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STAMP DUTY FORUM:

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10 February 2026 (Tuesday), 9.00 am – 5.00 pm
Connexion Conference & Event Centre @ Nexus, Bangsar South, Kuala Lumpur

It is more important than ever today for businesses to comply with the requirements of the Stamp Act 1949. Corporate leaders in various roles such as finance, operations, sales, procurement, compliance officers, and human resource must be mindful of stamp duty matters, which were conventionally often regarded as the legal counsel's responsibility.

With the migration from official assessment system to self-assessment system effective from 1st January 2026, the duty payers are required to be adequately equipped with the knowledge of Stamp Act to furnish a return. In the event of errors in the return, there might be a risk of penalty exposure in addition to the duty shortfall.

At times, subtle differences in the commercial arrangements could result in significant differences in the duty exposure. It is important for decision makers to be conscious and avoid commercial choices being made without proper understanding of the stamp duty consequences.

This Forum is an inaugural event that brings together lawyers from tax and M&A specialisations to exchange thoughts and experience in sessions guided by a tax accountant for the benefit of MIA members. The event is also suitable for non-accounting personnel whose role requires them to be familiar with stamp duty requirements.

OBJECTIVES

This forum seeks to help you:

- Be empowered with the essential knowledge of stamp duty
- Understand the present diverse views on the aspects of stamp duty without a settled interpretation

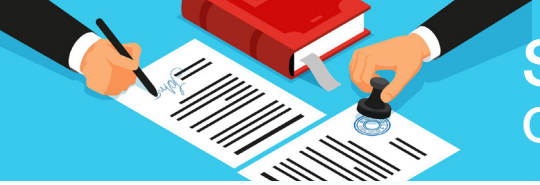
WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Accounting & Finance Personnel
- C-Suite Executives
- Representatives with responsibility on stamp duty compliance matters

Note: Accounting/finance/legal knowledge is not a prerequisite for this event.

METHODOLOGY

Lecture with case studies and panel discussions.



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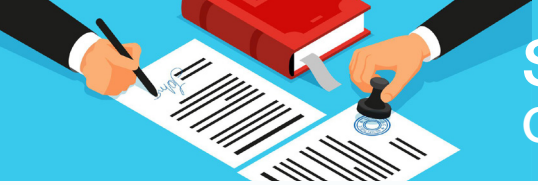
FORUM PROGRAMME

8.30 am – 9.00 am	REGISTRATION & WELCOME REFRESHMENTS
9.00 am –10.30 am	**STAMP DUTY ESSENTIALS** > Is stamping a mandatory requirement for all agreements and written instruments, including intercompany services? > Overview of instruments subjected to stamp duty > Person responsible for stamping (e.g. service provider vs customer) > Intercompany transactions: Service, rental & financing (illustrated with practical examples) > Remission for back-to-back or sub-contract service agreements > Overview of exemptions and remissionsv > Overview of changes effective from 1st January 2026 SPEAKER **THENESH KANNAA** | *Executive Director, TRATAX Sdn Bhd*
10.30 am –11.00 am	MORNING REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING
11.00 am –12.30 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION **EFFECTIVE COMPLIANCE STRATEGY** > Self-Assessment Regime: New responsibilities and risks on businesses > Impact of self-assessment on pre-2026 instruments > M&A Transactions: Recent tax cases and other contemporary concerns > Recent court decisions on stamp duty > Internal restructuring and debt novation > Agreement title vs content > Person required to furnish return for stamp duty purposes > Valuation for instruments without predetermined value > Key considerations in formulating internal SOPs for stamp duty compliance > Participants Q&A MODERATOR **THENESH KANNAA** | *Executive Director, TRATAX Sdn Bhd* PANELLISTS **ADRIAN CHEE** | *Partner, Corporate Practice Group, Christopher & Lee Ong* **AMIRA AZHAR** | *Partner, SST, and Customs practice at Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership* **VIJEY R. MOHANA KRISHNAN** | *Head, Tax & Revenue, Raja, Darryl & Loh*
12.30 pm –1.30 pm	NETWORKING LUNCH
1.30 pm –2.30 pm	**HANDHOLDING SESSION ON THE STAMP DUTY SELF-ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (SDSAS)** > Hands-on session on the functionalities and practical usage of e-Duti Setem system, LHDN's new platform for stamping of instruments effective from 1 January 2026. SPEAKERS **MOHD FAZIL ZAINAL AZMAN** | *Division Director, Risk Management, Audit Surveillance & Tax Audit Policy, JOSC, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia* **SYED ZULKIFLI ABU SEMAN** | *Senior Executive, Stamp Operations & Real Property Gains Tax Department, Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia*
2.30 pm –3.15 pm	**READINESS FOR STAMP DUTY AUDITS AND APPEALS** SPEAKERS **ANAND RAJ** | *Partner and Head, Tax Disputes Practice, Shearn Delamore & Co.* **RENGANATHAN KANNAN** | *Executive Director, TRATAX Sdn Bhd*
3.15 pm – 3.45 pm	AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS & NETWORKING
3.45 pm –5.00 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION **SPOTLIGHT ON DUTY OPTIMISATION AND CRITICAL TRANSACTIONS** > Intragroup financing arrangements > Impact of stamp duty on B2C transactions and instruments with e-signature > Practical issues in stamping requirement for cross-border transactions > Stamp duty exposure arising in relation to judiciary process > Stamp duty optimisation tips > Avenues to seek refund for overpayments > Participants Q&A MODERATOR **THENESH KANNAA** | *Executive Director, TRATAX Sdn Bhd* PANELLISTS **DESMOND LIEW ZHI HONG** | *Partner, Rahmat Lim & Partners* **JASON TAN JIA XIN** | *Partner, Lee Hishammuddin Allen & Gledhill*
5.00 pm	END OF FORUM



