

Surin is a Senior Executive Vice President at Maybank, where he is responsible for everything on taxation at The Group, and is the Chief Financial Officer at the Maybank Foundation. He is also President of CPA Australia divisional council in Malaysia. He chairs the tax committees at the Association of Banks and the Malaysian Investment Banking Association while being a tax committee member at Malaysian Institute of Accountants and CPA Australia. Surin is a council member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, and is also Chair of the MIA Disciplinary Committee.

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### **SYAREIN ABU SAMAH**

Syarein is a State Operation Director (Investigation) of WP Kuala Lumpur Branch at the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) and is primarily engaged in tax investigations. He has served for more than 23 years, and has gained competitive and comprehensive experiences in both areas of international and domestic taxation including compliance, executive leadership, and planning duties. Prior to his current position, he had served in senior capacities in core functions of the tax administration including as Director of Non-Resident Branch, Director of Communication, Special Secretary to Chief Executive Officer of the IRBM, Deputy Director of Criminal Investigation Division, and was also responsible for setting up of the anti-money laundering investigation when tax offences were officially gazetted as part of the definition of serious offence in Schedule 2 of the Anti-Money Laundering, Anti-Terrorism Financing and Proceeds of Unlawful Activities Act 2001 (AMLTFFPUAA) in 2010. Syarein holds a B.A. (Hons) in Accounting and Finance from Liverpool John Moores University, United Kingdom and is a certified Financial Investigator. He also holds a Certificate in Senior Executive Fellows, Harvard Kennedy School, University of Harvard, United States of America, and East-West Knowledge Leaders Programme (EWKLP) from the Japan-America Institute of Management Science, Hawaii, United States of America.



### **TAI LAI KOK**

Lai Kok is the Executive Director and Head of Corporate Tax at KPMG Malaysia. He has over 32 years of experience in tax compliance and advisory working with corporate and individual clients. His areas of specialisation include mergers and acquisitions, privatisations, corporate restructuring/planning, and tax incentives. He has significant dealings with local and multinational clients in all areas of taxation. His industry exposure encompasses the property development, consumer and industrial markets and infrastructure sectors. He has acted as an advisor in numerous investment (inbound and outbound) and tax due diligence assignments. Within Malaysia, he also holds the role of Head of Family Business under the KPMG Private Enterprise practice in Malaysia. He has contributed thought leadership in various industry and mainstream media, and is a frequent speaker at various events including forums and seminars organised by the Inland Revenue Board and Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia. A licensed tax agent, Lai Kok holds a Bachelor of Economics from Monash University, Australia and is a member of MIA, CTIM, CPA Australia and is a member of the Tax Committees of the MIA, MICPA, CPA Australia and MICCI.



### **VIVIAN NEW**

Vivian is an Executive Director of Lumenz Tax Advisory Sdn Bhd, a specialist tax practice which provides independent professional tax services. She has over 20 years of tax experience with leading international accounting firms and professional services firms in Malaysia and Australia. She has significant corporate tax compliance and advisory experience, having serviced clients from various industries, including property development, manufacturing, trading, services, etc. In addition, she has extensive knowledge in transfer pricing and international tax. She regularly assists clients in planning and structuring related party transactions, transfer pricing risk reviews, transfer pricing documentation, and tax audits & investigations. Vivian holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree majoring in Accounting and Finance from the University of Melbourne. She is a member of CPA Australia and CTIM, and a licensed tax agent under Section 153 of the Income Tax Act 1967. She is also a HRD Corp Certified Trainer and regularly conducts tax training for clients

