

**MALAYSIA**  
**ANTI**  
**CORRUPTION**  
**FORUM**

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“Understanding and  
Addressing the World’s  
Biggest Problem”

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# OVERVIEW

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.

The Corruption Perception Index (CPI) has last year ranked Malaysia number 61st out of 180 countries. Though this is way above notoriously corrupt countries in the Middle East, Africa, and some of its ASEAN neighbours, recent corruption cases has nonetheless propelled Malaysia into the global spotlight. With the establishment of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and the newly launched National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP), Malaysia is committed to tackle this problem head on.

For centuries, authorities around the world have been trying to grapple with corruption, its root cause, the conducive environment that leads it to flourish, and explore effective ways to eradicate, if not mitigate, its hold on the economy. 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.

The Malaysia Anti-Corruption Forum, brought to you by International Strategy Institute (ISI), 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.

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# PROGRAMME

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## MALAYSIA ANTI CORRUPTION FORUM

8.00 am – 9.30 am	FORUM REGISTRATION / MORNING REFRESHMENTS
9.15 am - 11.30 am	<b>AN ASEAN OUTLOOK ON CORRUPTION AND BEST PRACTICES FROM OTHER NATIONS</b> Despite Malaysia's negative headlines on corruption, we are just behind Singapore and Brunei in the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI). This means that all other ASEAN countries are not faring too well on the corruption front. What are their perception on corruption and what steps are they taking to combat it? What are the best practices from other nations that we can learn from?
	<b>OPENING CEREMONY - THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT'S OUTLOOK AND PLAN ON CORRUPTION</b>
11.30 am - 11.35 am	<b>WELCOMING SPEECH</b> <b>Cheah Chyuan Yong</b> Chairman, International Strategy Institute (ISI)
11.35 am - 11.55 am	<b>SPECIAL ADDRESS</b> <b>Puan Latheefa Beebi Koya</b> Chief Commissioner, Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)
11.55 am - 12.15 pm	<b>SPECIAL PRESENTATION</b> <b>Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed</b> Director General, National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC)
12.15 pm – 12.35 pm	<b>OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>YB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim</b> President, Parti Keadilan Rakyat
12.35 pm – 1.00 pm	Presentation of Mementoes / Group Photo
1.00 pm - 2.00 pm	Networking Lunch
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm	<b>ACHIEVING THE RIGHT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS</b> In order to ensure a vibrant economy and sound public order, the government must deal efficiently with 2 important components - taxation and its relationship with the private sector. The latter is important to ensure adequate provision of public and private goods in the interest of the country and its citizens. However, more often than not, this relationship is prone to abuse. Unregulated and unchecked relationship between government and business can lead to favoritism or cronyism, and ultimately full-fledged corruption at every level of society. How do we ensure the right balance of public private partnership that does not spill over into corruption?
3.00 pm - 4.30 pm	<b>IS CORRUPTION A PRODUCT OF AN IMPOVERISHED SOCIETY OR DOES CORRUPTION IMPOVERISH SOCIETY?</b> This session poses the existential question about corruption. We see many underdeveloped countries at the forefront of corrupt practices worldwide. While this is disheartening, we need to understand whether corruption is indeed a product of impoverishment or whether corruption causes impoverishment. Is the existence of inequality in society the root cause of corruption, seen as a matter of necessity for people to survive? Or does society impoverish itself by practising corruption, as it hampers the efficient allocation of resources in the economy?
	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b>
4.30 pm	<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b> <b>Cheah Chyuan Yong</b> Chairman, International Strategy Institute (ISI)
4.35 pm	<b>CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>YB Datuk Seri Saifuddin Nasution Ismail</b> Minister of Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Malaysia
5.00pm	End of Programme / Refreshments

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