



**Eight Meeting of the *Asia-Pacific Tax Forum***  
**&**  
**Indonesia International Seminar on Fiscal Policy**  
**16-18 November 2011**  
**Bali, Indonesia**

### **Participating Governments**

Delegates will be invited from the following countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Burma, Cambodia, China, Chinese Taipei, Cook Islands, East Timor, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Kiribati, Korea, Laos, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nauru, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vanuatu, and Vietnam.

With the adoption of the new Asia-Pacific Tax Forum name, we are pleased to extend a special welcome to our colleagues from the Asia-Pacific countries. Invitations will be sent to all public sector officials of APTF member states.

### **Meeting Agenda**

The meeting agenda is still under discussion by the Steering Committee. The following topics have been proposed:

- Tax Reforms in Indonesia – Issues, Challenges, Solutions
- Effective Use of Tax Incentives
- Application and Administration of Excise Taxes – A Comparative Survey of the Region
- Indirect Taxation of Financial Sector Supplies
- Taxation of Natural Resources
- Double Taxation and FDI in ASEAN
- Design Issues in Indirect Tax Policy in the Age of Globalization
- Use of Transfer Pricing Techniques in Indirect Tax Policy
- AEC/AFTA – Protecting Excise Revenues After 2015
- GST/VAT Systems – The Next Steps
- Free Trade Challenges in ASEAN Trade – Harmonization of Indirect Taxation and Trade Policy Regimes

### **Attendees**

Attendees should be senior decision-makers in their organizations. Past delegates have been from the Deputy Minister, Director General, or Director-level of Finance, Revenue, and Customs Authorities. Such attendees have held responsibilities for tax policy and/or administration and have significant benefits in working together with their international colleagues.

### **Master Classes**

The seventh APTF meeting introduced *Master Classes* to focus on providing mid-level officials insight into methods for high-level policy formulation and system design in specific tax areas. Plans are underway to hold three *Master Classes* at the eighth annual meeting, with a limited number of spots available for each.

This year's meeting will feature the following *Master Classes*:

- Excise Tax Design and Administration
- Natural Resource Taxation
- Taxation of Financial Services

## A Unique Gathering to Address Key Tax Issues in the Asia-Pacific Region

The *Forum* offers a unique opportunity for delegates:

- To present developments from your country and to share the issues you confront.
- To stimulate thinking as a result of hearing some of the most respected and knowledgeable speakers on indirect taxation explore different areas, including import duties, trade liberalization, mining and petroleum taxes, VAT/GST and excise duties.
- To share best practices among senior officials from regional Ministries of Finance and Tax Administrations on practical issues faced in indirect tax administration.
- To interact with key senior officials from other Revenue Authorities, international organizations, and academics and industry experts.
- To explore how public-private sector cooperation can enhance tax administration and deliver certainty and efficiencies to the private sector.
- To help make an impact on improving tax policy and administration throughout the region.

The meeting will include presentations and interactive discussions. The *Forum* will be presented in English.

## About the APTF

The *Asia-Pacific Tax Forum* is an international conference that brings senior government officials in tax policy and administration from the Asia-Pacific region together with academic and industry experts and representatives from international organizations.

Beginning in 2005, the *Forum* has brought together leaders in the region in a collaborative and neutral setting to discuss solutions to common challenges and to share best practices in indirect taxation.

Originally known as the *Asia Tax Forum*, the *Forum* was renamed the *Asia-Pacific Tax Forum* (APTF) during the 2010 meeting in Siem Reap, Cambodia. As many regional countries continue their unparalleled economic growth, the APTF provides a convenient platform to gain insight about the issues faced and options available in more advanced economies.

APTF has developed into an ongoing platform for tax research and deliberation in the region, and a number of workshops and research programs are held under its general oversight during the course of a year. The APTF Steering Committee designs and manages the annual study/research program. The annual meeting serves as a convenient location for reporting on these events, and for the APTF Steering Committee to learn about the areas that APTF member nations wish to consider. Ministries of Finance of APTF member nations formally host the annual meeting.



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## Organizers

The *Forum* is being organized by the International Tax and Investment Center (ITIC), in collaboration with the Centre for Customs and Excise Studies (CCES), University of Canberra and the Public Finance Institute of the Philippines, PFIP, Manila.

## Venue

The meeting will be held at the Conrad Bali. Please visit the following website to book your accommodations for the event:  
<http://conradhotels.hilton.com/en/ch/groups/personalized/B/BPNCICI-GTAXA-20111116/index.jhtml>