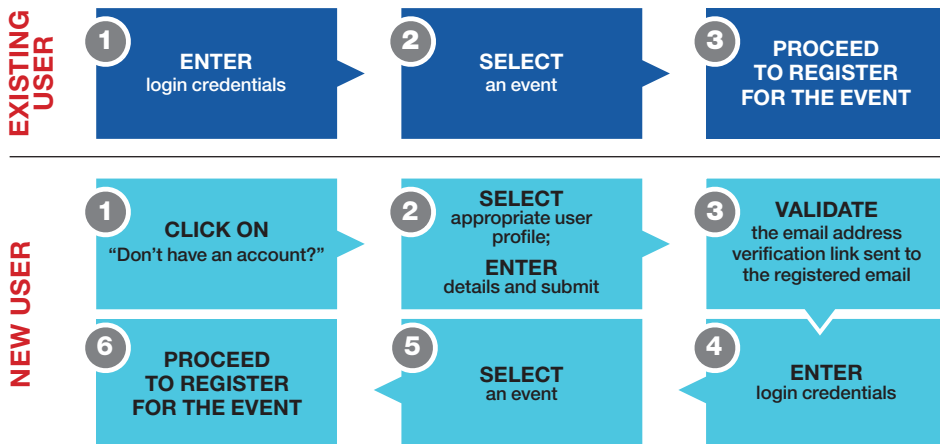


### **YEE WING PENG**

Wing Peng is the Country Managing Partner of Deloitte Malaysia and a member of the Deloitte Southeast Asia (SEA) Executive Committee. He also leads the Chinese Services Group for Deloitte SEA. Wing Peng has over 31 years of experience in professional services providing local and multinational companies with a comprehensive range of audit, tax, investment and business advisory services. He is an examiner for the advanced taxation paper of the MICPA professional exams for over 5 years until 2018. He was the industry advisor for the Bachelor of Management (Accounting) programme and the MBA programme at Xiamen University Malaysia. He is also an honorary advisor to Master Builders Association Malaysia for over 10 years. A regular speaker at leadership conferences overseas as well as in Malaysia, his business insights are regularly sought by both local and international media. Wing Peng is a Chartered Accountant and Council Member of MIA; An Exco and a Council Member of MICPA, a Fellow Member of the ACCA, UK and its Malaysia Advisory Committee, and a member of CTIM.

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

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- Click 'Register' to experience the new system by continuing with the respective steps below:



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**MIA Help Desk @ 603-2722 9000**

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### PROGRAMME FEE

- Fee is payable to MALAYSIAN INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS
- Depending on the event, the fee includes course materials and/or lunch and/or tea breaks.
  - Individual Registration:** Full payment shall be made at the point of online registration.
  - Corporate Registration:** Full payment shall be made within thirty (30) days from the date of the Invoice or 1 day before the programme, whichever earlier.
- Admittance to the programme shall be granted only upon full payment as per the above requirement.

### PAYMENT MODE

- Payment must be made through the **electronic channels i.e. online payment via the MIA member service portal and electronic fund transfer (EFT).**
- Payment by **cash and cheque is NOT ACCEPTABLE** effective from 1 January 2022.

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- To ensure grant approval is obtained prior to event registration and to provide the Grant ID notification upon event registration.
- To make full payment to MIA as per the issued Invoice within 14 working days upon receipt of MIA's notification in the event the approved training fee is cancelled by HRDC due to non-compliance on the part of the participant or his/her employer or any valid reasons stipulated by HRDC.
- To settle the balance payment to MIA within 14 working days upon receipt of MIA's notification in the event only partial claim is approved by HRDC. MIA will provide copy of the original invoice and will not issue a new invoice for the balance amount.
- If employer has made payment prior to grant approval, a refund will be made to employer subject to reimbursement received from HRDC. Refund will be made upon receipt of duly completed employer's EFT Form.
- To provide required information and/or documents after completion of event for the purpose of HRDC Claim within 7 working days upon receipt of MIA's notification.

### CANCELLATION

Should the participant decide to cancel his/her enrolment, a cancellation policy shall be applied as follows:

- For written cancellation received with minimum seven (7) days' notice from the date of the programme, no penalties will be imposed and full refund will be made to participants who have paid.
- For written cancellation received less than seven (7) days from the date of the programme, an administrative charge of 20% of the registration fee will be imposed. Unpaid registrations will also be liable for a 20% administrative charge.
- No refunds will be made for written cancellations received on the day of the programme or for participants who failed to join the programme. Unpaid registrations will also be liable for full payment of the registration fee.
- Replacing registered participants is not allowed.
- Paid registration that is cancelled can opt to transfer the paid amount to future event(s) after deducting any applicable administrative charges.
- The transfer request to future event(s) should be confirmed by Corporate/Individual within three (3) days after cancellation otherwise the cancellation will be confirmed with refund action. Transfer request will not be entertained after the refund is processed.

- Corporate/Individual is required to top-up the balance amount if the amount to be transferred to the future event is insufficient.
- Any excess amount after transfer will be refunded to the Corporate/Individual's bank account as provided in the EFT form.
- Corporate/Individual is required to provide the EFT form each time when a refund is requested.

