



Talk on

How to Participate in Trade Negotiations: Focus on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Regional Free Trade Agreement

12 Apr 2016 (Tuesday) | 2:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium
Straits Trading Building
Unit 2-02A, 2nd Floor
No 2 Leboh Pasar Besar
50050 Kuala Lumpur



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The last completed multilateral round of trade negotiations was the Uruguay Round (1986–1994). The Doha Round was launched in 2001 but is generally considered to have failed, and while technically still ongoing, it is considered to have little prospect of ultimate comprehensive success.

This has led to a multitude of regional and bilateral free trade negotiations. Since the recently concluded Trans-Pacific Partnership Regional Free Trade Agreement reportedly had over 700 outstanding issues at its conclusion, the challenge for Least Developed Countries (“LDCs”) and Developing Countries (“DCs”) (including Malaysia) to meaningfully participate is enormous. International organisations such as the United Nations and the World Trade Organization have recognised that a growing trade capacity gap exists, to the detriment of LDCs and DCs.

The talk will cover the following:

- (1) Scope and complexity of free trade agreement (“FTA”) negotiations;
- (2) Subject matter of major areas in FTA negotiations and the relevant laws;
- (3) Institutions whose activities influence FTA negotiations, such as the World Trade Organization, and its rules and procedures;
- (4) How to assess the potential impact of FTAs on various sectors of the economy, and the public affected in each sector; and
- (5) How to relate to the government and the public on these matters.

This talk is organised by the Bar Council Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) Department, in collaboration with the Inter-Pacific Bar Association Legal Development and Training Committee, and Global Development Law & Consulting Group (Washington, DC and Singapore).

Programme

Registration for the talk will begin at 2:00 pm

- 2:30 pm Welcoming Remarks
Representatives of Inter-Pacific Bar Association and Bar Council Malaysia
- 2:40 pm **Overview**
Moderated by Bruce Aitken, *Managing Partner, Aitken Berlin LLP (Washington, DC; New York). Named to Dispute Resolution Panels of US-Canada FTA, WTO, NAFTA, and WIPO. Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown & American University Law Schools on NAFTA, and Core Courses on Trade Negotiations.*
- 2:50 pm **Topic: History of Trade Negotiations**
Raj Bhala, Associate Dean University of Kansas School of Law; Rice Professor of International Law; Professor of Islamic Law, Editor, International Trade Law (used in over 100 law schools globally).
- 3:20 pm **Topic: The Challenges Faced in Negotiating the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement**
YB Tan Sri Dr Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, Secretary General, Ministry of International Trade & Industry, Malaysia
- 3:50 pm **Topic: Scope and Complexity of Free Trade Agreement Negotiations**
Film presentation by Chulsu Kim, former South Korean Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy (1993 – 1994); Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization (“WTO”)(1995 – 1999); founder of the Institute for Trade and Investment (“ITI”) in 1995 and has served as its Chairman since; Senior Advisor, Lee International IP & Law Group.
- 4:10 pm **Topic: Compliance and Good Governance Issues in Free Trade Agreement Negotiations**
Speaker (to be confirmed).
- 4:40 pm **Topic: Assessing the Potential Economic Impact of Free Trade Agreements on Your Country, Citizens and/or Clients**
Ngosong Fonkem, Corneille Law Group (Green Bay); former International Trade Law Lecturer, Multimedia University School of Law (Malacca).
- 5:00 pm **Topic: An Introduction to Trade Negotiating Technique and Advocating Commercial Interests in Free Trade Agreements**
Bruce Aitken
- 5:40 pm Summary and Closing
- 6:00 pm Refreshments



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