ASIA PACIFIC REGIONAL TAX CONFERENCE, 2017

April 28 & 29, 2017
ITC Maurya New Delhi, Diplomatic Enclave

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MAIN THEMES:
- The Implementation of BEPS; Perspectives of Capital Exporting and Importing countries
- Anti-avoidance and Transparency
- Hot Topics in Asia
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Message for the 3rd IFA Asia Pacific Regional Conference, 2017

It is indeed a double pleasure that I welcome, in my capacity as President of the International Fiscal Association and also a Member of IFA India, the 3rd IFA Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Delhi.

I congratulate the Indian Branch under the Chairmanship of Mr Sushil Lakhani on bringing back a major IFA event to India, after the successful conclusion of the Mumbai Congress, 2014.

I extend my best wishes to the Conference Organizers, namely, the Northern Regional Sub Chapter under the spirited guidance of Mr Ajay Vohra and Mr Rupesh Jain.

I am sure that this will be a keenly anticipated event for all connected with the tax world in the Asia Pacific Region.

Kind regards,

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Welcome Message

Dear Participants,

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming you to this 3rd IFA Asia-Pacific Conference organised by the India Branch of International Fiscal Association and being held at New Delhi on 28th and 29th April, 2017.

This two-day Conference will discuss contemporary topics under three main themes namely the implementation of BEPS, anti-avoidance and transparency and hot topics in Asia. The subjects, the speakers and the Chairmen of the various sessions have been selected very carefully with a view to give the participants an in-depth insight in the current trends in International Taxation.

One of the highlights of this Conference will be the panel discussion among the revenue officers of the Asia-Pacific Region. Maikel Evers, Advisor, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration will represent OECD at the Conference Panels. Peter Barnes of USA and Robert Desax of Switzerland will give the US and Swiss perspective.

I thank all the Chairmen and Speakers and especially the Honorable Members of the Judiciary and Members of the Revenue for their whole-hearted support to this Conference.

I also acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Minami Shigeki, Chairman of the Asia-Pacific Committee of IFA and of Mr. Ajay Vohra, Mr. Rupesh Jain and Mr. V P Gupta and the entire organising team of the Northern Regional Chapter.

I am sure that the participants will be enriched with the deliberations. I wish the Conference a great success!

Sushil Lakhani  
Chairman—IFA-India Branch
Dear Friends and Colleagues,

We are pleased to welcome you to the 3rd Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of the International Fiscal Association (IFA) being held on 28th and 29th April, 2017 at ITC Maurya, New Delhi.

New Delhi is the political capital of India and a modern city with vast open spaces and tree lined boulevards. The city of Delhi has a long history and what we see today is its eighth avatar. Delhi has been invaded and ruled by various dynasties from time to time and the monuments built still survive, with some of them like, Humayun’s Tomb, Red Fort, Qutub Minar, being in good shape.

The Asia-Pacific Regional Conference will provide a forum for representatives from private and public sectors, including Government officials, academicians, tax practitioners and judges to gather together and share their views on a wide array of subjects relating to international taxation and transfer pricing.

The main topics of discussion at the Conference are – “The implementation of BEPS; Perspectives of capital exporting and importing countries” and “Anti Avoidance and Transparency”. The highlight of the Conference would be a panel discussion amongst Senior Revenue officers of the Asia-Pacific countries. A galaxy of speakers known for their erudition and scholarship from various parts of the world would be addressing the aforesaid topical issues. We hope the participants would find the program of interest and enriching.

Participants as well as accompanying persons will also have the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of tours in New Delhi and shop for textiles and handicrafts. We also hope that you will have a chance to take some time off before and/or after the Conference and enjoy some of the tours to the city of Agra (famous for the Taj Mahal) and Jaipur.

Once again, it is our pleasure and honour to welcome you all in New Delhi. We sincerely hope you will enjoy your stay in India and take back pleasant memories.

