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To Members of the Malaysian Bar

**Sabah Law Society-LAWASIA Webinar |  
Foreign Direct Investments in Post Pandemic Asia (29 Nov 2021)**

The Sabah Law Society (“SLS”), in collaboration with LAWASIA, is organising a webinar entitled “Foreign Direct Investments in Post Pandemic Asia” on 29 Nov 2021.

This webinar will feature keynote addresses from Thomas Logijin, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industrial Development, Sabah; and Datuk Madiyem Layapan, Chief Executive Officer cum Director, Invest Sabah Berhad, on foreign direct investment (“FDI”) opportunities in Sabah, followed by a regional panel of lawyers providing post pandemic updates in Asia. The panel speakers will discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on their respective economies and the impact on FDI and new opportunities in post-pandemic recovery. For more details on the webinar, click [here](#) (see pages 2 to 6).

Details of the webinar are as follows:

**Date:** 29 Nov 2021 (Monday)  
**Time:** 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
**Platform:** Zoom  
**Fee:** Complimentary  
**CPD Code:** T5/29112021/SLS/SBH213384/2  
**CPD Points:** 2

Please click [here](#) to register. Upon successful registration, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting

Thank you.

**Shahareen Begum  
Secretary  
Malaysian Bar**

29 November 2021, Monday  
4pm – 6pm (Malaysia)

Via ZOOM

## FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS IN POST PANDEMIC ASIA



Mr. Jeff Leong  
Co-Chair, LAWASIA  
Corporate, Securities &  
Investment Law Committee



Mr. Roger Chin  
President of the Sabah Law  
Society; Vice-Chair,  
LAWASIA Corporate,  
Securities & Investment Law



Mr. Thomas Logijin  
Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Industrial  
Development, Sabah  
Malaysia



Datuk Madiyem Layapan  
Chief Executive Officer  
Invest Sabah Berhad  
Malaysia



Ms. Inka Kirana  
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Mr. Douglas Mancill  
Thailand



Mr. Jing Lei  
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Foreign direct investment (FDI) flows to developing countries in Asia increased by 4% to \$535 billion in 2020, reflecting resilience amid global FDI contraction, according to UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2021, published on 21 June.

“Despite the pandemic, FDI to and from the region remained resilient in 2020. Developing Asia is the only region recording FDI growth, accounting for more than half of global inward and outward FDI flows” -- UNCTAD

This Webinar will feature keynote addresses from Mr Thomas Logijin, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industrial Development, Sabah, Malaysia and Datuk Madiyem Layapan, Chief Executive Officer Cum Director, Invest Sabah Berhad, Malaysia on the FDI Opportunities in Sabah, Malaysia followed by a regional panel of lawyers providing post pandemic updates in Asia.

The panel speakers will discuss impact of Covid19 pandemic on their respective economies and the impact on FDI and new opportunities in the post pandemic recovery.

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## MODERATOR



**Mr. Jeff Leong**  
**Co-Chair of the Corporate, Securities & Investment Law, Co-Chair of the One Belt One Road Committee | LAWASIA Malaysia**

He is actively serving with the Law Association for Asia and The Pacific (LAWASIA), the peak body for national bar associations and law societies in more than 40 jurisdictions in the Asia Pacific region as Co-Chair of the Corporate, Securities & Investment Law and Co-Chair of the Belt And Road Initiative Standing Committees.

He leads Special Projects teams, structures and runs complex M&A deals, resolves critical problems faced by clients such as crisis management, regulatory investigations, shareholder fights and board tussles and advises founders, business owners and senior management on business transactions. With numerous IPOs and M&A deals over 30 years, He is often consulted by clients in Shipping and Logistics, Technology and Digital Economy, Oil & Gas and other heavily regulated industries on complex, urgent and critical matters.

He is also leading the China Services Group and regional JLPW Belt and Road Services Group assisting Chinese companies investing and undertaking Belt and Road projects in Malaysia and other ASEAN countries.

## SPEAKERS



**Datuk Madiyem Layapan**  
**Chief Executive Officer Cum Director | Invest Sabah Berhad Malaysia**

Invest Sabah Berhad was formed on 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2020 by the State Government of Sabah. Datuk Madiyem Layapan, with his experience in the State Government for the past 35 years, has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) cum Director, and entrusted by the government to promote investment strategies in Sabah and to facilitate investors with Federal and State Agency.

He has the passion to develop Sabah state by inviting more foreign investors and Invest Sabah Berhad has created the perfect platform for investors on pre-investment and post-investment facilities.