### PARTICIPANT'S CLASSIFICATION AND INFORMATION

Category: Corporate/Individual

- Please select the participant classification carefully as it determines the fee payable. No alteration will be allowed upon registration.
- The information on Corporate/Individual provided shall be deemed true and correct. No alteration will be allowed upon registration.

### VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE

- All participants are required to present photo identification (NRIC, driving licence or company's ID card) at the point of registration prior to signing the registration list when attending the programme. Admittance may be denied upon failure to present photo identification.

### CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE AND CPE CREDIT HOURS

- Upon full attendance of the programme, participants will be issued an e-certificate of attendance. For this purpose, it is **COMPULSORY** to fill in the email address clearly.
- CPE credit hours will be credited into the MIA Member Services Portal within 14 days of the programme for participants who have complied with all terms and conditions stipulated herein.
- Participants will only be entitled to the CPE hours upon attending the entire duration of the programme. CPE hours will not be accorded for partial attendance.

### COPYRIGHT

The materials of the programme shall not be disclosed or used in any manner, either wholly or partially against any other parties and/or used in any manner, either wholly or partially as a defence by you and/or any other parties under any circumstances. The participants are therefore prohibited from reproducing any materials of this programme. All copyright and/or intellectual property rights in any relevant materials produced in this Programme will remain with the party who produced such materials. The Organisers disclaim responsibility for the materials of this programme. Neither the Organisers, their Councils or any of their Boards or Committees nor staff shall be responsible or liable for any claims, losses, damages, costs or expenses arising in any way out of or in connection with any persons relying upon the materials provided during the programme.

### DATA PROTECTION

Information given by the participants to the Organisers is true, accurate and to the best of their knowledge. The participants have read and agreed with the Privacy Notice as stated on the Organisers' official websites and therefore, allow the Organisers to collect, process, store and use the participants' data other than what is provided under the Personal Data Protection Act 2010.

### EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

This programme shall not constitute an endorsement of the speaker(s) by the Organisers and the Organisers shall not be liable for whatsoever circumstances arising from any engagement between the speaker(s) and the programme's participants.

### DISCLAIMER

The Organisers reserve the right to change the speaker(s), date(s), time(s) and to cancel the programme should circumstances beyond their control arise. The Organisers shall not be responsible for any costs, damages or losses incurred by the participant due to the changes and/or cancellation. The Organisers also reserve the right to make alternative arrangements without prior notice should it be necessary to do so. Upon registering, you are deemed to have read and accepted the terms and conditions herein.

## SEMINAR FEES (PER EVENT)

|                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Member (MIA/MATA)/Member Firm | RM 425 |
| Professional Bodies #         | RM 600 |
| Non-member                    | RM 725 |

# ACCA, CIMA, CPA Australia, ICAEW, MAICSA, MACS, MICPA, MAAA, IIA Malaysia, CTIM

*Members of Professional Bodies are required to call MIA for assistance with registration.*

*Preferred Payment: Pay with MIA-CIMB Affinity Credit Card.*

## SEMINAR DETAILS & REGISTRATION

### HRDC TRAINING PROGRAMME

Programme No : 10001451469

Scheme Code : HRD Corp Claimable Courses  
-Skim Bantuan Latihan Khas

Type of Training: Public

### PRESENTED BY PANEL OF SPEAKERS

- 6 November 2024 (Wednesday)**  
Connexion Conference & Event Centre  
@ Vertical, Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur  
Contact : Naqeeb  
Tel : 03 2722 9293 Fax : 03 2722 9009  
Email : sp@mia.org.my

- 3 December 2024 (Tuesday)**  
Connexion Conference & Event Centre  
@ Vertical, Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur  
Contact : Suhailah  
Tel : 03 2722 9195 Fax : 03 2722 9009  
Email : sp@mia.org.my

### PRESENTED BY CHOW CHEE YEN

- 7 November 2024 (Thursday)**  
Shangri-La Tanjung Aru, Kota Kinabalu  
Contact : Inda/Ely Susane  
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Email : miakku@mia.org.my

- 13 November 2024 (Wednesday)**  
Courtyard by Marriott, Melaka  
Contact : Vino / Kogilavani  
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- 15 November 2024 (Friday)**  
Sheraton Hotel Kuching  
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- 19 November 2024 (Tuesday)**  
Holiday Villa Johor Bahru Hotel  
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Tel : 07 227 0369 Fax : 07 222 0391  
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- 20 November 2024 (Wednesday)**  
St Giles Wembley Penang  
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- 21 November 2024 (Thursday)**  
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