Ajay Vohra
Chairman
Conference Organizing Committee
Conference Organising Committee

Ajay Vohra - Chairman
Mukesh Butani
Kuntal Dave
Vijay Goel
V.P. Gupta

Neeraj Jain
Rupesh Jain
Hari Om Jindal
Sushil Lakhani
Amar Mittal

The IFA Academy Building, NOIDA
About IFA

The International Fiscal Association (IFA) is a leading non-Governmental international organization dealing with tax and fiscal matters since its establishment in 1938. IFA is headquartered in the Netherlands and has over 12,500 members worldwide, from 116 countries, with 70 National Branches. IFA is engaged in the study of international laws and policy through scientific research, holding of annual Congress, publication of its Cahiers and other materials and co-operation with other like-minded organizations. IFA Congresses are attended by judges of the Supreme Court of different countries, senior Government officials, jurists, academicians, tax professionals, etc. The recommendations of IFA Congress are respected by Governments the world over. The membership of IFA comprises of persons of eminence in the fields, inter alia, of accountancy, law, international taxation, and economics.

About IFA-India Branch

The India branch of IFA, established in 1983, with its membership nearing 550, is the fifth largest branch of IFA-Netherlands, after Germany, Switzerland, USA and Canada – in that order. The IFA-India branch includes as its members the Central Board of Direct Taxes, the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, the Authority for Advance Rulings and the Reserve Bank of India. Representatives from public and private sector undertakings and eminent tax professionals and executives are also part of IFA-India branch. IFA-India has also established IFA-India Academy with the objective, among others, to promote and conduct research in matters pertaining to international aspects of tax and economic & fiscal policies in various countries. IFA-India Academy also conducts on regular basis seminars and conferences on subjects relating to international taxation and transfer pricing, which are attended by tax and accounting professionals, tax executives and administrators. IFA-India Academy has its own four-storeyed building, which has among others, an auditorium and meeting/seminar rooms with all interactive/presentation facilities.

IFA-India has had the privilege of hosting two highly successful IFA Congress – one in New Delhi (1997) and another in Mumbai (2014) which were well attended and highly acclaimed for the technical content and warm Indian hospitality.

Conference Themes

There has been a growing concern the world over regarding artificial profit shifting by multinational companies, which led to BEPS Action Report issued by OECD containing package of measures for a comprehensive, coherent and co-ordinated reform of the international tax rules. There is increased emphasis on sharing of information between Governments and many countries including India have signed FATCA with the US. More and more countries are now moving towards the direction of automatic exchange of information. Further, General Anti Avoidance Rules have been implemented by various countries across the globe. To curb treaty shopping/abuse India has successfully renegotiated its tax treaties with countries like Mauritius, Cyprus and Singapore.

To discuss the above and several other issues of far reaching importance in the field of international taxation and Transfer Pricing, the International Fiscal Association – India Branch is organizing two days Asia-Pacific Regional Tax Conference on April 28 & 29, at Hotel ITC Maurya New Delhi.

This two-day Conference has been designed in a way to discuss three subjects in detail namely BEPS Implementation, Transparency and Exchange Of Information and Hot Topics in the Asia Pacific Region. Eminent Speakers from across the region including from OECD as well as from USA and Europe will be faculties. One of the highlights of this Conference will be the round table discussion of the revenue officers of the Asia Pacific Region.
## Conference Programme

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### Friday, April 28, 2017

The Implementation of BEPS: Perspectives of Capital Exporting and Importing Countries

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Session in progress - organized by IFA - India Academy
### List of Speakers*

**Friday, April 28**

#### The Implementation of BEPS: Perspectives of capital exporting and Importing Countries

**Conference Opening**

- **Welcome Address:** Sushil Lakhani, Chairman, IFA - Indian Branch, Lakhani & Associates, India
- **Theme Address:** Porus Kaka, President, IFA, India
- **Vote of Thanks:** Shigeki Minami, Nagashima Ohnu & Tsunematsu, Japan

#### Plenary I - Transparency and Information Exchange: Focus on FATCA and CRS

**Chair:** Stef van Weeghel, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Netherlands  
**Panelists:** Salah Gueydi, Qatar Financial Centre, Qatar  
Michael Olesnicky, KPMG, Hong Kong  
Gary Gowrea, Cim Taxand, Mauritius  
Robert Desax, Walder Wyss Ltd., Switzerland  
T.P. Ostwal, T.P. Ostwal & Associates, India  
Maikel Evers, OECD, France  
Ted Tae-Gyung Kim, Lee & Ko, Republic of Korea