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PRINCIPAL FACILITATOR

THENESH KANNAA

Thenesh is a tax advisor licensed by Ministry of Finance and is an Executive Director of TRATAX Sdn Bhd. TRATAX Sdn Bhd is a consulting firm specialised in taxation and is a member of the tier 1 global tax firm WTS Global. Under his leadership, TRATAX has been recognised as one of the Top 7 leading firms in Malaysia for Indirect Tax (SST & Customs), Top 10 for M&A Tax, and shortlisted for the Best Firm in Asia-Pacific for Tax Policy. Thenesh is a strategic tax advisor with extensive experience supporting Fortune 500 companies, multinationals, GLCs, listed companies and SMEs in navigating evolving tax policies, and in optimising tax-efficiency for strategies and actions contemplated by various C-Suite executives. He has successfully represented taxpayers from diverse industries on numerous applications with the Ministry of Finance, Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) and the Royal Malaysian Customs. The author of 3 published books in Malaysian taxation, he has made over 100 presentations on various tax topics in Malaysia, Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, Singapore & Thailand. Thenesh is also frequently interviewed on contemporary tax matters by mainstream media including the Star newspaper, the EDGE business weekly, Astro Awani and BFM 89.9.

GUEST SPEAKERS

ADRIAN CHEE

Adrian is a Partner in Christopher & Lee Ong's Corporate Practice Group, primarily involved in mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, and banking and finance. His mergers and acquisitions experience includes advising on the acquisition and disposal of strategic stakes in public and private companies and joint ventures and collaborations across different industries and sectors. He is recognised as a leading lawyer in Malaysia by many independent legal research publications. He was featured in the M&A Powerlist Asia Pacific 2024 by The Legal 500, and also listed in The A-List: Malaysia's Top Lawyers 2024 by the Asia Business Law Journal. Adrian holds a Bachelor Degree of Laws with Honours (LLB Hons) from the University of Leicester. He is currently an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya.

AMIRA AZHAR

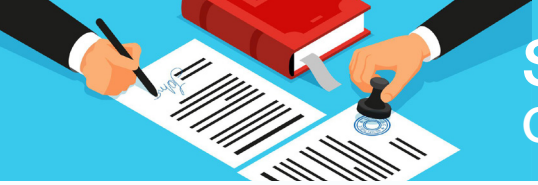
Amira is a Partner with the Tax, SST, and Customs practice at Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership. She is involved in tax litigation and advisory with a specific focus on corporate tax, petroleum tax, tax incentives, and transfer pricing disputes. She has represented Fortune 500 companies in Malaysia and leading Malaysian companies in various tax disputes before the Special Commissioners of Income Tax, High Court, Court of Appeal, and Federal Court. She also serves as a UiTMLaw Industry Reviewer for the tax law subject offered under the UiTM Bachelor of Laws programme. An advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya, Amira holds a LL.B (Hons) from Universiti Teknologi MARA, and is a member of the CTIM.

