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3<sup>rd</sup> Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum 2022 "Restoring Trust With Collective Action"



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## OVERVIEW

Corruption, recognized as one of the world's oldest deep-rooted, pervasive problems, has crippled economies, small and large, around the world. Corruption remains rampant arount the world, not solely in developing countries and certainly not in Malaysia alone. Corruption affects ordinary people everywhere. The poorest in all societies are the ones hit the hardest, as they are the most susceptible to bribes.

The impact on the private sector is also considerable - it hinders economic growth, distorts competition, and represents serious legal and reputational risks. Corruption is very costly for businesses. With the extra financial burden estimated to add 10% or more to the costs of doing business in many parts of the world. The World Bank has stated that "bribery has become a \$1 trillion industry".

Efforts in containing corruption have been put in place by the Malaysian Government. The MACC has been embarking on various initiatives and renewed policies, but without support from all sectors of society, namely government, private sector and civil society, the fight against corruption will be an exercise in futility. To restore the citizens' trust, everyone must work together to demand accountabuluty towards a transparent national governance agenda.



Malaysia dropped to 62nd place in 2022, from 57th in 2020, in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI), and it seems that we are sliding down to a dangerous slope. If we practice continue apathy on corruption any longer, the damage to the country will be irreparable for many decades.



The 3rd Malaysian Anti-Corruption Forum organized by ISI on 24th May 2022, provides a platform that brings together concerned citizens, government authorities, policy makers, media and the private sector to discuss, exchange ideas, and formulate key proposals to be submitted to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), with the hope that Malaysia will soon be able to tackle corruption head-on to claim back our title as a trusted and transparent nation.



Corruption has undoubtedly been one of the most deep-rooted, pervasive problems that has crippled economies around the world. Even in advanced economies, authorities have not been able to quell corruption completely.

For centuries, authorities around the world have been trying to grapple with corruption. With the advent of disruptive technology and a better understanding of the economy, brighter days are ahead of us. But this means nothing without affirmative leadership and political will.



## 1<sup>st</sup> MACF







The 1st Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum, was held on 5 September 2019 at Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa with the theme "Understanding and Addressing the World's Biggest Problem".

It is a platform to bring together all concerned Malaysian citizens, government authorities, the media and the private sector to discuss, exchange ideas, and formulate key proposals to be submitted to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), with the hope that Malaysia will soon be able to tackle corruption sustainably as it moves towards a high-income nation status in the foreseeable future.



## 1<sup>st</sup> MACF



YBhg. Dato' Seri Haji Anwar bin Ibrahim, the President of the People's Justice Party delivered an opening keynote address and he equated corruption as a form of chauvinism of the rich and corrupt against the poor and working class.

He called for tougher actions and reforms against corruption to end the culture of greed in Malaysia, so as to have the media to refocus the attention to fundamental problems of our country, for instance climate change, racism and religious bigotry, poverty and inequality. Mr. Cheah Chyuan Yong, the Chairman of the International Strategy Institute, delivered a welcoming speech entitled 'The Malaysian Government's Outlook and Plan on Corruption'. He stated that, 'Malaysia needs to address deep-rooted corruption in Malaysian society. Establishing strong laws coupled with good implementation are important to combat corruption, however, the government needs to address deep-rooted problems such as low salary in the police force and the lack of ethics education in schools'. He also stressed the importance for the society to combat corruption by citing a quote from the UN Secretary General, 'corruption will get more corruption and in return will create the culture of impunity'.









YBhg. Dato' Ts. Dr. Haji Amirudin bin Abdul Wahab, the Chief Executive Officer at Cybersecurity, Malaysia has given a special presentation called 'Deploying Digital Technology to Combat Corruption'.

He warned that technology should not be used for quick fixes, even though the authorities must be fast to adopt new technologies. Digital technology is a double-edged sword, it can be both an enabler for corruption and anti-corruption activities.



The authorities need to adopt holistic solutions beyond technology, these include: thorough processes and apparatus, well-informed and trained people, strengthened inter-agency cooperation and public private partnership.

The Corruption Perception Index (CPI) has ranked Malaysia 2018, number 61 out of 180 countries. These perceptions determine to an extent whether foreign direct investments come in or bypass us. Business must be committed to high standards of integrity, fairness and accountability. With this in mind, ISI organised the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum with the theme "Understanding and Addressing the World's Biggest Problem" and was well attended with almost 300 participants from the government, private sector, academia and NGOs.





The 2nd Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum at The Everly Putrajaya. The Forum was well attended with about 250 participants from the government, private sector, academia and NGOs. With this year's theme, "Restoring Trust and Building A Culture of Integrity", the forum focused on the importance of trust and culture of integrity in our constant journey towards nation-building.



Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum (MACF) is a platform which aims to bring together the enforcement agency and the general public to address the uncertainties about corruption and what are the agencies doing to address it.

It was indeed impactful for MACF able to understand and discuss the new corporate law as well as deepen the discussion of how corporations can protect themselves from being implicated.

