

## How Will RCEP Impact The Regional and Malaysian Economy?

After eight years of negotiations, the recent signing of the RCEP agreement is a welcome development during difficult times. It comes at a time when the backlash against globalization and protectionist pressures are rising around the world. It will create the world's largest FTA, accounting for almost a third of the world's population and output.

Apart from its size, what are RCEP's key strengths? What does it cover and what does it exclude? How will it affect its members, especially Malaysia, and when can we expect to see such effects, on the ground? How will it affect regional supply chains, the regional trade architecture and the regional economy? These are some of the key questions we will attempt to answer in understanding the agreement and its impact on the region and on Malaysia



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## What Businesses Should Know About RCEP and How They Can Benefit From It?



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## The Legal and Commercial Implications of the RCEP

ASEAN hits a historic milestone with the signing of RCEP. The RCEP marks ASEAN's biggest free trade pact to date, covering a market of 2.2 billion people with a combined size of about 30% of the world's GDP.

As there are already ASEAN+1 FTAs with each of the 5 member countries, what would be the additional impact or benefits of this economic partnership? Is it a true triumph of ASEAN's middle power diplomacy? The objective of this webinar is to create awareness on what are the salient features of RCEP and highlight useful sources for business owners and SMEs to plug into.



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