



ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY

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1. INTRODUCTION

This Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy (“ABC Policy” and/or “this Policy”) sets out ABS’ principles in dealing with improper solicitation, bribery and other corrupt activities and related issues that may arise in ABS’ course of business. This Policy should be read in conjunction with ABS’ various policies, standard operating procedures and guidelines.

2. ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION COMMITMENT

ABS is committed to conducting business dealings with integrity, honesty and respect. This means prohibiting practices of bribery and corruption of all forms in ABS’ daily operations.

ABS has adopted a zero-tolerance approach against all forms of bribery and corruption.

Director / Board Members (“DBM”), Staff and Business Associates who breach this Policy will be subjected to disciplinary actions deemed appropriate by ABS, including but not limited to dismissal or termination of business relationship.

This Policy reflects ABS’ dedication to maintaining the highest level of integrity and ethics in ABS. Full compliance with both the spirit and the letter of this Policy is mandatory and should be maintained using a principle-based approach.

3. OBJECTIVE

This Policy sets out ABS’ overall position on bribery and corruption in all its forms. The Policy is not intended to be exhaustive as there may be additional obligations that DBM, Staff and Business Associates are expected to adhere to or comply with when performing their duties. For all intents and purposes, DBM, Staff and Business Associates shall always observe and ensure compliance with this Policy and all applicable laws, rules and regulations in the performance of their duties.

4. SCOPE

This Policy is applicable to ABS, Business Associates acting for and on ABS’ behalf and all of ABS’ DBM and Staff, wherever they are situated.

All Business Associates are expected to comply with this Policy in relation to all work conducted with ABS, or on ABS’ behalf.

5. REFERENCES

- Employee Handbook
- Whistleblowing Policy
- Code of Ethics Policy

6. DEFINITIONS

“Audit Committee” means the Audit Committee of Asian Banking School (ABS).

“Bribery & Corruption” means any action which would be considered as an offence of giving or receiving ‘gratification’ under the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act (“MACCA”) 2009. In practice, this means offering, giving, agreement of giving, promising, receiving, agreement of receiving or soliciting something of value in an attempt to illicitly influence the decisions or actions of a person who is in a position of trust within an organisation.

Bribery may be ‘outbound’, where a party related to, representing or acting on behalf of ABS attempts to influence the actions of someone external, such as a Government official or client decision-maker. It may also be ‘inbound’, where an external party is attempting to influence someone within ABS such as a senior decision-maker or someone with access to confidential information.

“Gratification” is defined in the MACCA to mean the following:

- (a) money, donation & sponsorship, gift, loan, fee, reward, valuable security, property or interest in property being property of any description whether movable or immovable, financial benefit, or any other similar advantage;
- (b) any office, dignity, employment, contract of employment or services, and agreement to give employment or render services in any capacity;
- (c) any payment, release, discharge or liquidation of any loan, obligation or other liability, whether in whole or in part;
- (d) any valuable consideration of any kind, any discount, commission, rebate, bonus, deduction, or percentage;
- (e) any forbearance to demand any money or money’s worth or valuable thing;
- (f) any other service or favour of any description, including protection from any penalty or disability incurred or apprehended or from any action or proceedings of a disciplinary, civil or criminal nature, whether or not already instituted, and including the exercise or the forbearance from the exercise of any right or any official power or duty; and
- (g) any offer, undertaking or promise, whether conditional or unconditional, of any Gratification within the meaning of any of the preceding paragraphs (a) to (f).

“Business Associate” means an external party with whom ABS has, or plans to establish, some form of business relationship. This may include clients, customers, outsourcing providers, contractors, consultants, subcontractors, suppliers, vendors, advisers, agents, distributors, representatives, intermediaries and investors.

“Conflict of Interest” means when a person’s own interests either influence, have the potential to influence, or are perceived to influence their decision making at ABS.