ANAND RAJ

Anand commenced legal practice in 1996, was admitted as a partner of Shearn Delamore & Co. in 2003, and currently Heads the Tax Disputes Practice. Shearn was recognised by the International Tax Review (ITR) as the Asia Tax Transactions Firm of the Year (2018), the Malaysia Tax Disputes and Litigation Firm of the Year (2016, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021 and 2025), the Asia-Pacific Tax Litigation Law Firm of the Year (2025), the Asia-Pacific Tax Law Firm of the Year (2025) and for the APAC Impact Case (2025) in DGIR v Kind Action (FC). Anand has also been recognised by the ITR as a "Highly Regarded Practitioner" in Indirect Tax and Tax Controversy (2019 – 2022, 2025) and "Highly Regarded" in World Transfer Pricing (TP) (2023 – 2025). He was also the 2017 ITR Asia Tax Disputes and Litigation Practice Leader of the Year. Anand has been recognised as "Litigation Star" (2025) by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific, "Leading Individual" in Tax by Legal 500 Asia-Pacific (2019 – 2025), "Recommended" in Corporate Tax – Controversy and Southeast Asia – Corporate Tax by Lexology (2025), "One of Malaysia's Top 100 Lawyers" in Tax Disputes & Controversy Asia by Business Law Journal (2020-2024), "The Highest Rated Lawyer To Work With" in Tax by Asialaw's Client Service Excellence (2021), and "Elite Practitioner" in Tax by Asialaw Leading Lawyers (2020 – 2024).

DESMOND LIEW ZHI HONG

Desmond is a partner at Rahmat Lim & Partners. He practices tax law, advising and representing both corporate and high-net-worth individuals, on complex and high value corporate transactions and in tax disputes before all levels of the Malaysian courts, the Special Commissioners of Income Tax, and the Customs Appeal Tribunal. He also handles tax audits and investigations and frequently resolves tax disputes and issues with the tax authorities and other regulatory authorities. Desmond is ranked in Chambers Asia-Pacific, Asialaw Guide, Lexology and International Tax Review.



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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.

MOHD FAZIL ZAINAL AZMAN

Mohd Fazil is the Division Director of the Risk Management, Audit Surveillance & Tax Audit Policy Department and the Stamp Operations & Real Property Gains Tax Department of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia. His expertise primarily focuses on Tax Audit on Individuals and Companies, Stamp Duties, RPGT and as well on training Tax Audit Officers. He has 27 years of extensive experience, having joined the Board in 1999, including serving as Deputy Director with the Johor Bahru Branch and as State Operation Director of Perak. He previously served at the CPCB, Malaysia Tax Academy and Tax Policy Department. Mohd Fazil holds a Master's degree in Forensic Accounting from UiTM and a Bachelor's degree in Accounting from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

RENGANATHAN KANNAN

Renga is an Executive Director of TRATAX Sdn Bhd (WTS Malaysia), where he leads the tax certainty and tax controversy practice line. He regularly advises clients from diverse industries on tax audit, investigation and appeal matters. He has also served as an elected council member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) and is presently a member of MIA's Taxation Practice Committee. Renga is a fellow member of various local and international professional bodies and associations for the tax and chartered accountancy sector.

SYED ZULKIFLI ABU SEMAN

Syed Zulkifli is a Senior Executive and Customer Care Officer with the Stamp Operations & Real Property Gains Tax (RPGT) Department of the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia. He joined the Board in 2003 and has extensive experience working across various specialised units within the Board. Notably, his expertise in Stamp Duty is backed by his tenure as the Deputy Collector of Stamp Duties at the LHDNM Cheras branch. Syed Zulkifli holds a Bachelor of Economics (Honours) degree from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

VIJEY R. MOHANA KRISHNAN

Vijey joined Raja, Darryl & Loh in 1999 and heads the revenue law practice group. He has over 25 years of experience in tax matters. The team is active in all areas of tax law including income tax, petroleum income tax, real property gains tax, stamp duty, GST, sales & service tax, customs duties and stamp duties. He regularly appears before the Special Commissioners of Income Tax, the Customs Appeal Tribunal, the High Court and the Court of Appeal on major points of tax law. He has consistently been recommended in the area of Tax in publications such as The Asia Pacific Legal 500, the Tax Directors Handbook and Chambers Asia Pacific. He is listed as a Leading Individual in the area of Tax in Chambers Asia Pacific and as a Leading Lawyer in Asialaw Profiles. He has also been listed as a Litigation Star in Benchmark Litigation and the Asia Business Law Journal lists Vijey as one of the top 100 lawyers practising in Malaysia and in its A-List of Malaysia's top lawyers. Vijey is an Associate of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia and has been involved in various committees including the GST and Tax Sub-Committee of the Malaysian Bar, the Tax Committee of the American Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia Technical Committee–Indirect Taxation and Stamp Duty.

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