

## ABA Organizes Short-Term Visiting Program for Mongolian Bankers in Kuala Lumpur

A three-day visiting program, organized by the **Asian Bankers Association** (ABA) for members of the **Mongolian Bankers Association** (MBA), was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on June 16-18, 2008.

**Malayan Banking Berhad** (Maybank), **Institut Bank-Bank**



*Both Mongolian participants and Maybank Officers pose for a group picture.*

**Malaysia** (IBBM) and the **Association of Banks in Malaysia** (ABM) were requested by the ABA to conduct sessions for seven Mongolian banking officers. The seven participants were **Tsagaanderem**, Loan Risk Economist, Zoos Bank; **A. Battuvshin**, Loan Officer, Zoos Bank; **Ch. Davaadorj**, Relationship Manager, Corporate Banking Department, Golomt Bank; **D. Enkhbaatar**, Head, UB Credit Department, Khaan Bank; **M. Nyamtuya**, Relationship Manager and Loan Officer, Corporate Banking Department, Khaan Bank; **S. Tumenzaya**, Officer, Risk Management Department, Khaan Bank; and **B. Tsolmon**, Bank Relationship Manager, Finance and Treasury Department, Chinggis Khaan Bank.

On the first day of the program, Maybank briefed the participants on the economic condition of Malaysia and conducted a series of banking lectures. **Omar Awang**, Head, Financial Institutions, International, Maybank, gave the participants an overview of Malaysia's economy and Maybank. This was followed by presentations on "Risk Management Structure and Governance plus Basel II" made by **Woon Chee Keong**, Head, Governance and Risk Aggregation, Risk Management; on "Operational Risk Management Framework and Initiatives" by **Lim Chin Heng**, Head, Risk Policy and Assessment, Operational Risk Management; on "Market Risk Management Framework and Initiatives" by **Eugene Peter de Costa**, Risk Policy, Head, Market Risk Management; on "Credit Risk Management Framework and Initiatives" by **Lawrence Fock Khai Cheong**, Head, Knowledge Management, Credit Risk Management; on "Foreign Money Transfer" by **Tham Kong Fee**, Head, Product Development and Management; on "Human Resources"

by **Adly Azamin Azman**, Head, Talent Management and Employee Services; and on “Securities Market” by both **Paul Ong Keng Loon**, Head, Retail Business and **Yusri Said**, Head, Credit Control.

The full-day session was conducted at the Maybank headquarters.

On the morning of June 17 (the second day), the participants visited Maybank’s Signature Branch at Dataran Maybank. The Signature Branch is said to embrace the concept of modernity and innovation. “The training program has provided a good platform for both Maybank and the participants to share information and explore business opportunities,” said Mr. Awang.

On the afternoon of the second day, the MBA delegates visited IBBM’s office. **Kamaruabim**, manager of IBBM’s Learning Solutions Department, gave a slide presentation on the institute’s products and services to the participants.

On the morning of the third day, the visiting delegation was received by officers of the ABM at the ABM premises. **Wong Suan Lye**, executive director of the ABM, briefed the participants about its objectives and the banking industry in Malaysia. The Association aims to facilitate a conducive banking environment, and promote orderliness and ethical banking practices. In addition, the ABM helps the industry find ways or solutions to meet the challenges of a changing marketplace.

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## ABA Endorses FIMA Asia 2008



The **Asian Bankers Association** (ABA) is encouraging its members to attend the Financial Information Management Asia (FIMA) Conference to be held on 16-17 September 2008 at the Orchard Hotel in Singapore.

Organized by US-based Worldwide Business Research ([www.wbresearch.com](http://www.wbresearch.com)) and supported by the ABA, the Conference will discuss strategies that will allow data management executives to measure the quality of their data, understand how to improve their internal processes, ensure data consistency across their enterprise, and deal with market challenges. FIMA focuses on the challenges of acquiring, cleansing and maintaining the securities and entity data that are essential to a bank’s operation.

Some of the critical issues that will be addressed during the two-day Conference include:

- \* *Data quality and integrity* - Participants will identify new ways to achieve transparency, accuracy and consistency or reference data once they have centralized their repositories;

- \* *Supplier Relationship Management* - Participants will find out how to manage enterprise-wide relationships with external data providers to ensure data validation at the source;

- \* *Risk Management and Regulatory Compliance* - Participants will learn how to establish initiatives to overcome their concerns over risk and global emerging regulations;

- \* *Counterparty and Securities Data Integration* - Participants will learn how to normalize, synchronize and integrate their master files to promote efficient data exchange enterprise-wide;

- \* *Data Standardization* - Participants will be able to precisely identify instruments and entities to move closer to securities processing automation; and

- \* *Enterprise Data Management* - Participants will be taught how to transform their data architecture from silo-based disparate master files into a single, enterprise-wide data source.

Target participants include Vice Presidents, Directors or Managers of data management, reference data, enterprise/credit risk, settlements, market data, back office or operations.

The ABA encourages members to take advantage of this opportunity to know more about how to effectively manage financial information. For registration or additional information, interested parties are requested to visit [www.fima-asia.com](http://www.fima-asia.com)