

**EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION FROM A SINGAPORE PERSPECTIVE**

**30 June 2011 (Thursday) • 11.30am-2.00pm; Shenton Room, Basement 1, M Hotel Singapore, 81 Anson Road**

**About this Seminar**

In early 2009, Singapore announced the endorsement of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Standard for the effective exchange of information through Avoidance of Double Taxation Agreements (DTAs). The Income Tax Act (Cap 134) was subsequently amended to allow Singapore to extend further cooperation on information exchange through her DTAs. With the recent completion of the Phase 1 Peer Review of Singapore, a report is published this month by OECD Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes. The talk will highlight areas to look out for before responding to exchange of information requests pursuant to the Exchange of Information Article in tax treaties concluded by Singapore.

**Seminar Programme**

11.30-11.45am	<b>Registrations</b>
11.45-11.50pm	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Dr. Angelo Venardos - President, STEP Singapore</i>
11.50-12.30pm	<b>Exchange of Information From A Singapore Perspective</b> <i>Mr. Jimmy Oei - Partner, Rajah &amp; Tann LLP</i>
	<b>Q&amp;A Session &amp; Closing Remarks</b>
12.30-2.00pm	<b>STEP Annual General Meeting / Buffet Lunch</b>

**The talk will be followed by the STEP Annual General Meeting (AGM). STEP Members in the audience are invited to stay on for the AGM.**

**About the Speaker**

**Mr. Jimmy Oei - Partner, Rajah & Tann LLP**

Jimmy was until very recently, a Principal Legal Officer of the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore. He also concurrently held the position of Senior Tax Specialist (Accredited) having spent over 20 years with IRAS. During his time with the tax authority, he represented the Comptroller of Income Tax and Commissioner of Stamp Duties in a number of cases before the Singapore High Court and Court of Appeal. Jimmy has also been involved in the negotiations for a number of tax treaties between Singapore and Singapore's trading partners, including China, Ukraine, India and Malaysia. He has since left the civil service and is currently in legal practice with a local law firm.

**About the Chairperson**

**Dr Angelo Venardos - President, STEP (Singapore Chapter); Executive Director, Heritage Trust Group**

Angelo Venardos TEP is the Founder and Executive Director of the Heritage Trust Group with offices in Singapore and Hong Kong. Angelo has been a Singapore PR since 2001. He holds degrees in Economics and Marketing, an MBA, a Master of Jurisprudence (Corporate & Commercial Law) and a Doctorate of Legal Science (SJD), on the subject of "The Global Regulation of Offshore Financial Centres with Reference to Singapore" (2005). Angelo completed the STEP diploma in 2002.

Angelo Venardos is a member of the Singapore Academy of Law (SAL), Singapore Institute of Company Directors (SID), Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) and the Singapore Trust Association (STA).

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