**Mr. Thomas Logijin**  
**Permanent Secretary | Ministry of Industrial Development, Sabah Malaysia**

## PANELISTS



**Ms. Inka Kirana**  
**Partner at Akset Law | Indonesia**

Inka's primary expertise is real estate and property. She represents clients and acts as counsel for major local and international corporations in land acquisitions and property developments across Indonesia, from urban housing and commercial developments in Jakarta to mining and agricultural projects on the outer islands.

Inka also advises extensively on merger and acquisition transactions, foreign capital investment, and general corporate matters, including acting as lead counsel in the acquisition of a national Indonesian food company and representing Japanese investors in various joint venture projects for development of housing areas.

Notably, Inka was involved in structuring the cooperation arrangement for development of a strategically located mixed used property in Jakarta.

Inka holds a Bachelor of Laws and a Magister of Notary, both from the University of Indonesia. In 2013, she passed the state exam to become a Land Deed Officer (Pejabat Pembuat Akta Tanah) held by the National Land Agency.



**Mr. Fred Kan**  
**Fred Kan & Co | Hong Kong**

Fred Kan is the Senior Partner of Fred Kan & Co., an established commercial law firm in Hong Kong.

Kan was called to the Bar in Ontario, Canada in 1969 and was admitted a solicitor of Hong Kong in 1978.

Kan was a Council Member of the Law Society of Hong Kong from 1997 to 2002. He is the past Chairman of its External Affairs Standing Committee, Annual Convention Committee, Law Week Committee, Member Benefits Committee and Teen Talk Committee. He is the founding Chairman of the Belt and Road Committee and he now serves as the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Belt and Road Law Conference. Kan is also the founding Chairman of the RCEP (Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement) Committee

## PANELISTS



**Mr. Alphonse Nguyen Phuoc Bao Tri**  
**Managing Partner, JLPW Vinh An Legal | Vietnam**

Tri has extensive experience as legal advisor for foreign investors doing business in manufacturing sector in Vietnam including establishment of company, factory construction, tax planning, employment, and customs declaration. Tri also has experience acting in cross-border merger and acquisition transactions, joint ventures, and foreign investment transactions.

Tri is regularly requested to undertake legal due diligence work in mergers and acquisitions, investment and securities offering by foreign investors both private companies and State-Owned Enterprises.



**Mr. Douglas Mancill**  
**Managing Partner at Legal Analytics and Advocacy (Thailand) Ltd | Thailand**

Douglas is a dual national (Thai and American) and has worked in Thailand for over 20 years. He previously worked as a lawyer in California for 13 years. This unique background helps Douglas in assisting foreign clients navigate Thailand's sometimes opaque legal terrain on both transactional matters and in disputes.

Douglas has handled scores of mergers and acquisitions in Thailand. Douglas has drafted and negotiated the terms of transactional documents and agreements over his 20 years Thailand. He routinely supervises drafted due diligence reviews He has also arbitrated contractual disputes in the U.S. and Asia. Douglas understands the consequences of not getting the deal done right.

Douglas has a recognized strong anti-corruption practice that includes substantial on the ground experience in Thailand with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Douglas has handled acquisitions and other transactions for, among others, Shell, Bain, Itochu, Matsushita, Valvoline and IBM. Douglas is a co-chair of the Legal Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Thailand and active in the American Bar Association.

## PANELISTS



**Mr. Jing Lei**  
**Deputy-director of International and Inter-regional Affairs Professional Committee, Capital Equity Legal Group | China**

Received LLM from Southwest University of Southwestern University of Political Science & Law, China and International Comparative law Master Degree from University Toulouse 1, France.

Member of LAWASIA Corporate, Securities and Investment Law Committee (CSIL).

Mr. Jing specializes in foreign invest law and business law.

Mr. Jing has extensive experience in providing legal services to domestic and foreign enterprises on their investments in China for a wide range of industries, including energy, automobile, e-commerce, and real-estate.



**Dr Loganathan Krishnan**  
**Lecturer, Monash University Malaysia | Malaysia**

Dr Loganathan Krishnan pursued LL.B (Hons) at University of London, LL.M and Ph.D at Universiti Malaya, Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education at Curtin University. He was in practice at Thampa Solicitors, London. His academic career was at SEGi University, Curtin University and Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman and now at Monash University.

His research is on corporate law. His publications include Principles of Business and Corporate Law, Malaysia (3rd ed), Wolters Kluwer and book chapters published by De Gruyter and Routledge. He has published in various scholarly journals. He is a council member of Asean Law Association, member of corporate law section at LAWASIA, member of Corporate Law Teachers' Association, council member of Australian Association of Law Academics and examination committee member of CTIM.

In 2017, he received the Erasmus+ Grant and was a visiting scholar at University of Sussex, England. He is a paper reviewer for several journals and an editorial board member. He is also a member of the working committee at MyCC.