#### Plenary II - Transfer Pricing: Intangibles and Profit Split - Applications in Practice

**Chair:** Mukesh Butani, BMR Legal, India  
**Panelists:** Kyung Geun Lee, Yulchon, Republic of Korea  
Ichwan Sukardi, KPMG, Indonesia  
Yushi Hegawa, Nagashima Ohnu & Tsunematsu, Japan  
Paul Sokolowski, Arnold Bloch Leibler, Australia


**Chair:** Amar Mehta, Indi-Genius Consulting, Canada  
**Panelists:** Nico Derksen, International Tax Management, Singapore  
Chi Chung, Academia Sinica, Taiwan  
Michael Olesnicky, KPMG, Hong Kong  
Masao Yoshimura, Hitotsubashi University, Japan  
Ted Tae-Gyung Kim, Lee & Ko, Republic of Korea  
Rahul Garg, PwC, India

#### Workshop B (parallel): YIN

**Judge:** Peter Barnes, Caplin & Drysdale, USA  
**Chair:** Sanjay Iyer, Iyer Practice, Singapore  
**Participants:** Saurabh Arora, India  
Piotr Klank, Wentworth Chambers, Australia  
Mei-Lien Chen, EY, Taiwan  
Sandeep Bagmar, KaarVidhi, India

#### Plenary III - Panel of Revenue Officers of the Asia Pacific Countries

(BEPS Implementation - Status and Initial Experiences)

**Special Address:** Shri Sushil Chandra** Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes, Ministry of Finance, India  
**Chair:** Akhilesh Ranjan, Ministry of Finance, India  
**Moderator:** Kuntal Dave, Nanubhai Desai & Co., India  
**Panelists:** Yoshinori Ikeda, National Tax Agency, Japan  
Wahju K. Tumakaka, Central Jakarta Regional Tax Office, Indonesia  
Chang Mok Han, National Tax Service, Republic of Korea  
Abu Tariq bin Jamaluddin, Inland Revenue Board, Malaysia
List of Speakers*

Saturday, April 29

**BEPS Implementation: Anti-avoidance**
**Plenary IV - Multi-lateral Instrument - Global Harmonization and Enforcement**

Chair: Hon’ble Justice Vineet Kothari** India
Panelists: Maikel Evers, OECD, France
Pranav Sayta, EY, India
Peter Barnes, Caplin & Drysdale, USA

**Plenary V - Introduction and Enhancement of GAARs in Asia and Effect and Consequences for Treaty Shopping / Treaty Abuse**

Chair: Hon’ble Justice D.Y. Chandrachud** India
Moderator: Peter Barnes, Caplin & Drysdale, USA
Panelists: Abu Tariq bin Jamaluddin, Inland Revenue Board, Malaysia
Willem Jan Hoogland, HKWJ Tax Law, Hong Kong
Padam Khincha, H C Khincha & Co., India
Rajat Bansal, Ministry of Finance, India
Yuri Matsubara, Meiji University, Japan

**Plenary VI - Amendment to Article 5 of Model Convention and Regional Applications**

Chair: Hon’ble Justice S. Ravindra Bhat** India
Moderator: Shefali Goradia, BMR Advisors, India
Panelists: Thenesh Kannaa, TraTax, Malaysia
Amar Mehta, In-Genius Consulting, Canada
Shih-Chou Huang, National Taipei University of Business, Taiwan
Maikel Evers, OECD, France
Piotr Klank, Wentworth Chambers, Australia

**Plenary VII - Hot Topics in Asia**

Chair: Hon’ble Justice A. K. Sikri, India
Moderator: Sai Ree Yun, Yulchon, Republic of Korea
Panelists: Ajay Vohra, Senior Advocate, India
Sophie Chou, EY, Taiwan
Emile Bongers, Stibbe, UAE
Sanjay Iyer, Iyer Practice, Singapore
Shigeki Minami, Nagashima Ohnu & Tsunematsu, Japan

