



**“Effective Micro and Small Business Compliance Management –
Tax Policy and Tax Administration Solutions”**

Programme

March 2, Tuesday	
3:00 – 7:00	<i>Early Registration</i>
6:30 – 8:30	<i>Welcome Cocktails</i>
March 3, Wednesday	
8:45 – 9:10	<i>Brief About ITD. Welcome Remarks</i> Secretary Margarito B. Teves , Department of Finance, Philippines
9:10 – 9:30	<i>Group photo</i>
	<i>Setting the Stage – MSE Taxation for State Building</i>
9:30 – 10:30	<i>High-Level Panel Discussion: What can we Gain from Improved Micro and Small Business Taxation?</i> Chair: Undersecretary Gil S. Beltran , Department of Finance, Philippines Co- Chair: Commissioner Joel Tan-Torres , Bureau of Internal Revenue Philippines Discussant 1: Mr. Mochamad Tjiptardjo , <i>Director General of Taxes</i> , Directorate General of Taxes, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia Discussant 2: Dr. Nasiruddin Ahmed , <i>Chairman</i> , National Board of Revenue, Bangladesh Discussant 3: Mr. Rui Manuel Hanjam , <i>Vice-Minister</i> , Ministry of Finance, Timor Leste
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Why MSEs should be Treated Differently for Tax Purposes –and Why they should not be Treated Differently</i> Chair: Undersecretary Gil S. Beltran , Department of Finance, Philippines Co-Chair: Commissioner Joel Tan- Torres , Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines Speakers : Mr. Michael Engelschalk , <i>Sr. Revenue Policy and Administration Expert</i> , Investment Climate Advisory Services, World Bank; and Mr. Jan Loeprick , <i>Operations Analyst</i> , Investment Climate Department, IFC, World Bank
11:30 – 1:00(PM)	<i>Conclusions for Tax Policy and Revenue Administration from Compliance Studies, Perception Surveys and Micro and Small Business Complaints about the Administrative Burden of Taxation</i> Chair: Undersecretary Gil S. Beltran , Department of Finance, Philippines Co-Chair: Commissioner Joel Tan- Torres , Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines Speaker 1: Mr. Richard Philp , <i>Manager</i> , Inland Revenue Department, New Zealand Speaker 2: Mr. Abdul Manap bin Dim , <i>IRB Malaysia</i> , Malaysia Speaker 3: Ms Jacqueline Coolidge , <i>Economic Consultant</i> , IFC-World Bank



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1:00 – 2:15	Lunch
	<i>Strategies for Widening the Tax Net</i>
2:15 – 4:00	<p><i>Ways to Promote/ Enforce the Registration of Hidden Taxpayers</i></p> <p>Chair: Undersecretary Gil S. Beltran, Department of Finance, Philippines</p> <p>Co-Chair: Commissioner Joel Tan- Torres, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 1: Mr. Cameron Sorensen, Assistant Commissioner, Goods and Services Tax, Australian Taxation Office, Australia</p> <p>Speaker 2: Mr. Nestor Valeroso, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 3: Mr. Nirandara Prachuabmoh, Senior Tax Expert, Tax Revenue Department, Thailand</p> <p>Speaker 4: Mr. Durgesh shankar, Central Board of Direct Taxes and Mr. Mukesh Chandara Joshi, Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Ministry of Finance, India</p>
4:00 – 4:30	Coffee break
4:30 – 5:30	<p><i>Indirect taxation of the underground economy: The Potential and Limits of Withholding Taxes</i></p> <p>Chair: Undersecretary Gil S. Beltran, Department of Finance, Philippines</p> <p>Co-Chair: Commissioner Joel Tan- Torres, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 1 : Mr. Matthias Alink, Senior Tax Advisor, OECD</p> <p>Speaker 2: Dr. Nasiruddin Ahmed, Chairman, National Board of Revenue, Bangladesh; and Mr. Aminur Rahman, Income Tax Policy Member, National Board of Revenue</p>
March 4, Thursday	
	<i>PARALLEL A – Tax Policy Design for MSEs</i>
9:00 – 10:30	<p><i>Designing Presumptive Tax Regimes: Regional Approaches and Global Trends</i></p> <p>Chair: Undersecretary Gil S. Beltran, Department of Finance, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 1: Ms Milwida M. Guevara, former Undersecretary, Department of Finance, Philippines;</p> <p>Speaker 2: Mr. Michael Engelschalk, Sr. Revenue Policy and Administration Expert, Investment Climate Advisory Services, World Bank; and Mr. Jan Loeprick, Operations Analyst, Investment Climate Department, IFC, World Bank</p> <p>Speaker 3: Mr. Krishna Hari Banskota, Revenue Secretary, Ministry of Nepal, Government of Nepal</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 (PM)	<p><i>Small Businesses and VAT: Threshold Determination and Simplification Provisions</i></p> <p>Speaker 1: Mr. Tie Wee Tan, Manager, Inland Revenue Authority, Singapore</p> <p>Speaker 2: Mr. Nirandara Prachuabmoh, Senior Tax Expert, Tax Revenue</p>