“Corporate Gifts” means something given from one organisation to another organisation or individuals. Corporate Gifts may also be promotional items given out equally to the general public at events, functions, trade shows and exhibitions as a part of building the company’s brand and include gifts from the company to its DBM and Staff in relation to an internally or

externally recognised company's events, functions or celebrations. These gifts are given transparently and openly, with the implicit or explicit approval of all parties involved. Corporate Gifts normally bear the company's name and logo. Examples of Corporate Gifts include items such as diaries, table calendars, pens, notepads and plaques.

'Donation' means voluntary contributions in money or in kind (including goods or services etc.) to charitable entities (such as foundations, associations and other nonprofit organizations); universities and other schools; and other private or public legal entities or organizations etc. to advocate a philanthropic cause, serve the public interest and help achieve a social goal, without any direct or expected reward or returns to ABS.

'Sponsorship' refers to any financial or in-kind support provided to an event, activity, project, enterprise, organization, or individual for a legitimate and transparent purpose which may involve an opportunity to market and promote ABS' name, image, products and services. Sponsorship must not be used to corruptly influence decisions, corruptly secure an unfair advantage, or corruptly as an inducement or reward to obtain or retain business or unfair business advantage for ABS. All sponsorships must undergo proper approval processes and be fully documented.

"Exposed Position" means a DBM or Staff position identified as vulnerable to bribery. Such positions may include any role involving: procurement or contract management; financial approvals; human resource; relations with government officials or government departments; sales; positions where negotiation with an external party is required; or other positions which ABS has identified as vulnerable to bribery.

"Hospitality" means the considerate care of guests, which may include refreshments, accommodation and entertainment at a restaurant, hotel, club, resort, convention, concert, sporting event or other venue such as ABS' offices, AICB Centre of Excellence with or without the personal presence of the host. Provision of travel may also be included, as may other services such as provision of guides and attendants; use of facilities such as a spa, sports with equipment included.

"Staff" means all individuals directly contracted to ABS on an employment basis, including permanent, contract, part-time and temporary Staff, interns and trainees.

"ABS" means Asian Banking School Sdn Bhd.

"DBM" means Director / Board members of ABS as may be nominated by Associations or re-appointed from time to time.

"Associations" means Bank Negara Malaysia, the Association of Banks Malaysia and the Malaysian Investment Banking Association.

"Board" means the governing body of ABS, comprising representatives from the Associations and other members of Council as may be appointed from time to time.

"Managers" means ABS Staff that are concerned in the management of ABS or their individual departments. This covers Staff with job grade of "Manager" and above.

7. POLICY OWNER

The Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") is the owner of this policy.

8. BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

8.1. Bribery is the offering, promising, giving, agreement of giving, accepting, agreement of receiving or soliciting of an advantage as an inducement for action which is illegal, unethical or a breach of trust. A bribe is an inducement or reward offered, promised or provided in order to gain any commercial, contractual, regulatory or personal advantage and can take the form of gifts, loans, fees, rewards or other advantages.

8.2. Corruption is the abuse of entrusted power for private gain. Bribery and Corruption which may take the form of anything of value, such as money, goods, services, property, privilege, employment position or preferential treatment, are in all forms prohibited.

ABS' DBM, Staff and its Business Associates shall not therefore, whether directly or indirectly, offer, give, agree or promise to give, receive, agree to receive or solicit any item of value/ gratification constituting bribe, kickback, personal favour, etc, in the attempt to illicitly influence the decisions or actions of a person in a position of trust within an organisation, either for the intended benefit of ABS or the persons involved in the transaction.

8.3. The anti-bribery and corruption statement above applies in all countries worldwide and to ABS' business dealings with commercial ('private sector') and Government Linked entities ('public sector'), and includes all ABS' DBM, Staff and Business Associates.

8.4. ABS is also committed to conducting due diligence checks on prospective DBM, Staff and Business Associates, particularly as it relates to appointments to positions where bribery or corruption risk has been identified.

9. RECOGNITION OF LOCAL LEGISLATION

9.1. ABS is committed to conducting its business ethically and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations in the countries where it does business.

