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Hotelier Conference 2025

Sustainability to Satisfaction : ESG and Industrial Relations in Hospitality

23 & 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

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SPECTRUM (LEVEL 3A), BANGSAR SOUTH CITY**

Conference Objectives

- To enhance awareness and understanding of ESG principles and their application in the Malaysian hospitality environment.
- To explore the integration of sustainable, ethical, and compliant practices in industrial relations.
- To provide a platform for sharing best practices in sustainable tourism, hospitality, corporate governance, and employee-employer engagement.
- To equip HR and business leaders with tools to implement ESG initiatives aligned with national and international standards.

CONFERENCE FEE

RM 2,600.00 per pax

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PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - 23RD SEPTEMBER 2025

- 08.30

Registration & Networking Breakfast
- 09.00

Opening Remarks & Keynote Address
“Employer Leadership in ESG: Setting the Tone from the Top”
Y Bhg. Datuk Dr. Syed Hussain Syed Husman
President of Malaysian Employers Federation
- 09.30

Sustainability from the Top: How Hotel Leaders Champion ESG Transformation
1. Mr Philipp Haupenthal
2. Y Bhg. Datin Christina Toh
- 11.30

Coffee Break & Networking
- 11.45

The Advancement of ESG and the New Frontier of HR Challenges in Hospitality
Mr. Rutheran Sivagnanam
- 12.45

Lunch & Networking
- 13.45

The Talent Shift: Rewiring Hospitality Leadership for the AI-Ready Workforce
Dr. Peter FS Lee
- 14.45

Coffee Break & Networking
- 15.00

Sustainable Accounting in Hospitality: Turning ESG into Measurable Impact
Mr. Terence Lam
- 16.00

Mental Health Matters: Building a Resilient and Supportive Hospitality Workforce
Y Bhg. Dato’ Dr. RS Kumar
- 17.00

End of Day 1

DAY 2 - 24TH SEPTEMBER 2025

- 09.00

Two Jobs, One Contract: Legal Perspectives on Moonlighting in Malaysia
Ms. Teoh Alvare
- 10.00

Co-Existing or Conflicting? Understanding Multiple Unions in a Single Organisation
Y Bhg. Dato’ Thavalingam C. Thavarajah
- 11.00

Coffee Break & Networking
- 11.15

Supporting, Managing, and When Necessary, Letting Go: Handling Employees with Mental Health Challenges within the Law
Ms. Wong Keat Ching
- 12.15

Lunch & Networking
- 13.15

Balancing Compassion and Compliance: Managing Employees with Ongoing Medical Issues
Mr. Vijayan Venugopal
- 14.15

Coffee Break & Networking
- 14.30

Panel Discussion: “Anything and Everything HR Must Know: PDPA, Stamping, OSHA & Malaysia’s Latest EA Law Amendments - What’s Next and What Should You Do?”
Moderator: Mr. Christopher Raj
Panelists:
1.Y Bhg. Datuk Hj. Shamsuddin Bardan
2.Y Bhg. Dato’ Jalaldin Hussain
- 16.30

Closing Remark
“From Industrial Relations to Social Responsibility : HR’s Role in ESG”
Y Bhg. Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan
- 17.00

End of Day 2

