

ASIA AFRICA INFORMATION

Malaysia

Liberalisation of the Services Sector: The Government of Malaysia is targeting to tap the full potential in the services sector and raise its contribution to 60 per cent of the GDP, as targeted in the Third Industrial Master Plan. The Government has decided to immediately liberalise 27 services sub-sectors, with no equity condition imposed. These sub-sectors are in the areas of health and social services, tourism services, transport services, business services and computer and related services. The Government will be progressively undertaking liberalisation of the other services sub-sector on an on-going basis.

To facilitate investments into the services sector, a National Committee for Approval of Investments in the Services Sector has been established under MIDA. This Committee will act as a focal point to receive and process applications of investments in the services sector (with exceptions). As part of the measures to develop Malaysia as an international Islamic financial hub, the legal profession will be liberalized to allow up to five top international law firms with expertise in international Islamic finance to practice in Malaysia.

The Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) has been tasked to coordinate and spearhead all export promotion initiatives. For more details, please contact Mr Edison Choong, Trade Commissioner MATRADE, by email at: hongkong@matrade.gov.my, or telephone: 2527 8109.

India

The **FICCI-IIFA Global Business Forum: Global Financial Meltdown – Turning Crisis into Opportunity through enhanced cooperation between India and China**, which is jointly organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the International Indian Film Academy, will be held at 10:00am, on 12 June 2009, at the Venetian, Macao-Resort-Hotel, Macau.

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The **43rd Indian International Garment Fair (IIGF) 2009 will be held between 15-17 July 2009 at the Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India**. The bi-annual event, which is celebrating 21 yrs of success, will have more than 400 exhibitors, and expects close to 3000 visitors, it is a fashion show by top Indian exporters and trade delegation from focus countries. Products include: Women's Wear, Kids Wear, Gents Wear, Accessories/Fashion Jewellery.

Please visit the event's website for more information: <http://indiaapparelfair.com>.

Nigeria

The international conference on **Industry Growth, Investment and Competitiveness in Africa (IGICA) will be held between 8-10 June 2009, in Abuja, Nigeria**. The conference is under the Patronage of the Nigerian Government and hosted by the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Science and Technology. IGICA'09 International Conference is being established as the largest and most comprehensive knowledge transfer supported industry growth, investment and competitiveness event

Please visit the event's website for more information: <http://www.kfint.com/igica/event.php>.

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