

#### 46th SGATAR MEETING

# Topic 2 Common Reporting Standard Implementation

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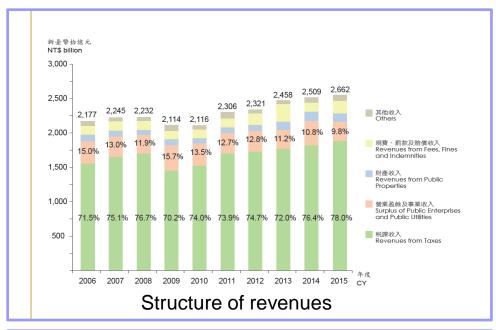
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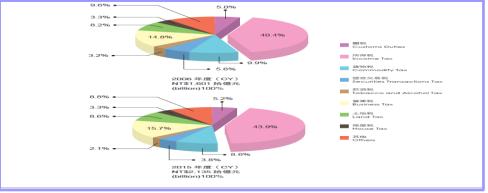
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### **Overview of Taxes**









## Overview of Taxes Income Tax System

#### Individual income tax

Any individual having income from sources in the territory

#### Profit-seeking enterprise income tax

Any profit-seeking enterprise operating within the territory

#### Income basic tax

- Individuals who are tax residents (including expatriates who stay in the territory for 183 days or more in a tax year)
- All resident profit-seeking-enterprises and foreign enterprises with a fixed place of business or a business agent in the territory



### **Financial Institutions**

## Competent authority of financial institutions

 Financial Supervisory Commission

## Number of financial institutions

- 430 head offices
- 6,044 branches



## Overview of Project Plan for Preparation of Implementing CRS

#### Project plan

Phase I (2015)

**Phase II (2016)** 

- Cross-ministry
- Two-phase
- Team members
  - Ministry of Finance
  - Financial Supervisory Commission

- To establish current policy and scope of EOI
- To establish rules governing making and processing of requests for EOI
- To train relevant staff and enhance their fundamental knowledge and practices

- To evaluate pros and cons of setting up a mechanism for EOI
- To analyze costs and benefits of establishing the mechanism
- To obtain support from society and reach a consensus on amendment of laws



## **Legal Framework**

#### Current legal framework for EOI

- EOI provisions in ADTA
  - Tax laws empowered MOF to enter into ADTAs to grant tax exemption or reduction on a reciprocal basis
  - EOI is a necessary measure to allow reciprocity

## Key points in domestic legislation/regulations in relation to EOI

- Tax information possessed by Taxation Bureaus
  - Regardless whether such information has domestic interest
  - In current practice, EOI on request
  - Planning to provide such information reciprocally
- Tax information not possessed by Taxation Bureaus
  - Investigate only Paragraphs 4 and 5 of Article 26



## **Legal Framework**

#### Lack of legal framework for CRS

 Ministry of Finance is currently consulting with relevant authorities to draft the bill for amendment of Tax Collecting Act for preparation of implementing CRS in the future

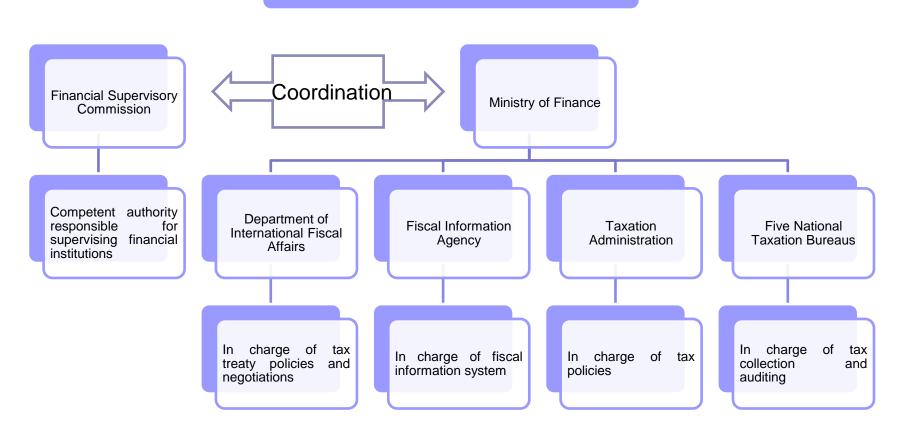
## To review policy toward tax agreements

 A need to review policy and consider whether TIEAs or the Convention should be concluded or signed to strengthen cross-border cooperation in tax matters and combat tax evasion.



## **Technology and System**

#### Organizational structure





## **Technology and System**

#### Current information technology and systems

- We have long been utilizing information technology to facilitate tax administration
- We have been actively building a centralized tax information platform and database and integrating cross-unit and cross-region, cross-tax, and cross-year tax information
- We have accumulated experiences in respect of utilizing information technology to facilitate tax administration, it would help us to take a further step towards the establishment of CRS technology and systems.

#### **Data security**

- Safeguards to protect confidentiality of tax information
- Supervision divisions in every tax collection authority to deal with investigation and record tracking of tax information
- To learn experiences of SGATAR members in respect of internal policies and procedures to support exchange of CRS data and ensure safety of exchanged information



## Closing

Our priority is to prepare for amendment of domestic laws in order to implement CRS

A need to assess sufficiency of current resources for implementing CRS

To learn experiences of SGATAR members, including internal and external communication strategies, compliance projects, training projects, monitoring regimes.....



