

Berita Harian Financial Planning Conference 2008

Plan Early, Retire Comfortably
(Rancang Awal, Bersara Selesa)

Date: July 20, 2008
Time: 8.30 am – 6.00 pm
Place: Raffles City Convention Centre
Raffles Ballroom

Event Programme:

0830-0930 Mr Alwynn Barreto, Director of Pensions Asia, Prudential

The Emerging Retirement Landscape (in English)-
- What is your retirement experience likely to be?
- Is retirement something to fear?

The speaker will challenge you to have a different mindset on retirement. It's not all doom and gloom! The speaker will also a closer look at the common mistakes of retirement planning so as to avoid being asset rich and cash poor when you retire.

0930-1000 Launch of conference by Mr Lim Boon Heng, Minister, Prime Minister's Office

1000-1030 Coffee Break

1030-1130 Mr Daniel Lum, Director of Marketing-Products, Prudential Assurance CS

Building your Retirement Portfolio (in English)
- Key CPF Reforms At A Glance
- CPF-OA: To invest or not to invest?
- CPF Life: Are annuities necessary?
- Medical Insurance Coverage in Retirement: Avoid erosion of your retirement income

The speaker will discuss the CPF reforms and how they would impact an individual's retirement plans. The Speaker will discuss the issues of Medisave/Medishield/Health Insurance as healthcare has a big impact on the retirement funding of the individual.

1130- 1230 Mr Isa Eamon Keaveny, Vice President, Deutsche Asset Management

How can we diversify our portfolio while complying with Syariah requirements?
(in English)

The speaker, a Muslim, will explore the different Islamic products and how the Malay community can expand their portfolio the halal way. He will explain the concept of Islamic bonds, takaful investments (unit trusts and Islamic real estate investment trusts) and Syariah-approved financial instruments.

1230-1400 Break for Lunch and Prayer

1400-1545 Mr Noor Mohamed Marican, Lawyer, Noor Mohamed Marican & Associates

Retirement Issues and the Malay Community: Problems, Pitfalls and Lessons (in Malay)

The speaker will highlight the common problems of retirement issues specific to the Malay community. He will present real-life cases of retirement problems facing the Malays and the lessons to be learnt in avoiding being trapped in the same situation. The speaker will also discuss the estate planning component in retirement issues specific to the Malay community.

1545-1600 Coffee Break

1600-1730 Mr Azizi Ali

Scam Busters: How to protect yourself from scams (in Malay)

The author of “Scambuster: How to Protect Yourself from Scams, Get-rich-quick Schemes and Other Unworldly Investments” will give an overview on the different scam techniques and give helpful guidance and advice on how to identify dangerous scams and protect oneself. The speaker will also stress on the importance of how to ensure that retirement funds are not destroyed by the scams or get-rich-quick schemes.

1730-1800 End of conference