The act of a corrupt employee can implicate the whole company, therefore, it is important for employers to understand the scope of the law and what the steps needed to prevent this from happening. It is a huge step forward for authorities to start looking at the source of corruption and tackle corruption earlier by urging parents, teachers and citizens as a whole to have an urgent responsibility of educating the next generations of the negative effect of corruption.









The forum was officiated by Dato' Sri Shamshun Baharin Bin Mohd Jamil, Former Deputy Chief Commissioner (Prevention) of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

He mentioned that adequate procedures are an absolute defense where a commercial organization is charged with this new corporate offense and shows that the organization had adequate procedures in place to prevent such associated person from carrying out corrupt conduct. It is very important to safeguard both the company itself as well as the company's directors and officers.



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Corruption refers to dishonest or fraudulent conduct of those in power, such as involving bribery and abuse of power. In addition, corruption is like a disease such as the common cold which it is normal to happen in an individual or organization. One of the reasons is there is a pervasive distrust and erosion of confidence among everybody.

Anti-corruption must begin with the right attitude, mindset, values and principles, especially those values that reside in individuals. Malaysia is lacking leaders with honesty, integrity, self discipline and leadership in public sector, private sector and politics.





Malaysia always has people in charge but they are not able to take charge and have the commitment to stop corruption in its tracks as well as put the nation before self-interest.

Good governance has been defined as an exercise of power in managing economic and social resources for development in the interest of people and nation. It is the circuit breaker and key element in combating corruption. Corruption is a cost to the nation and the beginning of a vicious cycle of national degradation.





The moderator, Mr. Raphael Tay, with the panelists, YBhg. Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed, Mr. Haridas S Krishnan Nair, and Pn. Zakiah Binti Hassan had a delightful discussion entitled 'How Strong is the Linkage Between Governments and Big Corporations'.

This session discusses the deep links between government and big corporations and how this relationship has been perpetuating the income inequality within society and stifles economic progress and innovation.





Corruption is a phenomenon which is difficult to tackle, and at the same time a problem that we cannot afford to ignore. Corruption will affect the economy and society at large.

It erodes trust in public institutions and political processes and undermines the healthy functioning of markets and competition. The importance of preventing and prosecuting corruption cannot be emphasised enough if Malaysia is to be a developed nation. Still, deep-rooted corruption is in every nook and cranny of our society.

The moderator, Mr. Rajifah Ramli, with the panelists, Dr. Muhammad Mohan, Ms. Tricia Yeoh, Mr. Zaim Mohzani, and Pn. Siti Kamariah Ahmad Subki brings a magnificent discussion entitled 'Tackling Corruption in Society – Civil Society Perspectives'.





A new provision of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) Act 2009, under Section 17A of the MACC Act 2009 (Amendment 2018), regarding graft offences involving commercial organisations came into effect on 1 June 2020. According to MACC, this corporate liability law is enacted to encourage business activities to be carried out with integrity and to promote good governance practices in organisations.

Under this law, commercial organisations are liable if their employees or associates are involved in corruption and the penalty is not more than 10 times the bribe amount or RM1 million, whichever is higher, or 20 years of jail, or both. YBhg. Datuk Seri Azman Ujang, YBhg. Dato' Paduka Muhammad Juanda Abdul Rashid, YA Tuan Roslan Mat Nor, and Mr. Mohammed Noor Ahmad brought a marvellous discussion entitled 'Understanding Corporate Liability Law and its Impact'.



#### MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN



Salam Keluarga Malaysia.

Welcome to the 3rd Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum. Never have we reached a better time to address the issue of corruption in Malaysia as Malaysia dropped to 62nd place in 2021, from 57th in 2020 in the Corruption Perception Index (CPI), and continue to slide down a slope so dangerous that it may take us decades to fix what is broken in our justice and accountability systems

We are all concerned about the state of corruption in our country. If it is of any consolation, corruption is also rampant in many parts of the world, but in those countries where corruption is out of control, the damage to the economy is often irreparable, destroying purchasing power, devalues currency and deters much needed investment into the country.

It is therefore imperative upon us to garner our efforts in different sectors to collectively devise efficient ways to deal with this deep-rooted malaise to save our country from further damage.

Corruption thrives in an environment where strong cohesive rules are absent, but even when those rules are in place, the lack of political willingness to implement such rules is the biggest contributing factor to the incidence of corruption. Therefore, in order for us to stand a chance to fight corruption, all sectors of society need to work together, and most importantly, the agencies dedicated to fighting corruption must be impartial and free from political interference at any cost.

Only when these measures are put in place can we envision a more progressive country, in line with our bid to become a developed nation in years to come.

The 3rd Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum organised by ISI on 24 May 2022 is one such effort in bringing all these issues to light, and once and for all allow us to find the most efficient means of moving forward against corruption. I would like to wish the best of luck to all speakers and participants in the ensuing discussions and hope that at the end of the day, we will be able to find important gems of ideas that can spur our fight against corruption.

Thank you.

