

BDO Tax Seminar on Budget 2027

Navigating Tax in a Changing Economic
and AI-Enabled Environment

Tuesday, 27 October 2026

One World Hotel, Bandar Utama,
Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan

About BDO's Tax Seminar

BDO's flagship Tax Seminar returns for another year of timely tax insights. Designed to unpack key updates from the federal budget, the seminar brings together our in-house specialists and distinguished guest speakers to address today's most critical tax matters. Participants will gain direct access to experts from BDO, the Ministry of Finance (MOF), the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC), Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD), and Rosli Dahlan & Saravana. Beyond technical discussions, the seminar also provides a platform for meaningful networking and knowledge sharing. Its strong track record—consistently attracting over 500 professionals annually—reflects our commitment to delivering a comprehensive and impactful programme.

Kuala Lumpur

- ▶ Tuesday, 27 October 2026
- ▶ 09:00am - 05:30pm
- ▶ One World Hotel, Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan

Seminar Highlights

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MOF's Perspective on Budget 2027

Our special guest speaker, who is the Secretary-General of Treasury, Ministry of Finance, shall be sharing his perspective on Budget 2027 followed by a panel discussion and Q&A session.

2

Malaysia Budget 2027: Key Tax Changes & Implications

We will discuss key proposals of significant interest announced in Budget 2027 and provide insightful commentary on their tax implications on businesses and individuals.

3

Digital Economy Investment: Insights from MDEC's Perspective

Explore Malaysia's digital economy investment landscape, including available digital economy incentives, eligibility criteria, application requirements and the broader support ecosystem for businesses undertaking digital adoption and transformation initiatives.

4

Stamp Duty: Self-Assessment - Technical and Commercial Perspectives

Explore key developments in stamp duty self-assessment, covering joint venture agreements, exempted instruments, electronic documents, mixed contracts and services performed outside Malaysia. The session will also feature an industry viewpoint, bringing together technical and commercial perspectives on the practical application of the new requirements and their implications for businesses.

5

Stay Ahead or Fall Behind: Key Indirect Tax Changes from Budget 2027 & RMCD Updates

Stay up to date with the latest indirect tax developments announced under Budget 2027 and explore practical service tax issues, with a particular focus on rental and construction services.

6

Analysing Recent Landmark Tax Cases

Our guest speaker will provide critique of some of the recent tax cases in Malaysia.

Who Should Attend



CEOs / CFOs /
Directors



Tax
Specialists



Finance Directors
& Managers



Corporate
Advisors



Financial
Controllers



Accountants

About BDO

Operating since 1964, BDO in Malaysia is a leading professional services firm offering Audit & Assurance, Tax, Advisory, and Business Services & Outsourcing (BSO) solutions to public and private sector organisations. Supported by more than 1,000 professionals and over 100 Partners and Directors, BDO delivers seamless services across the region through its operations in Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Vietnam, and other ASEAN network offices.



Programme

Tuesday, 27 October 2026

08:15am - 09:00am	Registration & Morning Refreshment
09:00am - 09:10am	Welcome Address
09:10am - 10:10am	MOF's Perspective on Budget 2027 - Special Guest Speaker and Panel Discussion with Q&A
10:10am - 10:40am	Tea Break
10:40am - 12:10pm	Malaysia Budget 2027: Key Tax Changes & Implications
12:10pm - 01:10pm	Digital Economy Investment: Insights from MDEC's Perspective
01:10pm - 02:10pm	Networking Lunch
02:10pm - 03:10pm	Stamp Duty: Self-Assessment - Technical and Commercial Perspectives
03:10pm - 04:10pm	Stay Ahead or Fall Behind: Key Indirect Tax Changes from Budget 2027 & RMCD Updates
04:10pm - 05:10pm	Analysing Recent Landmark Tax Cases
05:10pm - 05:30pm	Q&A Session

Speakers' Profile

Special Guest Speaker



YBhg. Tan Sri Johan Mahmood Merican

Secretary-General of Treasury
Ministry of Finance Malaysia

YBhg. Tan Sri Johan Mahmood Merican is currently serving as the Secretary General of Treasury, Ministry of Finance since his appointment in February 2023. Tan Sri Johan has served in the Government for over 20 years in various roles including Deputy Secretary General (Policy) and the National Budget Director at the Ministry of Finance, Deputy Director General (Human Capital) of the Economic Planning Unit and Chief Executive Officer of Talent Corporation Malaysia Berhad. Prior to joining the Government in 2004, Tan Sri Johan spent nine years in the private sector, where he held various corporate finance and accounting positions. Tan Sri Johan is a qualified Chartered Accountant of Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and graduated with an Economics Degree from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Moderator



Beh Tok Koay

Senior Advisor, Tax
BDO in Malaysia

Beh has more than 40 years experience in taxation, both with the Inland Revenue and as a tax leader in a Big 5 firm. He has advised large local and multinational clients on complex tax engagements in areas including IPOs, corporate reconstruction, privatisation, joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions. He has led many delegations in dialogues and discussions with Government authorities. Beh is also the Chairman of MICPA's Tax Practice Committee.

Speakers' Profile

Guest Speakers



Ir. Wan Murdani Wan Mohamad

Vice President, Digital Adoption
Interim Vice President, Industry & Ecosystem
Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC)

Wan Murdani has over 25 years of experience in corporate and economic development, with expertise spanning digital infrastructure, policy planning, industry development and investment facilitation. He began his career with Renong-UEM Group and Time dotCom Berhad, contributing to major national projects including KLIA, PUTRA LRT and LINKEDUA. Currently Vice President, Digital Adoption at MDEC, he oversees key digital economy ecosystems including digital talent, entrepreneurship, infrastructure and technology. He has also held leadership roles in regional ICT initiatives and Malaysia's Economic Transformation Programme, including leading the development of Malaysia's data centre hub.



