

3 Months Programme Duration

Certified Anti-Money Laundering / Counter Financing Of Terrorism & Regulatory Compliance Officer [CCO_UMS-CfPD]

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09:00 am - 05:00 pm

Concorde Hotel KL, Malaysia

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Programme Format

- 3-months programme (3 days workshop, which will be carried out in 2 sessions of 2 days face-to-face and 1-day online class).
- Self-study with a comprehensive course manual, slides & book.
- Mobile Platform interaction for discussion & clarification with subject matter expert until final exam.
- An intermediate level programme resulting in professional certification upon successful completion.

Entry Requirement

- Attended AML/CFT training programs acceptable to VBS & UMS-CfPD.
- Have an ability to complete the reading and written aspects of the programme in English.
- Have relevant qualifications in the related areas.

Certification Awarded

- Certified Anti-Money Laundering / Counter Financing of Terrorism & Regulatory Compliance Officer from University Malaysia Sabah ~Centre For Professional Development [CCO-UMS~ CfPD]
- Certificate of Completion of Program by Visioon Business Solutions Sdn Bhd

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Reference: LIIA/CCO/202607-01

Program Overview

Money laundering and Financing of Terrorism and Proliferation Financing (ML/TF/PF) have become one of the most widespread crimes globally. To combat ML/TF/PF, regulator is tightening up laws against ML/TF/PF. Thus, it is important that the reporting institutions understand Anti-Money Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism, Countering Proliferation Financing and Targeted Financial Sanctions (AML/CFT/CPF & TFS) regime and what are their legal obligations towards combating ML/TF/PF. Non-compliance of AML/CFT/CPF & TFS law may attract severe punishments and financial losses.

In view of the above, AML/CFT/CPF & TFS regime has become an utmost priority for many organizations to elevate their level of vigilance required to prevent ML/TF/PF and non-compliance of AML/CFT/CPF & TFS laws. AML/CFT/CPF & TFS programme within the context of regulatory framework has become increasingly important to create awareness amongst employees.

CCO has been designed in collaboration with University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) ~ Centre for Professional Development to allow organizations to understand and to stay updated on regulatory changes on AML/CFT/CPF & TFS. To complement this programme, a module on Regulatory Compliance has been included in the AML/CFT/CPF & TFS module to allow the participants to appreciate the compliance of the regulatory framework.

Target Audience

- All Reporting Institutions' employees under AMLA 2001 First Schedule.
- All employees of financial services providers onshore/offshore.
- Accountants, Company Secretaries and Legal Practitioners.
- Managers with responsibility for Internal Company Controls.
- Internal and External Audit Employees.
- All employees of AML/CFT Compliance and Financial Crime Officers.
- All interested companies/employees from government agencies/private entities.

Assessment

- 1) Submission of One Assignment [3000-3500 words] and,
- 2) Three hours final exam which comprises:-
 - 70% marks: 50 General multiple-choice questions & 20 sectoral & case studies multiple selection question.
 - 30% marks: Written answers from practical case applications.

Designation

- Certified Anti-Money Laundering/ Counter Financing Of Terrorism & Regulatory Compliance Officer from University Malaysia Sabah-Centre For Professional Development [UMS-CFPD]



Syllabus

MODULE 1

Money Laundering / Terrorism Financing / Proliferation Financing: The Beginning - Origin & Typologies

- Origin of Money Laundering & Typologies
- Origin of Terrorism Financing & Typologies
- Proliferation Financing.

MODULE 2

International Bodies United Against Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing & Targeted Financial Sanctions

- Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- Asia/Pacific Group (APG) on Money Laundering
- Other AML/CFT & TFS Groups
- Targeted Financial Sanctions
- Summary of AML/CFT & TFS Regulations in ASEAN Countries

MODULE 3

Malaysian AMLA 2001 & Regulatory Framework

- Financial Intelligence & Enforcement Department, BNM
- Securities Commission Role As Capital Market Gatekeeper
- AMLA 2001 (The Act)
- Dealing With Enforcement Agencies

MODULE 4

Supporting Regulations

- Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Act 2002 (MACMA)
- Strategic Trade Act 2010
- Special Measures Against Terrorism in Foreign Countries 2015 (SMATA)
- The Prevention of Terrorism Act 2015 (POTA)
- Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 (SOSMA)
- National Security Council Act 2016 (NSCA)
- Prevention of Crime Act 1959 (POCA)