9.2. These laws include but are not limited to the Penal Code (revised 1977) (and its amendments), the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 and its amendments, and the Companies Act 2016. These laws prohibit bribery and acts of corruption, and mandate that companies establish and maintain accurate books and records and sufficient internal controls.

9.3. In cases where there is a conflict between mandatory laws and the principles contained herein and other relevant policies, the stricter provision among these shall prevail.

10. GIFTS, HOSPITALITY AND TRAVEL (GHT)

Receiving and Giving of Gifts by ABS DBM and Staff

10.1. ABS' DBM and Staff are prohibited from directly or indirectly asking, soliciting or receiving any gifts, which include benefits, items or services of value, cash or cash equivalent in the form of gift certificates, loans, commissions, coupons, discounts or any other related forms ("Gifts"). It is the responsibility of the DBM and Staff to inform external parties involved in any business dealings with ABS that ABS practices a "No-Gift" policy and to request the external party's understanding to adhere to the said policy.

10.2. ABS' DBM and Staff are prohibited from directly or indirectly promising, offering or giving Gifts to any external party, in line with ABS' "No-Gift" policy set, with the exception of giving of approved Corporate Gifts for sales and marketing purposes, or to speakers in-lieu of honorarium. These Corporate Gifts transactions must be recorded, be offered or given only in the following limited circumstances:

- a) Customary and lawful under the circumstances;
- b) Do not have or are perceived to have (by either the giver or the receiver), any effect on actions or decisions;
- c) No expectation of any specific favour or improper advantages from the intended recipients;
- d) Independent business judgement of the intended recipients not affected;
- e) No corrupt / criminal intent involved; and
- f) Gift to be done in an open and transparent manner.

10.3. Whilst ABS continues to uphold a "No-Gift" policy, it recognizes that certain Gifts and Hospitalities may be offered or accepted by ABS' DBM and Staff in the conduct of ABS ordinary business activities. Such Gifts and Hospitalities must not exceed the value threshold as prescribed in the Gift, Hospitality and Travel Standard Operating Procedures. Gifts, whether received or given, are generally limited to the following items that have an estimated value of less than RM500.00:

- a) Corporate Gifts marked with company logos, such as pens or diaries;
- b) Tokens of appreciation provided during an official event such as plaques and door gifts;
- c) Perishable items such as foods and fruits;
- d) Flowers and plants;
- e) Festival gifts, such as mandarin oranges or hampers.

Principles for giving and receiving of Hospitality

10.4. Further to 10.1 to 10.2 above, the giving and receiving of Hospitality by or from ABS' DBM, Staff and Business Associates shall be guided by the following principles:

- a) Not with the intention to influence or perceived to be able to influence judgement or business decisions, to reward for improper performance of responsibilities, or to receive preferential treatment;
- b) Not excessive and lavish, and must commensurate with the official designation of the recipient or proportionate to the occasion;
- c) Does not contradict with applicable laws and policies of both the giver and receiver;
- d) Does not coincide with contract negotiations, licensing or permit application/renewal, or any equivalent event;

- e) Not given or received frequently to the same party, and not more than 5 times per year.

Business and non-business travel

10.5. Travel-related expenditures include travel fares, meals, or accommodations incurred and paid by ABS or ABS' Business Associates to any external parties, or by external parties to ABS or ABS' Business Associates.

10.6. Giving or receiving travel-related expenditures shall abide by the following principles:

- a) To the extent necessary to perform a legitimate business-related activity (e.g. audit or factory visit);
- b) Proportionate and appropriate (including travel and accommodation class) to the circumstances such as length of trip and seniority of the traveller;
- c) Travelling expenses for personal purposes (e.g. entertainment off working-hours or extension of travelling period for sightseeing) shall be borne by the respective individual or his/ her organisation;
- d) Non-business-related travel is considered as part of Hospitality, and shall be bound by Principles on Hospitality above; and
- e) Travel expenses shall not be given to or received by persons not relevant to the performance of the business activities, such as family members or friends.

11. DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS

11.1. ABS does not prohibit the giving or receiving of donations and sponsorships subject to adherence to the following principles in relation to donations and sponsorships:

a) Donations:

- i. Philanthropic in nature made ethically and must never be made with the intention to or perceived to be able to or as an attempt to, influence any business-related decisions or outcome, impair any exercise of objective judgment or to derive financial benefits or returns.
- ii. Shall align with the support of legitimate social or environmental causes.

b) Sponsorship:

Must not be given or received corruptly as an inducement or reward to obtain or retain business or unfair business advantage for ABS or any of its associated entities; to corruptly influence or be perceived to corruptly influence the exercise of objective judgment or business decisions; to reward the improper performance of responsibilities; to corruptly receive preferential treatment; or to engage in or imply any form of corrupt or unethical commercial dealings or the corrupt or unethical exchange of business deals.

- c) Donation and sponsorships shall never contradict with the applicable laws and regulations and policies of both the giver and receiver.
 - d) Does not coincide with contract negotiations, licensing or permit application / renewal, prospective business transactions, or any similar event or transaction.
 - e) Never given or received frequently from the same party more than 2 times a year.
 - f) Due diligence and conflict of interest checks shall be performed prior to the donation and sponsorship, to avoid potential corruption or perceived as corrupt situations.
- 11.2 ABS does not have any political affiliations and does not make political contributions, donations or sponsor any events of political parties. DBM, Staff and Business Associates may donate or sponsor political parties in their personal capacity, however it shall never be associated with ABS.
- 11.3 Attendances at sponsored events for networking and rapport building purposes are allowed.
- 11.4 All donation and sponsorship given or received shall be authorized in according with the Delegation and Approval Limit Policy.

12. FACILITATION PAYMENTS

- 12.1. ABS adopts a strict policy of prohibiting the offer, giving, solicitation and receipt of facilitation payments in its business. Facilitation payment is an unofficial payment or other provision made personally to an individual in control of a process or decision. It is given to secure or expedite the performance of a routine or administrative duty or function to which the payer has legal or other entitlement.
- 12.2. DBM, Staff and Business Associates Personnel shall decline to make or receive any facilitation payment, regardless of the amount, and shall report to CEO immediately when they encounter any requests for a facilitation payment. In addition, if a payment has been made and DBM, Staff or Business Associates are unsure of the nature, the CEO must be notified immediately, and the payment shall be recorded accordingly. DBM, Staff and Business Associates must not promise or offer, or agree to give or offer, promise or agree to receive facilitation payments to or from any external party.

13. BUSINESS REWARDS, REBATES, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER INCENTIVES

- 13.1. Doing business or establishing business opportunities may involve the use of various promotional and marketing tools such as business rewards, rebates, discounts, or other incentives. Whilst ABS does not prohibit its DBM, Staff and Business Associates from giving business incentives, however, it shall be aligned with the following principles:
- a) Not with the intention to corruptly obtain or retain business for ABS, to corruptly obtain or retain unfair advantage in the conduct of business for ABS, to corruptly influence or perceived to be able to corruptly influence judgement or business decisions, to reward for improper performance of responsibilities, or to receive preferential treatment;
 - b) Does not contradict with the applicable laws and regulations and policies of both the giver and receiver;

- c) Is formally documented as part of the incentive program or contract (e.g. rewards program or credit policy); and
- d) Is reasonable (e.g. market rate), applicable to all or its applicability is based on business-based parameters (e.g. applicable to all customers or applicable to customers exceeding certain order amount).

14. RECRUITMENT, PROMOTION AND SUPPORT OF DBM AND STAFF

14.1. ABS recognises the value of integrity in its DBM, Staff and Business Associates. ABS' recruitment, appointment, engagement, training, performance evaluation, remuneration, recognition and promotion for all ABS' DBM, Staff (including management) and Business Associates, where applicable, shall be designed and regularly updated to recognise integrity.

14.2. The recruitment of Staff shall be based on approved selection criteria to ensure that only the most qualified and suitable individuals are employed. This is crucial to ensure that no element of corruption is involved in the hiring of Staff.

