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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum 2022

*"Restoring Trust With Collective Action"*



**24th May, 2022**  
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#### **Introduction**

Corruption, recognised as one of the world's oldest deep-rooted, pervasive problems, has crippled economies, small and large, around the world. Corruption remains rampant around the world, not solely in developing countries and certainly not in Malaysia alone. Corruption affects ordinary people everywhere. The poorest in all societies are the ones hit the hardest, as they are the most susceptible to bribes.

The impact on the private sector is also considerable - it hinders economic growth, distorts competition, and represents serious legal and reputational risks. Corruption is very costly for businesses. With the extra financial burden estimated to add 10% or more to the costs of doing business in many parts of the world. The World Bank has stated that "bribery has become a \$1 trillion industry".

Efforts in containing corruption have been put in place by the Malaysian Government. The MACC has been embarking on various initiatives and renewed policies, but without support from all sectors of society, namely government, private sector and civil society, the fight against corruption will be an exercise in futility. To restore the citizens' trust, everyone must work together to demand accountability towards a transparent national governance agenda.

Malaysia dropped to 62<sup>nd</sup> place in 2022, from 57<sup>th</sup> in 2020 in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI), and it seems that we are sliding down a dangerous slope. If we practice continued apathy on corruption any longer, the damage to the country will be irreparable for many decades.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum organised by ISI on 24 May 2022, provides a platform that brings together concerned citizens, government authorities, policy makers, 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 head-on to claim back our title as a trusted and transparent nation.

## FORUM PROGRAMME

08.00am – 09.20am **FORUM REGISTRATION**

09.30am – 10.15am **OPENING CEREMONY**

### WELCOME REMARKS

Cheah Chyuan Yong  
Chairman, International Strategy Institute (ISI)

### OPENING ADDRESS

Tan. Sri. Dato' Sri. Haji Azam Bin Baki  
Chief Commissioner, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)

10.15am – 10.30am **COFFEE BREAK**

10.30am – 11.30am **INTEGRITY AS THE BASIS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE**

Corruption is not only a moral issue, but it is also an economic one. Combating corruption, requires looking at the costs that it imposes on business, governments, and society. As corruption is a problem of the private and public sectors, both sectors should implement anti-corruption measures. Simply blaming corruption on the other party, as is often done, does not solve the problem. Anti-corruption initiatives should address the root sources of corruption—inefficient institutions. Building a system of strong, balanced institutions reduces corruption by creating a set of reliable incentive structures, where compliance is not costly and corrupt behaviour is monitored and punished. How can both private and public sector collaborate further in fighting corruption? What are the steps needed to encourage a more open competition in the business space rather than overreliance on GLCs and big corporations?

11.30am – 12.30pm

### RESTORING TRUST BY COLLECTIVE ACTION – CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVES

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?

12.30pm – 01.00pm

### LUNCHEON ADDRESS

YBhg. Tun Mohamed Raus Bin Sharif  
Former Chief Justice of Malaysia

01.00pm – 02.00pm

### NETWORKING LUNCH

02.30pm – 03.30pm

### INTEGRITY VS PERCEPTION

Attitudes towards the fight against corruption and the importance of understanding integrity need to be instilled from a young age. Many researchers have investigated or tried to understand the perceptions towards corruption and integrity among the Malaysian. Studies have showed that Malaysian youth are not really familiar with the word integrity. Honesty was perceived as a main characteristic of integrity. Corruption was defined as taking away the rights of others. How do we define corruption? What is integrity and why it is important? Could we do away with the “tak apa” attitude towards corruption? Is repaying good deeds with a gift considered an act of corruption?

03.30pm – 04.30pm

**CAN ECONOMIC INCENTIVES REDUCE CORRUPTION?**

For a long time in this country, most anti-corruption efforts are punitive, built into policies that serve to punish people for engaging in corruption rather than looking at the economic conditions that enables corruption to thrive. In countries like Singapore, they believe that one of the most effective ways to combat corruption is through economic incentives - by paying people in public office a comfortable salary enough for them to not engage in rent seeking. Could this actually work in Malaysia and why not?

04.40pm

**END OF FORUM PROGRAMME SESSION**

**GALA DINNER AND AWARD CEREMONY – BY INVITATION ONLY**

- 07.30pm – 08.00pm **GUESTS REGISTRATION / ATTENDANCE**
- 08.00pm – 08.15pm **PERFORMANCE**
- 08.15pm – 09.00pm **DINNER**
- 09.00pm – 09.10pm **WELCOME SPEECH**  
Mr. Cheah Chyuan Yong  
Chairman, International Strategy Institute (ISI)
- 09.10pm – 09.40pm **CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
Datuk Seri Mohd Sallehuddin Bin Hassan  
Director-General, National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC)
- 09.40pm – 10.30pm **MACF INTEGRITY 2022 AWARDS WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT**  
10 individuals will be awarded with the MACF Integrity 2022 Awards for their exemplary contribution in the fight against corruption in Malaysia.
- 10.35pm **END OF DINNER PROGRAMME SESSION**

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