

Seminar on “Iran & the Trump Administration: What Does it Mean for Singapore Companies?”

Date : 14 March 2017, Tuesday
Time : 9.30am – 12.00pm (registration commences at 9.00am)
Venue : Seminar Room 2 & 3 @ Level 6
 (160 Robinson Road, #06-01, SBF Center, Singapore 068914)
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Dress Code : Business
Fee : Complimentary for SBF / IES Members; S\$80.00 (incl GST) for others
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The revived Iran – US relationship has taken a stumble under the Trump administration, with President Trump vowing to “rip up” the 2015 Iran nuclear deal and “triple up” sanctions during his campaign, and accusing the Obama administration of being insufficiently tough on Iran. Since moving into the White House, Trump had imposed a travel ban in January on seven majority Muslim countries (Iran included, and heavily affected, having the largest US-based diaspora), and imposed new sanctions on the country in response to missile tests.

Iran had carried out a ballistic missile test in January, but insisted that it was not in violation of the nuclear deal. At the same time, President Hassan Rouhani is standing for re-election in May, and some of his biggest foreign policy achievements have been the securing of the nuclear deal; improving relations with the US; and putting an end to international sanctions. In comparison, Iran hardliners have been relatively muted in their response to President Trump.

- Will the Trump administration attempt to undermine the nuclear agreement?
- Are sanctions coming back down?
- Is President Rouhani’s bid for a second term under threat?
- Or does Trump’s reign instead help keep President Rouhani in office?
- What do these mean for business and for Singapore companies?

Singapore Business Federation (SBF) and its Middle East Business Group (MEBG) cordially invite Singapore-based companies to the seminar ‘Iran & the Trump Administration: What Does it Mean for Singapore Companies?’ to hear from a panel of distinguished speakers across government, businesses and academia.

Time	Programme
9.00am	Registration of Participants
9.30am	Presentation by Mr Mattia Tomba, Senior Research Fellow, Middle East Institute (MEI), National University of Singapore (NUS)
9.45am	Updates from Central Bank of Iran on Banking and Financial Issues by Mr Reza Allahverdi, Managing Director of Elite Elements Pte Ltd
10.00am	Panel Discussion and Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Moderator] H.E. Shabbir Hassanbhai, Vice Chairman of the Singapore Business Federation (SBF) and SBF’s Middle East Business Group (MEBG), and Member of MEI’s Management Board • H.E. Ong Keng Yong, Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to Iran • H.E. Javad Ansari, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Singapore • Mr G. Jayakrishnan, Group Director (Middle East and Africa) of International Enterprise Singapore • Mr Nasser Jafarzadeh, Managing Director of Ecovitta Pte Ltd • Mr Mattia Tomba, Senior Research Fellow, MEI, NUS
11.30am	Networking Tea
12.00pm	End

Administrative Note

- Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.
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