

15th MLC 2010: Showcasing the Rule of Law, Corporate Governance and Malaysia as a Premier Business Destination

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The 15th Malaysian Law Conference 2010 (MLC 2010) was officially unveiled on Monday, 21 June 2010. Gathered at the plush Traders Hotel, the Bar Council, led by Malaysian Bar President Ragnath Kesavan and the Vice-President, Lim Chee Wee (in his capacity as Chairperson of MLC 2010's Organising Committee), introduced this biennial and premier law conference in Malaysia to the eagerly-awaiting members of the press and the public.

Euphoniously themed "Malaysia: Extending Frontiers, Widening Horizons", MLC 2010 will be held from 29 to 31 July 2010 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre. This edition will involve all stakeholders of the justice and judicial system of the country involved in the administration of justice and law reform. Ever mindful that Malaysia cannot escape the challenges of the modern globalised world, the showcasing of Rule of Law and Corporate Governance is designed to tell the world at large that Malaysia is a premier business and foreign direct investment destination. The theme chosen for this edition of the Malaysia Law Conference epitomises what the organisers are trying to achieve. In the words of Raphael Tay, the Organising Committee's Deputy Chairperson, "it is not just a conference for lawyers but it is for the entire spectrum of stakeholders i.e. the academia, judiciary, lawyers, in-house counsel and other professionals".

MLC 2010 will feature a myriad of quality international and domestic speakers such as Justice Michael Kirby of the High Court of Australia, Chief Justice Sandile Ngcobo of the South African Constitutional Court, Justice V K Rajah of the Singapore Court of Appeal, Tun Dato' Seri Zaki Tun Azmi, the Chief Justice of Malaysia, Tan Sri Abdul Gani Patail, the Attorney General of Malaysia, and Dato' Sri Nazir Razak, CEO of CIMB Bank Berhad.

MLC 2010 will also feature three concurrent segments to whet the appetites of all members of the judicial and legal industry. Segments on Corporate and Commercial Law, Human Rights and the Constitution and a third miscellany comprising practical legal issues concerning legal education, Common Bar Course, competition law, and managing your law firm in the globalised world will provide sufficient legal fodder for many long and fruitful discussions of the law.

These topics have been carefully crafted so as to ensure relevance and that Malaysia remains in the forefront of global legal developments. Topics on the proposed Competition Act 2010, interface between the Sha'riah and the legal system in Islamic Finance, enforcement of arbitral awards, mediation, recent developments in tax law and recent judicial decisions on the National Land Code will certainly guarantee that these objectives are met.

MLC 2010 promises more than just active discussion on important and germane topics. It offers the delegates a chance to witness why Malaysia is on the right track as a premier business destination and how its legal system is able to complement this goal. The Organising Committee, for its part, is working hard not only to provide the best possible conference experience but at the same time to raise the bar in making sure that the Malaysian Law Conference remains the premier law conference in the region.

With so many good speakers and several important topics, it would be a wasted opportunity if the various members of the judicial and legal industry do not seize this occasion to attend. Lawyers, in-house counsel, members of the academia and even pupils in chambers are strongly encouraged to attend and to derive maximum benefit from MLC 2010. If one attends not for the topics on offer, there will be ample opportunity to meet up and network with other fellow professionals at the evening events, including the Gala Dinner on the final night, and on the sidelines of the Conference.

All in all, MLC 2010 promises to be an exciting affair, and will showcase Malaysia's aptitude to compete globally and its strengths as a premier business destination. Over and above this, the Conference will explore ways to re-affirm the nation's commitment to the Rule of Law and make it a model for developing legal systems. So, what are you waiting for? Sign up immediately and take advantage of the Super Early Bird Registration Fees (valid until 30 June 2010).

See you at MLC 2010!