



Corruption has undoubtedly been one of the most deep-rooted, pervasive problems that has crippled economies around the world. Even in advanced economies, authorities have not been able to quell corruption completely.

The Corruption Perception Index (CPI) has ranked Malaysia number 51st out of 180 countries in 2019. Though we have done substantially better than some countries in the Middle East, Africa, and some of its ASEAN neighbours, corruption is still a huge impediment to progress for the nation, especially in terms of economic development and income inequality within the society. Government agencies such as the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and the newly launched National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP), has been instrumental in putting Malaysia back on track as a transparent and corruption-free country, giving a confidence boost to investors and bringing in much needed investments for our infrastructure needs.

At last year's Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum, we have covered a variety of topics but most important is the discussion on corporate liability law which, for the first time, will institutionalise the penalisation of the giver of corruption, instead of just the receiver of corruption. This will indeed create a huge impact on the fight against corruption, and most importantly to break the strong link between governments and big corporations, which has thus far been an impediment to progress and innovation in the country.

The 2nd Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum, brought to you by International Strategy Institute (ISI), is a platform to bring together all concerned Malaysian citizens, government authorities, the media and the private sector to discuss, exchange ideas, and formulate key proposals to be submitted to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), with the hope that Malaysia will soon be able to tackle corruption sustainably as it moves towards a high-income nation status in the foreseeable future.

PROGRAMME

8.00am – 9.20am

FORUM REGISTRATION

9.30am – 10.15am

OPENING CEREMONY

Cheah Chyuan Yong

Chairman, International Strategy Institute (ISI)

Dato' Sri Shamsun Baharin bin Mohd Jamil

Deputy Chief Commissioner (Prevention), Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)

10.30am –11.30am

HOW STRONG IS THE LINKAGE BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND BIG CORPORATIONS?

This session discusses the deep links between government and big corporations and how this relationship has been perpetuating the income inequality within society and stifles economic progress and innovation. In ASEAN, SMEs represent 95-99% of all businesses, generating around 97% of all employment. How does this deep link stifle the growth of SMEs? What are the steps needed to encourage a more open competition in the business space rather than overreliance on GLCs and big corporations?

Speakers:

- **Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed**
Director General, National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC)
- **Haridas S Krishnan Nair**
Chairman, Business Ethics Institute of Malaysia (BEIM)
- **Zakiah Binti Hassan**
Senior Assistant Commissioner, Inspection & Consultancy Division, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)

Moderator:

- **Raphael Tay**
Partner, Lee Hishamuddin Allen & Gledhill

11.30am - 12.30pm

TACKLING CORRUPTION IN SOCIETY – CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVES

Corruption is a phenomenon which is difficult to tackle, and at the same time a problem that we cannot afford to ignore. Corruption will affect the economy and society at large. It erodes trust in public institutions and political processes and undermines the healthy functioning of markets and competition. The importance of preventing and prosecuting corruption cannot be emphasised enough if Malaysia is to be a developed nation. Still, deep-rooted corruption is in every nook and cranny of our society. What more could be done to prevent corruption within society? What is civil society's role in helping government tackle corruption?

Speakers:

- **Dr. Muhammad Mohan**
President, Transparency International Malaysia
- **Tricia Yeoh**
Chief Executive Officer, Institute For Democracy And Economic Affairs (IDEAS)
- **Zaim Mohzani**
International Strategy & Diplomacy, Chevening Scholar and Community Builder
- **Siti Kamariah Ahmad Subki**
Chief Executive Officer, Selangor Women's Empowerment Institute

Moderator:

- **Rajifah Ramli**
Chief Executive Officer, Data8

12.30pm-12.45pm

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
HOW EFFECTIVE ABMS CAN BE FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH?

Fauziah binti Sulaiman

Head of Service Section, Management System Certification Department
SIRIM QAS International Sdn. Bhd.

12.45pm - 2.00pm

NETWORKING LUNCH

2.00pm – 3.00pm

UNDERSTANDING CORPORATE LIABILITY LAW AND ITS IMPACT

A new provision of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009, under Section 17A of the MACC Act 2009 (Amendment 2018), regarding graft offences involving commercial organisations came into effect on 1 June 2020.

According to MACC, this corporate liability law is enacted to encourage business activities to be carried out with integrity and to promote good governance practices in organisations. Under this law, commercial organisations are liable if their employees or associates are involved in corruption and the penalty is not more than 10 times the bribe amount or RM1 million, whichever is higher, or 20 years of jail, or both. Clearly the ramifications of corruption is huge but will this really deter corruption? Are there loopholes in the system that can override this?

Speakers:

- **Dato' Paduka Muhammad Juanda Abdul Rashid**
Consultant (Ethics and Compliance)
- **Mohammed Noor Ahmad**
Deputy Chief Executive Officer (Compliance), Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (LHDN)
- **Roslan Mat Nor**
Director, Legal and Prosecution Division, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)

Moderator:

- **Datuk Seri Azman Ujang**
Former Chairman, BERNAMA / Member, Anti-Corruption Advisory Board (ACAB)

3.00pm – 4.00pm

LEADERSHIP DIALOGUE WITH TAN SRI RAFIDAH AZIZ: WHERE IS MALAYSIA HEADING?

With so much uncertainty in Malaysia's politics and trajectory, the rakyat has the right to know about the future of our country. Can Malaysia rid itself of its endemic problems of corruption and move ahead towards becoming an advanced nation? An exclusive session, one-to-one with Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz, who will share and provide some critical insight on the country's path and the future it holds for all of us.

Speaker:

- **Tan Sri Rafidah Aziz**
Former Minister of International Trade and Industry Malaysia

Moderator:

- **Rajifah Ramli**
Chief Executive Officer, Data8

4.30pm

End of Programme

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