Elliza Binti Ruslan

Assistant Director of Customs, Service Tax Policy, Internal Tax Division (SST)
Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD)

Elliza has over a decade of experience across a wide range of customs and tax administration functions. Since joining RMCD, Elliza has held various operational and policy roles across Import and Export operations, Licensing, the Customs Call Centre, Audit & Compliance, GST, and Tourism Tax. Since 2018, she has been involved in Service Tax Policy under the Internal Tax Division, contributing to the development and administration of Malaysia's indirect tax framework. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (Hons) from Universiti Tun Abdul Razak.



Dato' S. Saravana Kumar

Partner, Head of Tax, SST & Customs
RDS Partnership

Saravana is the Head of the Firm's Tax, SST & Customs and has appeared in benchmark litigations with a sizeable volume of wins in tax disputes. Saravana has been recognised as one of the leading lawyers by Asialaw Profiles and has been named one of the 40 leading lawyers under 40 in Asia by Asian Legal Business in 2018. He was also named as one of the 100 leading lawyers in Malaysia by Asia Business Law Journal. Legal 500 commented that 'Saravana Kumar is an outstanding tax lawyer with an impeccable track record. His arguments and strategies are courageous and groundbreaking. He is not only knowledgeable and up to date but also humble and polite. Highly recommended tax lawyer.' He was formerly an Adjunct Professor with Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN). He also chairs the Taxation & Customs Committee of LAWASIA.

Speakers' Profile

Guest Panellist



Jenny Chok
Senior General Counsel
DIALOG Group Berhad

Jenny is the Senior General Counsel of DIALOG and joined the Group in 2012. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of London, U.K. and completed the English Bar examinations. She commenced her career in the legal education line as an academician and managed a counselling office for legal education. She then practised as an Advocate and Solicitor, focusing on corporate and commercial law work. Before DIALOG, she was Head of Group Legal for an oil and gas service provider with other diversified activities, listed on the Main Market of Bursa Malaysia.

BDO Speakers



David Lai
Executive Director, Head of Tax Advisory

David is the Head of the Tax Advisory function. He has over 30 years of work experience in professional practice, investment banking, and has served as CFO in an international group. His corporate experience has enabled him to add value by translating technical professional advice into practical business solutions. He is a former Executive Committee and Council Member of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (CTIM), and served as Chairman of the Institute's Indirect Tax Technical Committee. He is also a Fellow member of ICAEW, and a member of MIA and MICPA.



Christopher Low
Executive Director, Tax

Christopher has over 35 years experience in tax compliance and Tax Audits and Investigations. He has assisted and resolved numerous cases between taxpayers and the IRBM. Christopher is active in public speaking engagements and has spoken at CTIM and IRBM joint seminars, as well as in-house seminars on Tax Audits and Investigations.



Koo Kian Ming
Executive Director, Tax

Kian Ming has over 20 years of experience in corporate tax compliance and advisory, serving both multinational and local companies across diverse industries, including oil and gas, property development, construction, tourism, manufacturing, retail, and plantation.

Speakers' Profile

BDO Speakers



Soh Pin Tau

Executive Director, Tax

Soh Pin Tau has over 17 years of experience in tax practice. Before joining BDO, she worked at KPMG Tax Services Sdn Bhd and Deloitte Tax Services Sdn Bhd. She has managed tax compliance for both individuals and corporate clients across various sectors, including manufacturing, trading, construction, property development, investment holding, professional services, hotels, retail, information technology, logistics, and financial institutions. Additionally, she has been involved in assignments related to transfer pricing, income tax audits and health checks, and tax advisory, including withholding tax, real property gains tax (RPGT), stamp duty (SD), and sales and service tax (SST). Soh Pin Tau has also contributed to GST implementations, health checks, and advisory assignments for clients in diverse industries.



Chan Kwan Yee

Executive Director, Tax

Kwan Yee has more than 20 years of experience in tax with professional accounting firms. She has provided tax compliance and consultancy services in the areas of income tax, audit and investigation, real property gains tax, sales tax, service tax and customs audits. Kwan Yee's expertise is in corporate tax and indirect tax advisory work for local and multi-national companies in the trading, construction, property development, hotels and manufacturing sectors. Kwan Yee is also involved in corporate restructuring, local and foreign listings, joint ventures and investment structures.

Payment Info

RM950*
per participant

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for group of
3 or more/
BDO clients
and alumni

*Fee includes service tax.



Registration

Registration for this event will be VIA ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY.

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Telegraphic transfer made payable to "BDO Tax Services Sdn Bhd".

Closing Date

Closing date for registration is 22 October 2026.

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Please ensure that the HRDC grant application is submitted early and that all required information is complete and accurate to allow sufficient time for the grant approval to be obtained.

After 13 October 2026, we will only accept registrations on a cash-payment basis, and HRDC grant applications/claims will no longer be accepted for the programme.

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- 03** To settle the balance payment to BDO Tax Services Sdn Bhd within 14 working days upon receipt of BDO Tax Services Sdn Bhd's notification in the event only partial claim is approved by HRDC. BDO Tax Services Sdn Bhd will provide copy of the original invoice and will not issue a new invoice for the balance amount.
- 04** If employer has made payment prior to grant approval, a refund will be made to employer subject to reimbursement received from HRDC.
- 05** To provide required information and/or documents after completion of event for the purpose of HRDC Claim within 7 working days upon receipt of BDO Tax Services Sdn Bhd's notification.