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Asia Pacific Tax Developments

Australia

[Employers beware: Are you recording all expat employee remuneration?](#)

KPMG Australia explain why it is crucial employers track all remuneration paid to inbound assignees.

Hong Kong (SAR), China

[Proposed tax measures for ship-leasing activities](#)

The proposal - Inland Revenue (Amendment) (Ship Leasing Concessions) Bill 2020 — would formally introduce a concessionary tax regime for certain ship-leasing activities.

India

[CPC \(TDS\) issues instruction for filing application for lower/nil tax deduction certificate](#)

The Centralised Processing Cell has issued an instruction clarifying that in view of the time being taken to process the online request for lower/nil deduction tax certificate and to facilitate the applicants to get certificates with effect from 1 April of the financial year, it was provided that the applicants can apply for lower/nil deduction certificate from 28 February of immediately preceding Financial Year.



[Indian Economic Survey 2019-20: Key Highlights](#)

This annual document contains the developments in the Indian economy during the financial year 2019–20, summarises the performance of major developmental initiatives, and highlights the steps taken by the government and the prospects of the economy in the short to medium-term.

[Tax is not required to be deducted on reimbursement of expenditure incurred in foreign countries as well as on participation fees for a conference held outside India](#)

The Mumbai Bench of the Income-tax Appellate Tribunal held that remittance to foreign companies towards participation of its employees in a conference cannot be treated as Fees for Technical Services (FTS) under Section 9(1)(vii) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (the Act) since no services in the nature of consultancy, technical or managerial have been provided to the taxpayer.

[Tax proposals in Union Budget 2020](#)

The Union Budget 2020 was presented on 1 February 2020 and includes certain tax measures.

Taiwan

[Funds for certain investments not subject to surtax imposed on undistributed earnings](#)

The Ministry of Finance has introduced special investment incentive measures regarding the calculation of the surtax that is imposed on undistributed corporate earnings.



Significant International Tax Developments

[OECD: Update on digital economy tax issues; “Pillar One” possible safe harbour](#)

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) issued a release reaffirming its commitment to reach a consensus-based long-term solution to the tax challenges arising from the digitalisation of the economy, and stating that the OECD will continue working toward an agreement by the end of 2020.



Calendar of events

Date	Event	Location
18 February 2020	Sales Tax and Service Tax – Latest Updates Contacts: Persen Kaur and Esther Teh	Function Room 1, Level 10, KPMG Tower, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia



Beyond Asia Pacific

[Botswana: Tax measures in 2020-2021 budget](#)

The Minister of Finance and Economic Development presented to the National Assembly the 2020-2021 budget proposals.

[Panama: Tax incentives to promote tourism](#)

A new law (No. 122) has been published in the official gazette and provides tax incentives for the promotion of tourism activity.



TaxNewsFlash by region

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

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