



PERSATUAN EKONOMI MALAYSIA  
(Malaysian Economic Association)

## 2018 POST BUDGET DIALOGUE

Organised By

Malaysian Economic Association

Date: 30 October 2017 - Monday

Time : 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Venue : Securities Commission Malaysia ,  
Persiaran Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur

Fee : RM200 - member RM250 – non-member RM100 - student



### Programme

Budget 2018, which carries the theme ‘Shaping the Future’, has double significance in the country’s macroeconomic management. First, it will spell out the annual budget priorities at the mid-point of the 11<sup>th</sup> Malaysia Plan (2016-20) (11MP). Second, it coincides with the election cycle where the country will go to the polls not later than August 2018, earning it the moniker of an ‘election budget’.

The budget therefore carries the twin burden of sustaining the growth momentum, structural reforms and economic upgrading envisaged in the 11MP while addressing the immediate concerns of the people as the ruling government battles for the hearts and minds of the voting public.

Following weak growth coupled with a slump in world oil price that necessitated spending cuts in 2016, the Malaysian economy is on the mend in 2017 in tandem with the strengthening global economy. The macroeconomic outlook for 2018 appears to be more positive, thereby providing the government with greater fiscal flexibility to meet the aforesaid twin challenges.

What are Budget 2018’s macroeconomic assumptions? Can the fiscal deficit target be achieved if spending is to be increased to maximise the ‘feel good’ factor? What specific fiscal support and measures will the B40 and M40 households receive as widely anticipated? In what ways will the private sector in general and the SMEs in particular be catalysed so that they help to shape the country’s future especially in the digitalised and borderless world?

This annual forum is a flagship event of the Malaysian Economic Association that features the Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance and his senior officials. It is a unique forum that enables participants to gain insights into the thought process and rationale that goes into the formulation of Budget 2018. Participants will also benefit from the commentaries and discussion by specially invited panellists.

2.00 - 2.30pm - Registration

2.30 - 2.35pm - Welcoming Speech  
Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Dr. Sulaiman Mahbob  
President of Malaysian Economic Association

2.35 - 3.15pm - Keynote Address  
Tan Sri Dr Mohd Irwan Serigar Bin Abdullah  
Secretary-General, Treasury of Ministry of Finance

3.15 - 4.15pm - Dialogue Session  
Moderator : Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Dr. Sulaiman Mahbob  
President of Malaysian Economic Association

Panelists :

□ Dr. Veerinderjeet Singh  
Group Executive Chairman, Axcelasia Taxand Sdn Bhd

□ Dr. Jome Kwame Sundaram  
Former UN Assistant Secretary General for  
Economic Development

□ Mr. Nurhisham Hussein  
General Manager, Economics and Capital Markets , EPF

□ Dr. Cheong Kee Cheok  
Senior Research Fellow Institute of China Studies, UM

□ MOF Team - TBC

4.15 - 5.00pm - Q & A

5.00pm - Refreshments

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