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Mr. Narit Direkwattanachai will be addressing the Asia Business Forum on:

**Corporate Legal Counsels Forum '09 -
Legal Aspects of Managing Contract and Subcontract Risks**

Friday, March 27, 2009
Nai Lert Park Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand

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TAX UPDATE

1. Revenue Department's Warning on Use of Parent Support Deduction (Grateful Child Deduction)

The Revenue Department issues the warning on the use of the parent support deduction in which an individual taxpayer can claim an extra tax deduction for providing the support to individual taxpayer's parents. The Revenue Department highlights the most common mistakes in examination of this deduction as follows:

1. A parent is under 60 years old in the year that the tax return is filed.
2. A parent whom the deduction is claimed has an assessable income exceeding Baht 30,000. (A parent who is eligible for this deduction must not earn more than Baht 30,000 in the year.)
3. Two or more children claim the deduction for the same parent. (Only one of the children can claim the deduction for supporting one parent.)

The Revenue Department emphasizes that only the taxpayers who meet the conditions of this deduction should claim for this deduction.

For more information, please contact us.

TAX UPDATE

2. Individual Taxpayer's Deductible Amounts for Investments in Retirement Mutual Fund and Long Term Fund Are Temporarily Increased to Baht 700,000

In effort to encourage people to save more and invest for the retirements, the tax law allows an individual taxpayer to claim extra tax deductions for the amounts that such individual taxpayer invests in the Retirement Mutual Fund ("RMF") and the Long Term Fund ("LTF"). In other word, investing in RMF and LTF will entitle an individual taxpayer to claim extra tax deductions equal to the amounts invested in RMF and LTF. The Minister of Finance issues the Ministerial Regulation No. 267 (B.E. 2551) in order to temporarily increase the maximum tax deductible amounts that an individual taxpayer will receive for investing in RMF and LTF from Baht 500,000 to Baht 700,000 for each type of funds.

The maximum amount that each individual taxpayer is allowed to invest and claim the tax deduction is temporarily increased for the purposes of encouraging more investments in RMF and LTF, and preventing the local capital market against any negative impacts derived from the current financial crisis. This increase is only applicable to the individual taxpayer who purchases the investment units in RMF and/or LTF within the prescribed period.

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Mr. Narit Direkwattanachai will be addressing the Asia Business Forum in the following event and topic:

FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2009
Nai Lert Park Hotel, Bangkok

CORPORATE LEGAL COUNSELS FORUM '09

Improving roles, legal strategies, and updating legal issues corporate legal counsels need to know to tackle the volatile business environment in 2009

LEGAL ASPECTS OF MANAGING CONTRACT AND SUBCONTRACT RISKS

- ✘ Key considerations for insourcing and outsourcing
- ✘ Understanding different types of contracts
- ✘ Designing critical provisions in contracts and subcontracts
- ✘ Identifying contract and subcontract risks and how to mitigate such risks
- ✘ Dealing with multiple contractors
- ✘ Practical problems in contract management

Speaker Profile

Mr. Narit Direkwattanachai is the Principal at NARIT & Associates, a Bangkok-based international law firm with main areas of practice in Corporate & Commercial, Mergers & Acquisitions, Tax, Real Estate, Construction and Commercial Dispute. Mr. Direkwattanachai earned an LLB (1st class honors) from Chulalongkorn University, an LLM (Chevening Scholar) from the University of Cambridge, UK and an MBA in Finance (GRSP Scholar) from the Georgia Institute of Technology, USA.

Having the right balance between his financial literacy and legal expertise, Mr. Direkwattanachai regularly advises publicly held companies, Thai subsidiaries of multinational corporations and foreign investors across a broad range of matters, including acquisitions of local companies, formation of joint venture companies, investment/divestment, international sales, distributorship, commercial contract tax planning, transfer pricing, cross border tax planning, remittance of profit and tax dispute.

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