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	<p>Department, Thailand</p> <p>Speaker 3: Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Ha, General Department of Taxation, Vietnam</p>
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch
2:00 – 3:30	<p><i>Selected Policy Options for Reducing Compliance Costs and Providing Incentives for Small Businesses in the Standard Regime</i></p> <p>Speaker 2 : Ms. Sumalee Satitchaichareon, Director, Income and Consumption Tax Policy Division, Tax Policy Bureau, Thailand;</p> <p>Speaker 2: Uldarico Maria Rodrigues, National Director, Domestic Tax Directorate General of Revenue & Customs Ministry of Finance, Democratic, Republic of Timor Leste</p> <p>Speaker 3: Mr. Chem Veasna, Director of Taxpayers Services and Tax Arrears, General Department of Taxation, Cambodia;</p> <p>Speaker 4: Mr. Sebastian James, Sr. Investment Policy Officer, Taxation Specialist, Investment Climate Advisory Services, World Bank</p>
3:30 – 4:00	Coffee break
5:00-6:00	<p>Plenary Session (Joint Parallel A and B)</p> <p><i>Experience with the Use of Tax Amnesties as a Tool to Increase MSE Tax Compliance</i></p> <p>Chair: Undersecretary Estela V. Sales, Department of Finance, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 1: Mr. Krishna Hari Baskota, Revenue Secretary, Ministry of finance, Government of Nepal;</p> <p>Speaker 2: Mr. Dharmadasa Rangle, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Inland Revenue, Sri Lanka</p>
	PARALLEL B – Tax Administration
9:00 – 10:30	<p><i>Requirements and Approaches to Implement a Risk-Based Approach to MSE Audit</i></p> <p>Chair: Commissioner Joel Tan- Torres, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 1: Mr. Cameron Sorensen, Assistant Commissioner, GST,ATO,,Australia</p> <p>Speaker 2: Mr. Li Linjun, Director General, Dept. of Tax and Information Technology Administration, State Administration of Taxation, People’s Republic of China</p> <p>Speaker 3: Mr. Rajul Awasthi, Senior Tax Policy and Tax Administration Expert, IFC-World Bank</p>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 (PM)	<p><i>Reducing Administrative and Compliance Costs through e-tax Solutions and Special Services: What Works for Micro and Small Businesses?</i></p> <p>Chair: Undersecretary Estela V. Sales, Department of Finance, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 1: Mr. Chi-keung Tang, Senior Assessor, Inland Revenue Department, Hong</p>



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	<p>Kong Special Administration Region, China</p> <p>Speaker 2: Ms. Sabina Cheong, Assistant Commissioner, Inland Revenue Authority, Singapore</p> <p>Speaker 3: Ms. Lilia Guillermo, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines</p>
12:30 – 2:00	Lunch
2:00 – 3:00	<p><i>Strategies for improving the quality and accuracy of MSE bookkeeping</i></p> <p>Chair: Commissioner Joel Tan- Torres, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 1: Mr. Richard Philp, Assurance Manager, IRD, New Zealand</p> <p>Speaker 2: Mr. Syed Hamid Syed Ahmad, Deputy Director, Department of Tax Compliance, Inland Revenue Board, Malaysia</p>
3:00 – 4:30	<p><i>Organizational and procedural solutions to increasing the effectiveness of tax administration of micro and small businesses</i></p> <p>Chair: Commissioner Joel Tan- Torres, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 1: Mr. Achmad Sjarifudin Alsa, Director, Tax Regulations II, Directorate General of Taxes, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia</p> <p>Speaker 2: Mr. Cameron Sorensen, Assistant Commissioner, GST,ATO, Australia</p> <p>Speaker 3: Mr. Mukesh Chandra Joshi, Chief, Commissioner of Income Tax, Income Tax Department, Ministry of Finance, India</p>
4:30 – 5:00	Coffee break
5:00 – 6:00	Plenary Session (as shown above)
March 5, Friday	
9:00 – 10:30	<p><i>Lessons Learned: Discussion with Successful Reformers</i></p> <p>Break-out session (Topic: Presumptive tax, Registration of hidden taxpayers, E-services, and Risk Management)</p>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:00	<p><i>Looking beyond regional borders: Recent Trends in improving the taxation of micro and small businesses worldwide</i></p> <p>Chair: Undersecretary Gil S. Beltran, Department of Finance, Philippines</p> <p>Speaker 1: Mr. Matthias Alink, Senior Tax Advisor, OECD</p> <p>Speaker 2: Mr. Michael Engelschalk, Sr. Revenue Policy and Administration Expert, Investment Climate Advisory Services, World Bank;</p>
11:45 – 12:30 (PM)	<p><i>High-level Panel: Where do we go from here?</i></p> <p>Chair: Undersecretary Gil S. Beltran, Department of Finance, Philippines</p> <p>Co-Chair: Undersecretary Estela V. Sales, Department of Finance, Philippines</p>



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12:30-12:45	<i>Closing Remarks</i>