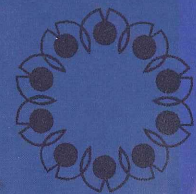




# ASEAN BANKER

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*To achieve higher growth through cooperation amongst ASEAN banks*

## 19<sup>TH</sup> ASEAN BANKING CONFERENCE & 42<sup>ND</sup> ASEAN BANKING COUNCIL MEETING

**DATE: 7 – 9 NOVEMBER 2012**

**VENUE: SASANA KIJANG, BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA, KUALA LUMPUR**

**HOST: THE ASSOCIATION OF BANKS IN MALAYSIA**



Kuala Lumpur, is the capital city and the most populous city in Malaysia. It covers an area of 243 km<sup>2</sup> (94 sq mi) and has an estimated population of 1.6 million as of 2012. From humble beginnings as a tin-mining shanty town, KL has evolved into a 21st-century metropolis, dominated by the tallest skyscrapers in Southeast Asia. It is home to the world's tallest twin tower, Petronas Twin Tower, which have become an iconic symbol of Malaysia's futuristic developments.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

Time really flies, we are almost halfway through 2012 and the ASEAN Banking Conference and Council Meeting, to be held from 7 to 9 November 2012, is just 6 months away. This year's event will be held at Sasana Kijang, Bank Negara Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Just recently, ABA represented ASEAN Banking Community on an international level for the first time.

I was privileged to have been invited to attend the Conference of International, Regional and Sub-Regional Industry Associations on the UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004), held in Wiesbaden, Germany, from 23 to 25 April 2012. The Conference was organized by the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) in cooperation with the Government of Germany with funding from the Governments of Norway, the United States and the European Union. This is also the first industry conference on UN Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004).

What is UN Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1540 and what is the relevance of UNSCR 1540 to ABA? UN Security Council Resolution 1540 is about the prevention and elimination of proliferation on the misused of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as their means of delivery, constituting a threat to international peace and security. Its ultimate objective is to promote international stability. Consistent with the objectives of Security Council Resolutions 1540 (2004) and 1977 (2011), the Conference was aimed to enhance ways to work with industries on promoting progress in achieving the objectives of resolution 1540 (2004) and to draw on relevant expertise from various industry associations and sectors.

For a start, ABA can play a role by creating awareness among its members on this resolution to strengthen a coordinated global response to the serious challenge and threat to international peace and security posed by proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery. Once our members are made aware of this threat, this will hopefully lead to prevention of financing of proliferation-related activities, taking into considerations the guidance of the framework of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

In our individual capacity as a global citizen as well as key management team member of our respective banks, we ought to increase our awareness of this very important UN resolution. We should all do our part in the protection of mankind, to cooperate with the 1540 committee members by assisting them, as appropriate, to facilitate their efforts in implementing the resolution.

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