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Asia Pacific Tax Developments

Australia

[Customs valuation and TP interplay](#)

KPMG Australia explores the disparity in how transfer pricing is treated from a customs perspective across the Asia Pacific.

[G20 in Argentina: What's at stake?](#)

KPMG Australia discusses what role nationalism may play at the G20 Leaders' Summit to be held in Argentina this week, and what this may mean for attempts to improve the global tax system.

[Improving tax functions via hackathons](#)

KPMG Australia explains what a hackathon is and why it could be just what your tax function needs.

[Inbound distributor compliance guideline](#)

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has released a draft guidance outlining high, medium and low risk EBIT margins for inbound distributors.

[Reportable Tax Position deadline looms](#)

Time is running out to consider Reportable Tax Positions for 30 June year-end companies.

[UK digital tax signals what's to come](#)

KPMG Australia explores how the proposed UK digital tax is likely to be received around the world.

China

[China Activates More Country-by-Country Report Exchange Relationships, Outbound MNE's Compliance Burden Will Be Alleviated](#)

China has activated CbC report exchange relationships with 44 countries. The action is an expansion of China's current exchange relationship with the U.K., France, and Germany, and indicates China's commitment to fully participate in the OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Action Plan, and to fulfil the minimum standards of the BEPS Action Plan.

[China signs AEO Mutual Recognition Agreement with Japan to accelerate Sino-Japanese Trade Cooperation](#)

Japan becomes the thirty-sixth country to sign an AEO mutual recognition agreement with China. Read to know what facilitation measures can AEO enterprises in China and Japan enjoy for trade in goods.

[Three year tax exemption on bond interest for foreign investors](#)

The release of Circular 108 will be warmly welcomed by overseas institutional investors and is a significant step in opening up the bond market in China.

Hong Kong

[Hong Kong concludes negotiations with Australia on a Free Trade Agreement \(FTA\) and Investment Agreement \(IA\)](#)

Hong Kong and Australia successfully concluded negotiations on a FTA and a new IA replacing the existing IA. The FTA and the IA negotiations between Hong Kong and Australia commenced in May 2017, bringing the 18 month negotiation to a close.

[Hong Kong – Salaries Tax Double Taxation Relief – transitional arrangements](#)

Recently, the Inland Revenue Department (IRD) introduced a transitional arrangement for taxpayers who have left or are about to leave Hong Kong. On a concessionary basis, such taxpayers will be able to claim double taxation relief under the previous rules.

Japan

[Taxation in Japan 2018](#)

A general overview of the taxation system in Japan. The contents reflect the information available up to 20 October 2018.

Singapore

[Change Update – NOR Exemption of Employer’s Contribution to Overseas Pension or Provident Fund](#)

Certain employees had been precluded from the tax exemption of employer’s contributions to overseas pension or provident fund under the Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) taxpayer scheme. With the recently announced change in October, more NOR taxpayers would qualify for the tax exemption.

[FATCA Model 1 IGA signed with United States](#)

Representatives of the governments of Singapore and the United States signed a reciprocal FATCA Model 1 intergovernmental agreement (IGA) and a tax information exchange agreement (TIEA). The new reciprocal IGA will provide for the automatic exchange of information and supersede the current non-reciprocal IGA when it enters into force.

Thailand

[Are you ready for Thailand’s new transfer pricing law to enter into force from 1 January 2019?](#)

The journey of enacting Thailand’s transfer pricing law has come to an end. Read to know the key points under the TP Law.

Vietnam

[Tax alert on e-invoice](#)

On 12 September 2018, the Government issued a decree providing guidance on e-invoices for sale of goods and provision of services, which takes effect on 1st November 2018.



Budget Announcement

[Malaysia: 2019 Budget Snapshots](#)

Finance Minister, YB Lim Guan Eng tabled the 2019 Budget on 2 November 2018. The 2019 Budget carries the theme “A Resurgent Malaysia, Dynamic Economy, A Prosperous Rakyat” which highlights the Government’s focus towards the Rakyat’s welfare and well-being while ensuring the country’s economic growth remains sustainable.



Calendar of events

Date	Event	Location
14 January 2019	Special Dialogue with Lembaga Hasil Dalam Negeri: <i>Update on Special Voluntary Disclosure Program</i>	One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia
	More details	



Beyond Asia Pacific

[United Kingdom: Businesses may be required to report ethnicity “pay gap”](#)

The Government has published a consultation paper on mandatory ethnicity pay gap reporting. The Government’s Race Disparity Audit and Labour Force Survey revealed that the employment rate for people from ethnic minorities is lower than that for white people. It is consulting on whether organisations in England, Wales and Scotland should be required to disclose how people from different ethnic backgrounds are paid.

[Zimbabwe: Tax measures in 2019 budget](#)

Zimbabwe’s budget for 2019 was presented on 22 November 2018, and includes measures to introduce an “intermediated money transfer tax” (IMTT) to be imposed at a rate of 2%.



TaxNewsFlash by region

For the latest tax developments from other regions see the following links:

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