

“ASIAN PERSPECTIVES, GLOBAL VIEWPOINTS”

INTERNATIONAL MALAYSIA LAW CONFERENCE

26–28 September 2012

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia

Day 1 — 26 Sept 2012

Creating an investor-friendly business destination

The landscape of employment law is rapidly changing, and there is a concerted move to modernise laws in the face of global changes and contemporary challenges. This session will discuss new employment laws to drive business needs in light of traditional protection of employee rights; strategies to attract, nurture, engage and retain the talent needed for a high-income economy; as well as whether local laws are causing or contributing to the brain drain, and if new laws would assist in reversing this trend.

Speakers

1. George Cooper, *Partner, Ashurst, Singapore*
2. Anand Ponnudurai, *Partner, Bodipalar Ponnudurai De Silva*
3. Kenneth Ho, *Human Resources Director, IBM Malaysia*

Moderator

Chow Sang Hoe, *Managing Partner of Advisory Services in Malaysia, Ernst & Young*

Corruption in multinational companies: The laws, preventive measures and remedies

Due to globalisation, multinational firms are faced with diverse challenges in terms of recent legislative developments and enforcement trends across the globe. Speakers will discuss how transnational laws such as the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (USA) or the Bribery Act (UK) impact multinational firms in Malaysia. The speakers will also present effective compliance procedures, risk management and due diligence programmes, and impart their knowledge on how to undertake forensic investigation when employees are embroiled in fraud or corruption.

Speakers

1. Kelly Austin, *Partner, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, Hong Kong*
2. Alex Tan, *Executive Director, Forensic Services of PricewaterhouseCoopers*
3. Dato' Sri Hj Abu Kassim Mohamed, *Chief Commissioner of Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (“MACC”)*

Moderator

Wong Keat Ching, *Partner, Zul Rafique & Partners*

Human Resources & Employment

Day 2 — 27 Sept 2012

The relevance of trade unions in the business sector today

Speakers will discuss whether trade unions remain relevant in the 21st century, and if the decline in membership is due to apathy of workers, lack of need, or other extrinsic factors. This topic will address how trade unionism has helped entrench employee rights, and its impact on the growth of the industrial jurisprudence; whether trade union activism is a boon or bane to the development of human capital and growth of business; whether current laws stifle or promote trade union activism; and what lessons can be learned from around the world.

Speakers

1. Bartłomiej Raczkowski, *Partner, Raczkowski i Wspólnicy, Poland*
2. A Navamukundan, *Executive Secretary, National Union of Plantation Workers*
3. Dr Nagiah Ramasamy, *Head (Academic), Department of Management and Economics, Sunway University Business School*
4. Nantha Balan ES Moorthy, *Partner, Zul Rafique & Partners*

Moderator

Selvamalar Alagaratnam, *Partner, Skrine*

The conference programme detailing session topics and synopses, session time slots and confirmed speakers who are set to grace the event can be found [here](#).

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