

Deloitte Tax Challenge 2022

Team Category – Grand Finals

Question 1 (Written Assessment) (40 marks)

During the Budget 2023 tabling session on 7 October 2022, the Malaysian Minister of Finance has announced a few climate change and Environmental, Social and Governance("ESG") related initiatives. This includes amongst others, conducting feasibility study on implementation of carbon tax, extension of tax incentives under Green Income Tax Exemption and Green Investment Tax Allowance until 31 December 2025, income tax incentives for manufacturer of electric vehicles ("EV") charging equipment, implementation of e-invoicing from the Inland Revenue Board effective 2023 and others.

ESG is a growing trend around the globe as it ensures that companies are responsible stewards of the environment, good corporate citizens, and are led by accountable managers. In order to compete in the world of business, companies nowadays have to address various issues especially on the sustainability front.

Required:

- 1. What is your thought over the 2023 budget proposals on ESG initiatives? If you are part of the government of Malaysia, apart from the announcement in Budget 2023, what other measures/ initiatives will you propose to encourage companies to comply with the ESG requirements?
- 2. If you are a CEO of a company, what kind of policy will you introduce to ensure that your organization will be operating in line with the global ESG trend?

Note: Your answer should not be longer than 250 words.

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