



Data Protection Laws of ASEAN: Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines

Course Overview and Objectives

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) comprises 10 countries in Southeast Asia. Data protection law is an expanding field in ASEAN with 6 countries at present having a national data protection law and at least 2 others developing a new law. Malaysia, Singapore, and the Philippines were the first 3 countries to enact data protection laws, in the early 2010s, and these countries' laws are the most mature in the region. More recently, Thailand (2018), Indonesia (2022) and Vietnam (2023) have enacted their own data protection laws and are in the process of bringing them into force.

One key objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive practical understanding of the data protection laws within the ASEAN region, with a focus on the laws of Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, and Thailand. It adopts a comparative approach and highlights similarities, common themes, and key differences across these countries' laws. This is intended to enable participants to better understand and appreciate how the laws apply in practice to their own organisations. Another important objective of this course is to address cross-border aspects of data protection, particularly within the ASEAN region. This includes practical aspects of data protection management and compliance in a cross-border context.

Participants will have the opportunity to develop a personal framework to be able to understand and compare data protection laws across different jurisdictions and, through case studies, practical exercises, and discussions, to relate what they learn to their own organisations and context.

Who should attend?

This course is essential for anyone who wishes to develop a good practical understanding of data protection law in a cross-border context, particularly within the ASEAN region. This may include:

- Business executives and managers involved in the management, collection, use or other processing of individuals' personal data
- Data Protection Officers (DPOs) and compliance professionals
- Data protection counsels, privacy counsels and corporate counsels
- Data scientists and data analysts
- IT and cybersecurity professionals
- R professionals





Course Details

Course Code:	GL401
Course Title:	Data Protection Laws of ASEAN: Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, and the Philippines
Course Duration:	2 days (approximately 14 contact hours)
Venue:	Drew & Napier LLC 10 Collyer Quay, 10th Floor Ocean Financial Centre, Singapore 049315
Course Fee:	S\$2,000.00 (excluding GST)

(Please refer to our website for updates on our course schedule.)

You may register for this course online by clicking [here](#) or by emailing us at academy@drewnapier.com.

Course Outline

Day 1

- Introduction to Data Protection and its International Context
- Overview of Data Protection Laws in ASEAN
- Understanding the Structure of Data Protection Law
- Data Protection in Singapore
- Data Protection in Malaysia

Day 2

- Cross-border Transfers of Personal Data within (and beyond) ASEAN
- Data Protection in the Philippines
- Data Protection in Thailand
- Managing Personal Data Across Borders



Course Leader & Facilitator



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David is a senior data protection, cybersecurity, and technology lawyer with over 25 years' experience advising on legal aspects of digital technology, telecommunications, and the Internet. He has a deep knowledge of data and cyber governance and extensive practical experience from an in-house managerial perspective. He is a strategic and analytical thinker who has worked with and advised companies' senior executives and boards. Before joining Drew & Napier, David was Chief Counsel of the Personal Data

Protection Commission where he led its legal team and advised on all the Commission's legal affairs including application and enforcement of Singapore's Personal Data Protection Act 2012 (PDPA), policy and legislative affairs, cross-border aspects of data protection and enforcement of the PDPA.

David is an Adjunct Associate Professor with the National University of Singapore (NUS), Faculty of Law where he teaches Global Data Privacy Law. He is also on the faculty of the Singapore Academy of Law and Singapore Institute of Legal Education. David holds an MBA from the University of Chicago and LLB and LLM degrees from NUS. He is a qualified training facilitator, holding the WSQ Advanced Certificate in Learning and Performance (ACLP). He is also a certified data protection professional with the CIPP/A, CIPM and CIPT certifications and has been designated a Fellow of Information Privacy by the International Association of Privacy Professionals.