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ACAMS' Annual Asia Pacific Anti-Money Laundering (AML) and Financial Crime Conference Draws Record Attendance

*Keynote presentations from Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and
the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC)*

MIAMI, Fla., April 4, 2014 – The Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists (ACAMS) 6th Annual AML & Financial Crime Conference – Asia Pacific takes place on 7-8 April in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Armed with the support of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), conference organizers confirmed this week an expected record attendance of more than 300 delegates.

The event kicks off on Monday with a keynote address by Attorney Mel Georgie B. Racela from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), where he established a risk-based examination manual, helped adopt an AML risk rating system, and issued a single AML regulation for standardization. Tuesday's keynote speaker is Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed, who was appointed Chief Commissioner at MACC by His Majesty the Seri Paduku Baginda Yang Di Pertuan Agong. Tan Sri Abu Kassim has played a significant role in the fight against corruption with his involvement in the INTERPOL Group of Experts on Corruption (IGEC) and as the Executive Committee of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA).

"Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission strongly supports capacity building programs related to AML/Financial Crime, as it fits well within MACC's anti-corruption efforts and its Chief Integrity Officer Program," remarked Tan Sri Abu Kassim. "I believe the 6th Annual ACAMS Asia Pacific Conference is essential in bringing together the AML/Financial Crime community within Malaysia and Asia. It provides an invaluable opportunity to strengthen the networks of AML/Financial Crime professionals in this region and globally."

Following the keynote presentation on day one, a panel on regulatory update on the evolving AML laws and trends in the region will include speakers from the government sector, such as the Anti-Money Laundering Office (Pol. Col. Seehanat Prayoonrat, Secretary-General), Hong Kong Department of Justice

(Margaret Lau, Senior Public Prosecutor), and BSP (Attorney Mel Racela). The conference will also feature a wide array of sessions and case studies on anti-bribery and corruption, emerging remittance systems, risk assessment, tax evasion and virtual currencies, among other key topics.

Ms. Hue Dang, ACAMS' Head of Asia, believes this conference is "an important opportunity for compliance professionals to equip themselves with practical tools and to hear from respected speakers, plus, build professional relationships with colleagues and establish a network of contacts to reach out to for advice, information and support."

For more information on the conference, and to register, visit amlasia.org or call ACAMS on +852.3750.7645/7695.

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