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## BAKER TILLY MALAYSIA STRENGTHENS EAST MALAYSIA PRESENCE WITH ONE OF THE LARGEST ACCOUNTING AND ADVISORY FIRMS IN SARAWAK

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**Sibu, Sarawak, 17 July 2025** – Baker Tilly Malaysia is proud to announce that the Audit and Tax entities of Phillip Tong & Co and Tong & Wong Partners, operating through offices in Sibu, Miri, Kuching, Bintulu and Sarikei, known collectively as Baker Tilly Sarawak, - have joined the Baker Tilly Malaysia Network. This strategic integration marks a new chapter in Baker Tilly Sarawak's growth and further strengthens Baker Tilly Malaysia's vision of being a future-ready firm — combining local insight, national depth, and global connectivity to deliver value to clients wherever they operate now, for tomorrow.

The signing ceremony at RH Hotel Sibu, Sarawak, took place ahead of the "Roadmap to IPO" roadshow organised by Baker Tilly in collaboration with Bursa Malaysia, was witnessed by the Guest of Honour, **YB Datuk Michael Tiang Ming Tee**, Deputy Minister for Public Health, Housing and Local Government II, in the presence of Baker Tilly Malaysia Partners and clients of Baker Tilly Sarawak.

### Government and Capital Market Leaders Commend the Milestone

Gracing the event, **YB Datuk Michael Tiang Ming Tee** said, *"I am pleased to see Sarawak's local accounting and advisory firms stepping forward to become part of an international professional network like Baker Tilly Malaysia. This move reflects the increasing confidence and capability of our homegrown firms to meet the evolving demands of the business community, not just in Sarawak, but across Malaysia and beyond. It also signifies the expanding opportunities for business and professional services in Sarawak, as our state continues to attract greater economic activity and investment. That is why I am so pleased that Baker Tilly, together with Bursa Malaysia, have brought their "Roadmap to IPO" event to Sibu today - a timely initiative that will empower local businesses to explore new avenues for growth and capital raising.*

In his Keynote Address, **Leong See Meng, Director, Origination & Listing, Bursa Malaysia** stressed, *"As the national exchange, Bursa Malaysia plays a key role in enabling businesses of all sizes and maturity to access the capital market for fundraising and growth. In line with this commitment, we continue to collaborate with ecosystem partners on initiatives like the 'Roadmap to IPO' across different states. We look forward to engaging further with businesses in Sarawak and supporting them on their journey to IPO."*

### A Stronger Platform for East Malaysian Businesses

**Philip Tong, Managing Partner, Baker Tilly Sarawak** said, *"We are excited to be part of the Baker Tilly Network. It is time for strong Accounting Firms in Sarawak to rise to the international stage. This strategic move marks a new chapter in Baker Tilly Sarawak's growth journey, aligning the group with one of Malaysia's leading network of accounting and advisory firms in Malaysia. By leveraging the strength of an international national network, our firms can now access greater resources, technical expertise, and professional development opportunities—ultimately uplifting the standards of service available to Sarawakian SMEs and contributing to the overall growth of our state's economy."*

**Andrew Heng, Group Managing Partner, Baker Tilly Malaysia and Chair of Baker Tilly APAC Region** said, *"We are proud to welcome Philip Tong and his talented team into our network. Their deep roots in Sarawak and long-standing track record of excellence align perfectly with our mission. This integration ensures that clients in East Malaysia continue to receive the high standard of service they expect, now backed by the resources and reach of a national and international network. With their expertise and leadership, we are confident that Baker Tilly Sarawak will play a vital role in growing our presence and delivering impact across East Malaysia."*

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