

Opportunities and challenges in selected ASEAN countries amid the current global economy and Belt and Road initiative

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About the topic

Since the Belt and Road Initiative was launched in 2013, many companies have been encouraged to “go aboard” for developing a multi-polar world, with economic globalization and cultural diversity. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has become the most significant region connected by the Belt and Road initiative. Looking forward, it is the ideally positioned region for more development through the initiative.

Speakers from the ASEAN member states, including Cambodia, Indonesia and Thailand, will share with us the opportunities and challenges of different countries amid the current global economy and Belt and Road Initiative. The speakers will focus on many hot topics of concern among companies and investors to help them understand the investment environment and taxation systems of different countries, and grasp the overseas investment opportunities in the global market.

About the event

Date & Time	3 September 2019, Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Venue	HKICPA training centre, 27th Floor, Wu Chung House, 213 Queen’s Road East, Wanchai
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HKICPA CPD credit	1.5 hour (subject to actual attendance)
Rating	Advanced level*
Competency	Taxation*
Participant	Tax practitioners, CEO, CFO, COO, financial controllers
Application deadline	29 August 2019

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Speaker

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About the speakers

Ronald Almera

CEO & Partner, Grant Thornton Cambodia

Ronald is the CEO of Grant Thornton Cambodia. He currently heads the Audit and Assurance, Business Process Solutions and Tax Divisions based in the Phnom Penh office.

He has been in public accounting since graduating from De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines. Ronald has over 25 years of audit experience and internal audit. He joined the Cambodia practice in May 2013 from Vietnam where he spent 7 years auditing multinational companies across multiple industries working for Big 4 audit firm. Prior to Vietnam, Ronald worked in the Philippines.

He has been involved in servicing Clients in a wide range of industries including financial services, manufacturing, oil and gas, consumer products, not-for-profit organisations, real estate and professional services. His work has included BRS, internal audit, systems review in addition to financial audit, due diligence, reviews of financial statements, performance of agreed-upon procedures, compilation work and compliance audits. Ronald has also been involved in capacity building engagement by providing technical training on accounting, auditing standards, audit methodology and finance tools for NGOs and multinational Clients.

Ronald is a CPA in Cambodia, Philippines, Vietnam and Australia.

Ciwi Paino

Assurance Partner, Grant Thornton Indonesia

Ciwi Paino has more than 21 years professional experience in providing audit and assurance. During those years, he has significant experience in planning, executing, and managing audits in Indonesia for both local and multinational clients, covering a broad spectrum of industries, such as consumer products, healthcare, industrial products, hotel, manufacturing, technology, media and telecommunications, travel, tourism and leisure.

Tommy David

Head of Tax, Grant Thornton Indonesia

Tommy has more than 25 years of experience in serving clients in various industries, in which he has deeply involved among others in preparing clients for an IPO from tax compliance and planning point of view, structuring ownership, transactions within group planning, structuring cross border transactions schemes, leading transfer pricing team, conducting tax diagnostic review/tax due diligence and handling tax audit, tax objection, and tax court cases. He also provides services in formulating planning for an investment exit scheme for foreign investor.

Tommy speaks in various seminars held in Indonesia and overseas on tax and investments in Indonesia, such as in China, Singapore, and Taiwan. He also contributes articles to be posted on local newspaper on various tax related topics.



About the speakers (cont')

Tanva Mahitivanichcha

Tax Partner, Grant Thornton Thailand

Tanva advises and assists clients on corporate and commercial matters including, foreign investment planning, corporate structuring, joint venture formations, merger and acquisitions, and commercial contracts. He has led corporate legal due diligence reviews in the context of merger and acquisitions and preparations for initial public offerings. He also specializes in customs and trade advisory.

Prior joining Grant Thornton, Tanva co-founded and lead an independent law firm that advised clients on investment, customs and trade laws in Thailand for nearly a decade. He was formerly a consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Thailand where he advised clients on Thai regulatory compliance issues including customs valuation, product classification, regulated and controlled substances, trade privileges, board of investment promotions, excise tax, board of investment privileges, and product rules of origins. His practices include trade privilege structuring, customs compliance, indirect tax structuring, and regulated industry compliance.

Before embarking on his professional career in Thailand, Tanva clerked at a law firm in Washington, D.C., that specialized in trade dispute litigation before the U.S. Court of International Trade and the International Trade Commission. He had also worked as an assistant researcher at an economics and trade policy consulting firm.

Tanva has co-written economics and trade position papers for the ASEAN CLMV Senior Economics Officers Meetings, Asian Development Bank, and the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He regularly speaks at seminars and forums on investment and trade matters and regularly publish articles on investment, trade and customs law.

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