*as on March 20, 2017

**awaiting confirmation
Registration Information

To register for the 3rd IFA Asia Pacific Regional Tax Conference, please complete the Registration Form included in this brochure and forward it by email or post to:

3rd IFA AP Regional Tax Conference - Secretariat
c/o KW Conferences Pvt Ltd
A 56/12, DLF Phase I
Gurgaon-122002
Tel: +91-124-463 6711, Fax: +91-124-4102075
Email: ifadelhi2017@kwconferences.com

Alternately, you may register online at:
https://events.kwconferences.com/ei/IFAAsiaPacificTaxConference/registration.htm

Registration Fees

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Fees are inclusive of Service Tax @ 15%

On-site Registration

Registration at the Conference venue will commence at 0800 hrs on April 28, 2017 and continue for the duration of the Conference. Participants may collect their access badges and delegate kits, which will be issued at the Conference venue. Information and travel counters will be operational in the registration area.

Cancellation & Refunds

Cancellations must be received at the Secretariat in writing by fax or email. Refunds will be made on the following terms:

- Full refund for cancellations received on or before March 31, 2017, excluding bank transaction charges and service tax
- 75% refund for cancellations received between March 31 and April 15, 2017, excluding bank transaction charges and service tax
- No refund will be made for cancellations received after April 15, 2017, although name substitution can be made at any anytime.
- All refunds will be processed 30 days after the conclusion of the Conference

Payments

Payment modes are mentioned in registration form:
Host City - Delhi

The historic city of New Delhi represents the quintessence of India, as its history is intimately tied to the history of the country itself. It has been the de-facto capital of the country at one time or another for over 1000 years. Its many-layered history is to be seen everywhere through its numerous ancient to modern monuments and places of historical importance. Being the capital city of the country, it also boasts the finest in terms of cuisine, textiles, handicrafts and other artistic objects from every region of the country. All the major world airlines fly to Delhi, which is also well connected with the rest of the country by rail and air.

Conference Venue - ITC Maurya New Delhi

Nestled in greenery in the heart of Delhi, ITC Maurya New Delhi – a premier luxury hotel in the capital city of India, is acknowledged as the preferred ‘Residence for World Leaders and Global Icons’ for over 35 years. Inspired by the grand Mauryan dynasty, one of the world’s largest and most powerful kingdoms at its zenith, this 5 star luxury hotel expresses the refined courtliness and majesty resembling this mighty empire. It also reflects the many intriguing facets of the Mauryas and their ‘Golden Rule’ - from the enigma of the Buddhist King Ashoka who was considered the most ferocious and the gentlest rulers of all time, the invincibility of Chandragupta and his unfathomable cunning advisor, Chanakya, and the seemingness splendor of the dynasty, ITC Maurya is a tribute to the Mauryan dynasty! The hotel houses the internationally acclaimed Bukhara restaurant for Indian North-West frontier cuisine, and Dum Pukht for royal Awadhi cuisine.
Accommodation

Hotel accommodation at preferential rates has been secured by the Conference Organisers for participants and their Accompanying Persons at select hotels in the vicinity of the Conference Venue. In order to ensure accommodation which suits your needs, you are advised to book as early as possible. Please indicate your preferred choice on the registration form.

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The tariffs are inclusive of buffet breakfast, and currently applicable taxes.

Cancellation Terms:
- Requests for cancellations or changes from the original booking must be via email to: ifadelhi2017@kwconferences.com
- Cancellations received on or prior to April 1, 2017 will be refunded in full after deducting bank transaction charges and applicable taxes
- No refunds will be made for cancellations received after April 1, 2017, or for confirmed rooms for participants who fail to attend
- No refunds will be made for late arrivals, early departures, or no shows
- All refunds will be processed 30 days after the closure of the conference
**Sightseeing & Tours**

Built on the banks of the Yamuna River, Delhi has played a pivotal part in Indian history as it has always been a gateway city on the route between western and central Asia and Southeast Asia. It is also believed to be the site of the fabled city of Indraprastha, which featured in the Mahabharata over 3000 years ago.