MODULE 5

Implication of Non-Compliance in AML/CFT & TFS Regime

- Collateral Confiscation
- Financial Loss/Regulatory Fine
- Licence Revocations
- Imprisonment

MODULE 6

Suspicious Transactions & Cash Threshold Reporting

- Defining Suspicious Transactions
- Monitoring Red Flags and Process of Reporting Suspicious Transactions
- Identifying Suspicious Transactions
- Quality of Suspicious Transactions Report

MODULE 7

AML/CFT & TFS Guidelines in Malaysia

- Applying Risk Based Approach (RBA)
- Customer Due Diligence (CDD)
- Enhanced Customer Due Diligence (ECDD)
- On-Going Monitoring
- Legal Arrangements
- Politically Exposed Person (PEP)

MODULE 8

Review of AML/CFT & TFS Cases

- Successful Prosecution From Local and International Perspective
- Issues Relating To Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing Cases

MODULE 9

Evolving AML/CFT & TFS Typologies

- New Methods of Money Laundering
- New Methods of Terrorism Financing

MODULE 10

Regulatory Compliance

- Malaysian Financial Structure – Regulatory Framework
- Financial Services Act/Islamic Financial Services Act 2013
- Labuan Financial Services & Securities Act 2010/Labuan Islamic Financial Services & Securities Act 2010
- Personal Data Protection Act 2010
- Competition Act 2010
- Companies Act 2016/Labuan Companies Act 1990
- Land Law
- Development Financial Institutions Act 2002
- Capital Market & Services Act 2007
- Securities Commission Act 1993
- Money Services Business Act 2011
- Other Regulations/Laws

Trainer's Profile



DR. VIJAYARAJ R KANNIAH BKT

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Dr. Vijayaraj R Kanniah is the Founder/ Director cum Principal Trainer of Visioon Business Solutions Sdn Bhd. He is also the Managing Partner of Messrs Sheila Hussain Vijay & Partners, a law firm specialising in conventional & Islamic banking, conveyancing and corporate governance. Vijayaraj was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and has been appointed as a Notary Public by the Attorney General of Malaysia. In addition, he advises clients who are banks, financial service providers, enforcement agencies and corporations within the region, on areas of credit, banking operations, corporate governance, anti-money laundering & counter terrorism financing and other legal compliance.

Vijayaraj holds a Master of Laws (LLM) from University of Malaya and three other degrees, namely, Bachelor of Law (LLB) from University of London, Bachelor of Social Science from University Science of Malaysia and ICOSA from Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administration. He also holds an International Diploma and Advance Certification in AML/CFT (Distinction) by the Institute of Bankers Malaysia, International Compliance

Association with collaboration from University of Manchester Business School. He was awarded Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) from European International University while still pursuing his Doctorate of Philosophy (PHD) from University Malaysia Sabah. Vijayaraj's other professional qualifications includes Certificate in Legal Practice, Certified Credit Professional, Certified Credit Professional – Islamic, Certificate in Life Insurance & Investment Link.

Vijayaraj is the author of the book titled "Battling Money Laundering & Terrorism Financing In Malaysia". He is also the contributor to the book titled "A Reference Book On: Anti-Money Laundering Countering Financing of Terrorism and Targeted Financial Sanctions (AML/CFT & TFS) in Malaysia". He is the Founder / Study Manual writer for "The Certified Anti-Money Laundering / Counter Financing of Terrorism & Regulatory Compliance Officer" (CCO) programme, which is a partnership certification program with University Malaysia Sabah Centre for Professional Development (UMS- CfPD). The CCO program is either in house or public certification program for various financial service providers and reporting institutions under Schedule 1 AMLA 2001.

Vijayaraj is also an approved and certified trainer for Securities Industry Development Corporation (SIDC), Asian Institute of Chartered Bankers (AICB), Asian Banking School (ABS), Human Resource Development Corporation (HRD Corp), Malaysian Insurance Institute (MII), PNB Investment Institute (PNB-i), Financial Sector Talent Enrichment Program (FSTEP), Ministry of Finance (MOF), Labuan International Insurance Association (LIIA), Malaysian Money Changers Association, Islamic Banking & Finance Institute Malaysia (IBFIM) & The Malaysian Association of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and for various investment entities commercial banks, financial services providers and money service providers.

