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THE OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT
BUSINESS LANDSCAPE
DATO' LOO LEE LIAN
InvestPenang
Chief Executive Officer**



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PROGRAMME

01:30 PM	Registration
02:00 PM	Opening Remarks
02:15 PM	Sharing by InvestPenang The Overview of the Current Business Landscape
02:30 PM	Panel 1 Understanding and Maximising the Tax Incentives Available for Free Trade Zones (FTZs)
03:15 PM	Panel 2 Adapting to Workforce Changes: Legal Insights for Businesses
04:00 PM	Break
04:15 PM	Panel 3 Maintaining Legal Compliance and Preserving Your Company's Value as It Grows
5:00 PM	Panel 4 Preventative Strategies to Avoid Corporate Criminal Liability Under Section 17A of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act: A New Era of Accountability
05:45 PM	Closing Remarks
06:00 PM	Networking Session

Panel Discussions

🕒 02:30 PM - 03:15 PM

PANEL 1 | UNDERSTANDING AND MAXIMISING THE TAX INCENTIVES AVAILABLE FOR FREE TRADE ZONES (FTZS)

PANELLISTS



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GUEST SPEAKER - TBC

Malaysia's legal framework governing employment has been constantly evolving, with significant developments in recent years affecting how businesses hire, manage, and retain talent. Ensuring compliance while adapting to shifting workforce expectations is key to maintaining a productive and sustainable workplace.

This panel will provide key insights into:

- Recent legal developments and emerging workforce trends in Malaysia.
- The impact of these changes on hiring practices and workforce management.
- Evolving workplace policies and employee expectations.
- Proactive strategies for employers to ensure compliance and mitigate legal risks.

Free Trade Zones (FTZs) offer significant tax incentives, making them an attractive option for businesses looking to optimise costs and enhance competitiveness. However, taking full advantage of these benefits requires a deep understanding of regulatory requirements, compliance obligations, and potential legal risks.

This panel will provide key insights into:

- The overview of relevant tax incentives in FTZs.
- Compliance requirements and customs issues for companies operating in FTZs.
- Case studies: Court cases related to tax incentives and key takeaways.
- Managing tax audits: Key legal considerations and protecting your legal rights.

🕒 03:15 PM - 04:00 PM

PANEL 2 | ADAPTING TO WORKFORCE CHANGES: LEGAL INSIGHTS FOR BUSINESSES

PANELLISTS



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Panel Discussions

🕒 04:15 PM - 05:00 PM

PANEL 3 | MAINTAINING LEGAL COMPLIANCE AND PRESERVING YOUR COMPANY'S VALUE AS IT GROWS

PANELLISTS



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GUEST SPEAKER - TBC

The enforcement of Section 17A of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act marks a significant shift in corporate accountability, holding companies liable for corrupt acts committed by their associated persons. To mitigate legal and reputational risks, businesses must take proactive steps to implement strong compliance measures.

This panel will provide key insights into:

- Understanding the key provisions of Section 17A.
- Preventative strategies to avoid criminal liability, including the “adequate procedures” defence.
- Lessons from other jurisdictions with similar provisions.
- Opportunities for redress through civil litigation.

As your business expands, so do its legal and regulatory obligations. Staying compliant with evolving regulations is essential to protecting your company's value and reputation. Failure to comply can result in costly penalties, operational disruptions, and even a decline in business valuation.

This panel will provide key insights into:

- Licensing Requirements: What, When, How, Where, and Who?
- Key strategies for avoiding regulatory non-compliance.
- Case study: The impact of legal non-compliance on company value.
- Amendments to the Personal Data Protection Act 2010: What your company needs to do.

🕒 05:00 PM - 05:45 PM

PANEL 4 | PREVENTATIVE STRATEGIES TO AVOID CORPORATE CRIMINAL LIABILITY UNDER SECTION 17A OF THE MALAYSIAN ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION ACT: A NEW ERA OF ACCOUNTABILITY

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