Modern Delhi is a chaotic tapestry of medieval fortifications, Mughal mausoleums, dusty bazaars, colonial-era town planning, and mega malls, along with a gleaming efficient Metro Rail system.

To give you vignettes of this bustling capital of India, we have arranged two local sightseeing programmes, as mentioned in the table below.

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Sightseeing programmes will commence at 9.30 a.m. from ITC Maurya New Delhi.

Participants wishing to experience a little more of what India has to offer can sign up for the two tours mentioned below - the most popular tours in India!

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<td>Golden Triangle - Delhi, Jaipur, Agra</td>
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*on twin-sharing basis. There will be a supplementary charge for single occupancy.

For more information on sightseeing and tours, bookings and detailed itineraries, please contact:

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Tel: +91-124-463 6711, Fax: +91-124-4102075  
Email: ifadelhi2017@kwconferences.com
General Information

Airport
Off international flights you will arrive at Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport. The terminal has 24 hour snack bars, 24 hour currency exchange, left luggage facility, first-aid and pay phones. Please go through the Green Channel if you have less than US$ 10,000 on your person and if you have no unaccompanied baggage. Please use the Red Channel if you have anything to declare and if you are carrying foreign currency in excess of US$ 10,000.

Domestic flights arrive at Terminal 1 (Indigo, SpiceJet and GoAir), as well as Terminal 3 (Air India, Jet Airways and Air Vistara). Taxis are easily available at both terminals, and it takes about 45 minutes to an hour to reach the Conference Venue and the official hotels.

Banks
Normal commercial banking hours are from 10:00 to 16:00 hrs from Monday to Friday, and till 14:00 hrs on Saturdays. Banks are closed on Sundays and on public holidays.

Business and Shopping
Offices and business establishments are generally open from 10:00 to 17:30 hrs during weekdays. Shops are open from 10:00 to 20:00 hrs from Mondays to Saturdays.

Climate
The weather in Delhi in April is warm. The average daytime temperature is around 35°C and around 23°C in the evenings. Cotton and linen clothing is recommended.

Currency
The currency in India is the Rupee, which is issued in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 & 2000. Please use authorised banks and money changers to exchange foreign currency. Your hotel will also provide this facility. Please ensure that you receive a certificate of exchange which will be required for the re-conversion of any unused currency. It is illegal to exchange foreign currency other than through authorised money changers or banks. The current rate of exchange can be found at www.xe.com

Dress code
Smart Casuals/Business Attire is recommended for all Conference sessions and the social event.

Electricity
The voltage in India is 220 volts. Adaptors are generally provided by hotels, on request.

General Advice
Drink only bottled water and check that the seal is intact when you receive it.
Avoid raw vegetables, uncooked seafood and peeled fruit. Avoid food and drinks from street vendors.

Insurance & Liability
Neither the Conference Organisers nor the Conference Secretariat will assume any responsibility for damage or injury to persons or property during the Conference. Participants are strongly advised to seek insurance for health, accident, lost luggage and trip cancellation.

Passport and Visa Requirements
All foreign visitors, except nationals of Bhutan and Nepal, need a visa for India. You are advised to contact the Indian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate in your country in order to obtain a visa of entry. Please apply for your visa in good time. It could take up to 3 weeks to obtain your visa. For nationals of Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan and Sudan, getting an Indian visa normally takes 45-60 days.

Foreign visitors entering India must have a passport valid for at least 6 months after their date of entry in India, except in the case of nationals of Bhutan and Nepal who need only carry suitable means of identification.

Smoking Policy
The meeting rooms at the Conference venue are no-smoking areas. Smoking in public places is banned in India. There will be designated smoking areas at the venue.

Taxis
Metered-fare taxis are readily available in Delhi. Your hotel concierge will obtain one for you on request.

Time
Delhi will be 4.5 hrs ahead of GMT during the dates of the Conference.

Tipping
There is no compulsion to tip anyone for services rendered. Should you wish to do so, the standard tip 10%. Some restaurants include a service charge in the bill.
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