Vijayaraj is a highly sought-after speaker and had once presented in a National Seminar his research and views on Anti-Money Laundering And Anti-Terrorism Financing organised by Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG), Conference on Combating Financial Fraud organised by (AICB), Annual Convention of Federation of Investment Managers Malaysia 2018 on Digitalisation -Challenges & Opportunities for Wealth Managers, Financial Institutions & Criminals. Vijayaraj also represented (MII) as a discussion panelist for a seminar on "Financial Investigation" conducted by the Royal Malaysian Police College, Kuala Lumpur and was also one of the Panelist in SIDC Webinar on "Financial Crime and Market Misconduct Post Covid-19 and Beyond".

A double scholar of Malayan Banking Berhad and Malaysian Hockey Confederation, he remains an active member of Malaysian Bar Council, Institute of Bankers Malaysia, Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries & Administrations and Malaysian Insurance Institute. Prior to practicing law, Vijayaraj was a banker for 12 years with a number of large banking groups in Malaysia with extensive exposure in banking operations, commercial and corporate lending. He is an ex Independent Director of a Commercial Bank in Cambodia. He was also a former tutor with Open University of Malaysia for their undergraduates and a former national and state sportsman. Vijayaraj was awarded Malaysian Bar Sports Personality Award 2020 by Malaysia Bar Council and was also conferred "Bintang Khidmat Terpuji" (BKT) from Yang di-Pertua Negeri (Gabenor) of the Malaysian state of Melaka for his contributions on various areas to the state & country. He has also been recognised by British Publishing House Ltd (BPH) as one of the most successful Malaysian personalities in their latest Britishpedia (3rd Edition) covering the "Most Successful People in Malaysia" published in 2021. In 2023, he was awarded Global Leadership In Training & Development by Fame Times International Excellence Award.



Ms. Kwan Siew May

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Ms. Kwan Siew May was admitted as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court in Sabah and Sarawak and High Court of Malaya. She is currently a partner of Messrs Sheila Hussain Vijay & Partners, a law firm specialising in conventional & Islamic banking, conveyancing, anti-money laundering & counter terrorism financing and corporate governance.

Kwan Siew May holds a Bachelor degree in Law (LLB) from International Islamic University. Her other qualification includes International Diploma and Advance Certification in AML/CFT (Distinction) by AICB, International Compliance Association with collaboration from University of Manchester Business School.

Kwan Siew May is the approved trainer and study manual contributor for "Certified Anti-Money Laundering/ Counter Terrorism Financing of Terrorism Financing and Regulatory Compliance Officer [CCO~UMS-CfPD]", a professional certification by Visioon Business Solutions Sdn Bhd (200801007643 (808927A) in collaboration with Universiti Malaysia Sabah-Centre for Professional Development.

She is also a certified trainer for Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF) and appointed trainer for various investment entities, commercial banks, financial services providers, insurance and trust companies.

Kwan Siew May is the writer of the book titled "Reference Book on Anti-Money Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism and Targeted Financial Sanctions (AML/CFT and TFS) In Malaysia". Kwan Siew May assisted Dr. Vijayaraj R Kanniah, a principal trainer in AML/CFT and Managing Partner of Messrs Sheila Hussain Vijay & Partners in his book "Battling Money Laundering & Terrorism Financing in Malaysia".

Kwan Siew May began her career with an international accounting firm. Upon obtaining her laws degree in 1996, she embarked her career as a practicing advocate and solicitor in both contentious and non-contentious matters prior to joining one of the top developers in Kuala Lumpur, heading its legal, company secretarial and sales administrative departments.

Prior to joining Messrs Sheila Hussain Vijay & Partners, Kwan Siew May worked in a multinational company having core businesses in New Zealand and China as its legal counsel, providing legal and administrative support to senior management. She also served as company secretary for all boards and general meetings.

Kwan Siew May was the recipient of the award Member of the Order of Kinabalu (Ahli Darjah Kinabalu) (ADK) by the Government of Sabah.