

SiATP
Singapore Institute of
ACCREDITED
TAX PROFESSIONALS



We have
kept you
in the heart of
everything
so that

YOU

stand out.

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SME Tax Sub-Committee

A new committee – SME Tax Sub-Committee – was set up to focus on tax issues, initiatives and clarifications SMEs and tax consultancies face in the areas of compliance and administrative procedures.

Check out what was discussed in its first Dialogue **here**.

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GST Committee

Yet another new committee was kicked off in 2013.

The GST Committee was set up to look into matters relating to tax practices and the application of the GST.

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A Special Hands-on Peek at e-Form C

SIATP was the only organisation approached to seek feedback on the pilot e-Form C system by IRAS.

Accredited tax professionals had the exclusive opportunity to experience firsthand and give feedback on upcoming e-developments by the tax authority.

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Access to Internship Programmes

Following feedback from you, links were established with various tertiary institutes to ensure you get the information when internship applications are open for employers to register!

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International Speakers

For the first time, SIATP also had organised technical discussions with international presenters flying in for the event.

SIATP will continue to organise more topics pertaining to international taxation.

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Income Tax (Amendment) Bill

Your views were also put forth (and heard!) in the public consultation of the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill 2013.

The Ministry of Finance subsequently issued its response and one of the comments adopted which was a feedback on the misleading word of 'still' in 37IA(1)(b) and 37IA(3)(c) was contributed by Accredited Tax Advisor Sivakumar Saravan!

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Capital Allowances Rules

Your views were sought, collated
and submitted to IRAS on
Capital Allowance Rules.

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Form C-S

One year after the launch of Form C-S,
your views were gathered on
its usability, features and suggestions
for IRAS' review.

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Revised S95 letter

Following the ongoing Dialogues between IRAS and SIATP on issues raised by you, the S95 letter has been revised.

Read the details in point 5 **here**.

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Views on Budget 2014

Following the invitation by the
Ministry of Finance, SIATP has also
consolidated your views and put forth
suggestions and comments for
Singapore Budget 2014.

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Tax Articles

As part of SIATP's continual efforts to promote tax excellence, key pointers have been captured in various articles on each of SIATP's technical discussions organised this year.

Thank you for your feedback that these have been useful!

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Tax Articles in the Media

In addition to equipping you with insightful articles, SIATP's articles have also been published in the main newspapers to promote tax knowledge to the wider business community.

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Promoting the Tax Profession (I)

As part of our journey towards being
the institute for tax professionals in Singapore,
SIATP leveraged on a few
regional and local conferences,
taking up exhibition booth space and/or
having various platforms
to showcase SIATP's brand
and to promote the tax profession.

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Promoting the Tax Profession (II)

As a reflection of the growing repute of accredited tax professionals and SIATP, SIATP was invited to deliver the opening address at CCH's Annual Conference.

Delivered by SIATP's Board Member, Simon Poh, the address encapsulated the importance and value of excellent tax knowledge.

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IRAS-SIATP Dialogues

SIATP has continually gathered and raised your issues with IRAS in its various ongoing Dialogues.

You probably would have seen the various Dialogue summaries in our various eblasts. Nonetheless, here they are again – **March**, **May** (click **here** for May's accompanying appendix) and **September**.

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Technical Group Discussions

SIATP extends a sincere thanks to all speakers and contributors who presented at SIATP's various technical group discussions.

From transfer pricing to managing your professional reputation in negligence claims, most technical group discussions were fully-booked!

Thank you for your support!

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AOTCA

Showcasing SIATP's members and a reflection of its growing repute, SIATP was (for the first time!) invited as a panelist in the annual conference organised by the Asia-Oceania Tax Consultants' Association.

Held in Hanoi this year, Board Member Latha Mathew, shared her insights on anti-tax avoidance legislations and the impact on tax consultants, with the regional audience.

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Established International Links

SIATP hosted the Chief Executive of the Irish Tax Institute and delegates from the Taipei City Tax Attorney Association.

More importantly, the links were established and conversation flowed freely for a vibrant exchanges on ideas and suggestions on initiatives that the various tax bodies embark on, to add value to their members.

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Journey to Personal Mastery

As part of SIATP's pursuit of excellence, we also understand that it takes more than just high technical skills to progress in one's career.

A specially-designed programme 'Journey to Personal Mastery' was organised covering essential skills such as listening, delegation, coaching and giving feedback.

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Showcasing ATAs

As a reflection of the high standards of Accredited Tax Advisors (ATAs), SIATP continues to invite ATAs to share their expertise at various events and seminars.

In addition, ATAs will continue to be the go-to group when SIATP invites esteemed individuals to join its various technical committees

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Online Registration

For added convenience for all accredited tax professionals, registration for SIATP's events can now be registered online.

No longer do you need to make a trip to the mailbox to send in your event registration to block a seat for our ever popular technical group discussions!

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Exclusives for ATAs

Responding to your feedback, SIATP has also arranged for exclusive deals just for Accredited Tax Advisors.

For example only Accredited Tax Advisors were given the opportunity to respond and leverage on complimentary access to conferences like the Singapore Accountancy Convention.

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Exclusive Deals

Whether it was seminars, books or tax tools,
SIATP has arranged for various
exclusive deals throughout the year,
just for accredited tax professionals to enjoy!

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Special Deals even for overseas conferences

As part of SIATP's strategy to promote international tax excellence, special and sometimes exclusive deals went beyond events and conferences in Singapore.

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Free Events

It wasn't just exclusive or special arrangements.

SIATP also organised complimentary events such as the seminar on IRAS' Objections and Appeal Process for accredited tax professionals to gain clarity on this updated process.

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E-payments

No longer were accredited tax professionals limited to the traditional mode of paying only by cheques.

Members may now pay via e-banking transfers.

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Complimentary Access

Another privilege accredited tax professionals enjoyed this past year was complimentary access to various popular seminars and conferences in Singapore and overseas.

In fact, two accredited tax professionals even took the opportunity to gain complimentary access to the Global Tax Policy Conference in Ireland.

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An improved e-Events Calendar

SIATP continues to listen and improve.

Our e-events calendar now has enhanced features which allow you to know the tax topic (from the event title) simply by hovering your 'mouse' over the event title.

You no longer need to go into each event page anymore!

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Increase in Partnerships

Knowing how busy tax professionals are,
SIATP continues to increase our
partnerships with established
conference organisers and course providers
so that you enjoy a wide range of discounts
to a myriad of courses that are consolidated
in a one-stop events calendar
in SIATP's website.

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Beyond Books and Events

Benefits and Privileges go beyond discounts to references and events. Other benefits include privilege access to IRAS Library.

In addition, accredited tax professionals continue to carry a mark of recognition that reflects one's expertise and standards.

Accreditation is a mark of professional recognition.

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