Cheah Chyuan Yong Chairman of International Strategy Institute (ISI)

PROGRAMME	
24th May 2022	FORUM DAY
08:00a.m09:20a.m.	FORUM REGISTRATION
09:30a.m10:15a.m.	OPENING CEREMONY
	WELCOME REMARKS
	Mr. Cheah Chyuan Yong
	Chairman of International Strategy Institute (ISI) OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS
	Tan. Sri. Dato' Sri. Haji Azam Bin Baki
	Chief Commissioner of Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)
10:15a.m10:30a.m.	COFFEE BREAKS
10:30a.m11:30a.m.	INTEGRITY AS THE BASIS FOR GOOD GOVERNANCE
	Corruption is not only a moral issue, but it is also an economic one. Combating corruption, requires looking at the costs that it imposes on business, governments, and society. As Corruption is a problem of the private and public sectors, both sectors should implement anti-corruption measures. Simply blaming corruption on the other party, as is often done, does not solve the problem. Anti-Corruption initiatives should address the root sources of corruption-inefficient institutions. Building a system of strong, balanced institutions reduces corruption by creating a set of reliable incentive structures, where compliance is not costly and corrupt behavior is monitored and punished. How can both private and public sector collaborate further in fighting corruption? What are the steps needed to encourage a more open competition in the business space rather than overreliance on GLCs and big corporations?
11:30a.m12:30p.m.	RESTORING TRUST BY COLLECTIVE ACTION - CIVIL SOCIETY PERSPECTIVES Corruption will affect the economy and society at large. It erodes trust in public institutions and political processes and undermines the healthy functioning of markets and competi- tion. The importance of preventing and prosecuting corruption cannot be emphasised enough if Malaysia is to be a developed nation. Still, deep-rooted corruption is in every nook and cranny of our society. What more could be done to prevent corruption within society? What is civil society's role in helping government tackle corruption?
12:30p.m01:00p.m.	LUNCHEON ADDRESS Yang Amat Berbahagia Tun Mohamed Raus Bin Sharif Former Chief Justice of Malaysia
01:00p.m02:00p.m.	NETWORKING LUNCH
02:30p.m03:30p.m.	
	INTEGRITY VS PERCEPTION Attitudes towards the fight against corruption and the importance of understanding integri- ty need to be instilled from a young age. Many researchers have investigated or tried to understand the perceptions towards corruption and integrity among the Malaysian. Studies have showed that Malaysian youth are not really familiar with the word integrity. Honesty was perceived as a main characteristic of integrity. Corruption was defined as taking away the rights of others. How do we define corruption? What is integrity and why it is important? Could we do away with the "TAK APA" attitude towards corruption? Is repaying good deeds with a gift considered an act of corruption?
03:30p.m04:30p.m.	CAN ECONOMIC INCENTIVES REDUCE CORRUPTION?
	For a long time in this country, most anti-corruption efforts are punitive, built into policies that serve to punish people for engaging in corruption rather than looking at the economic conditions that enables corruption to thrive. In countries like Singapore, they believe that one of the most effective ways to combat corruption is through economic incentives - by paying people in public office a comfortable salary enough for them to not engage in rent seeking. Could this actually work in Malaysia and why not?
04:40p.m.	END OF FORUM PROGRAMME SESSION

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PROGRAMME	
24th May 2022	GALA DINNER AND AWARD CEREMONY - BY INVITATION ONLY
07:30p.m08:00p.m.	GUESTS REGISTRATION / ATTENDANCE
08:00p.m08:15p.m.	PERFORMANCE
08:15p.m09:00p.m.	DINNER
09:00p.m09:15p.m.	WELCOME SPEECH Mr. Cheah Chyuan Yong Chairman of International Strategy Institute (ISI)
09:15p.m09.45p.m.	CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS Datuk Seri Mohd Sallehhuddin Bin Hassan Director General, National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC)
09.45p.m10:30p.m.	<b>MACF INTEGRITY 2022 AWARDS WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT</b> 10 Individuals will be awarded with the MACF Integrity 2022 Awards for their exemplary contribution in the fight against corruption in Malaysia.
10.35p.m.	END OF GALA DINNER

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**3.** Match businesses to the right investors and to ensure that the companies are paired with the right strategic investment partner.

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Dato' Sri Shamshun Baharin Bin Mohd Jamil

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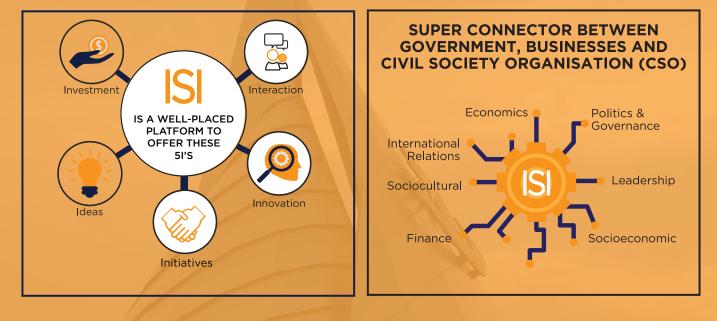


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