

IFA Singapore

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Tax Academy of Singapore

The mission of the Tax Academy is to raise the professional competency of the tax community and develop Singapore into a regional tax knowledge hub. A not-for-profit institution, the Tax Academy is set up by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore in collaboration with the international accounting firms – Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young, KPMG and PricewaterhouseCoopers, the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Singapore and the Law Society of Singapore.

The Tax Academy collaborates with leaders in the industry and academia to develop and deliver programmes that effectively raise the professional competency, knowledge and capabilities of the tax community. It provides a platform for exchange among tax officials, tax professionals and academia. The Tax Academy also supports the strategic engagement of foreign tax officials and policymakers through its regional programmes.

CONFERENCE FEE

IFA Members – SGD 1,000 (Early Bird – SGD 900)

YIN Members – SGD 750 (Early Bird – SGD 675)

Non-Members – SGD 1,250 (Early Bird – SGD 1,125)

*Conference fee excludes prevailing taxes.
Early Bird registration latest by 31 Jan 2013.

OTHER INFORMATION

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Asia-Pacific Regional Tax Conference

2-4 April 2013 • Shangri-la Hotel Singapore





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proudly present the first Asia-Pacific Regional Tax Conference to be held from 2-4 April 2013.

Supported by IFA US, this conference represents a unique forum for tax practitioners, tax administrators, tax policymakers and academics to discuss current key issues on Asia-Pacific taxation.

The Conference will feature leading international and regional tax experts as well as representatives of a number of tax authorities in the Asia-Pacific region.

The keynote address will be on global trends and developments in international tax anti-avoidance. The plenary sessions will include developments in Asia-Pacific tax policy and administration, permanent establishment rules, business restructuring and the resolution of tax disputes.

A feature of the Conference will be a series of workshop seminars that will explore in detail aspects of the main topics. Issues such as beneficial ownership, GAAR developments (including India's GAAR), indirect transfers and APAs will be considered. The programme will conclude with a discussion by a panel of respected Asia-based tax directors on practical strategies to manage tax in Asia.

A series of post-seminar workshops will be held on topics such as regulatory and tax developments impacting funds, investment in China, transfer pricing trends and developments and wealth management in Asia.

CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Alan Ross, PwC Singapore
Aliff Fazalbhoj, ALMT Legal
Andy Baik, Ernst & Young Singapore
Anita Kapur, Indian Revenue Service
A/Prof Wei Cui, China University of Political Science and Law
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Michael Velten, CLSA
Mukesh Butani, BMR Advisors
Ong Sim Ho, Drew & Napier
Peter Barnes, General Electric Company
Pieter De Ridder, Loyens & Loeff
Porus Kaka SC, IFA President Elect
Prof. Kees Van Raad, Loyens & Loeff
Prof. Roy Rohatgi
Ram Kishan, Goldman Sachs
Sharon Tan, Nike Inc.
Steve Towers, Deloitte Singapore
Sunil Gupta, Ministry of Finance India
Teoh Lian Ee, Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore
Vaughn Barber, KPMG China
WH Baik, Kim & Chang
Yeoh Lian Chuan, Allen & Overy

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1 | Morning Session

8.00 am – 8.45 am	Registration
8.45 am – 9.10 am	Conference Opening
9.10 am – 9.30 am	An Introduction to IFA
9.30 am – 10.45 am	Plenary: Developments and Trends in Asia-Pacific Tax Policy and Administration
10.45 am – 11.15 am	Refreshment Break
11.15 am – 12.30 pm	Keynote Speech: Global Developments and Trends in International Anti-Avoidance
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 2.00 pm	Reflections on Singapore Tax

DAY 1 | Afternoon Session

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Workshop Seminars <i>Choose 2:</i> Workshop A: Meaning of "Beneficial Ownership" Workshop B: India GAAR: "The Journey Thus Far" Workshop C: Developments in International Anti-Avoidance in Asia-Pacific
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Plenary: International Tax Planning Strategies
6.00 pm	Day 1 Close
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	Cocktail Networking Session

DAY 2 | Morning Session

8.45 am – 9.45 am	Plenary: Permanent Establishments
9.45 am – 10.45 am	Plenary: Taxation of Royalties with Special Reference to Payments for the Use of Software
10.45 am – 11.15 am	Refreshment Break
11.15 am – 12.30 pm	Cross Border Business Restructuring
12.30 pm – 1.30 pm	Lunch
1.30 pm – 2.00 pm	Singapore as a Business Location

DAY 2 | Afternoon Session

2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Workshop Seminar <i>Choose 1:</i> Workshop A: Taxation of Cross Border Service Fees Workshop B: APAs in Asia-Pacific: Developments, Trends and Current Experience
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Refreshment Break
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm	Plenary: Resolution of Tax Disputes
5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	Plenary: Managing Tax in Asia: Practical Strategies
6.00 pm	Conference Close

DAY 3 | Post Conference Workshops

9.00 am – 12.30 pm	Workshop Seminars <i>Choose 2:</i> A. Perspectives on Foreign Investment and Taxes in China B. Regulatory and Tax Developments Impacting Funds C. Wealth Management in Asia D. Transfer Pricing Trends, Developments and Strategies
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