In line with this, proper background checks shall be conducted in order to ensure that the potential Staff has not been convicted or alleged to have involved in any bribery or corruption cases nationally or internationally. More detailed background checks shall be taken when hiring Staff that would be responsible in management positions, as they would be tasked with decision making obligations.

Background checks shall also be conducted on DBM prior to being nominated or appointed into the Board.

14.3. ABS does not offer employment to prospective Staff in return for their having improperly favoured ABS in a previous role.

15. BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

15.1. All Business Associates (including external providers such as consultants, advisors, vendors and agents) acting on behalf of ABS are required to comply with this Policy and all other related policies, a sample of the Declaration is available in Appendix 2 of this policy.

15.2. Due diligence shall also be carried out with regards to any Business Associates intending to act on ABS' behalf as an agent or in other representative roles, to ensure that the entity is not likely to commit an act of bribery or corruption in the course of its work with ABS.

15.3. The extent of the due diligence shall be based on a Bribery and Corruption risk assessment. Due diligence may include a search through relevant databases, checking for relationships with public officials, self-declaration, and documenting the reasons for choosing one particular Business Associate over another. The results of the due diligence process must be documented, retained for at least seven years and produced on request by the custodian of the process.

15.4. ABS shall include standard clauses in all contracts with Business Associates enabling ABS to terminate the contract in the event that bribery or an act of corruption has been

alleged, suspected or proved to occur, including where there is open or pending investigation against such Business Associates. Additional clauses may also be included for Business Associates acting on ABS' behalf where bribery risk has been identified.

16. RESPONSIBILITIES OF ABS DBM AND STAFF

16.1. All ABS' DBM and Staff are required to carry out those responsibilities and obligations relating to ABS' anti-bribery and corruption stance, alongside those already in existence, which includes the following:

- a) Be familiar with applicable requirements and directives of the policy and communicate them to subordinates;
- b) Promptly record all transactions and payments in ABS' books and records accurately and with reasonable detail;
- c) Ask the CEO if any questions about this Policy arise or if there is a lack of clarity about the required action in a particular situation;
- d) Always raise suspicious transactions and other "red flags" (indicators of bribery or corruption) to immediate superiors for guidance on the next course of action;
- e) Be alert to indications or evidence of possible violations of this Policy;
- f) Promptly report violations or suspected violations through appropriate channels, including the Whistleblowing channel;
- g) Attend required anti-bribery and corruption training as required according to position; and
- h) Not misuse their position or ABS' name for personal advantage.

16.2. When dealing with Business Associates, all ABS' DBM and Staff shall not:

- 16.2.1 express unexplained or unjustifiable preference for certain parties;
- 16.2.2 make any attempt at dishonestly influencing their decisions by offering, promising or conferring advantage;
- 16.2.3 exert improper influence to obtain benefits from them;
- 16.2.4 directly or indirectly offer or make promise or corrupt payments, in cash or in kind for a specific favour or improper advantage from them.

16.3. During an active or anticipated procurement or tender exercise, ABS' DBM and Staff participating in the exercise in any way whatsoever, shall not:

- 16.3.1 receive Gifts or Hospitality or any kind from any external party participating, planning to participate, or expected to participate, in the procurement or tender exercise;
- 16.3.2 provide anything other than a Corporate Gift and token Hospitality to any external/ third party related to the exercise;

- 16.3.3 be involved in any discussions regarding business or employment opportunities, for personal benefit or for the benefit of a Business Associates;
 - 16.3.4 abuse the decision-making and other delegated powers as per Limits of Authority; and
 - 16.3.5 bypass normal procurement or tender process and procedure.
- 16.4. When dealing with external parties in a position to make a decision to ABS' benefit (such as a Government official or client), ABS' DBM and Staff shall not:
- 16.4.1 offer, promise or make any attempt at dishonestly influencing the person's decision by directly or indirectly offer or make promise of corrupt payments, in cash or in kind;
 - 16.4.2 be involved in any discussions regarding business or employment opportunities, for their own personal benefit or for the benefit of the external party;
 - 16.4.3 otherwise abuse the decision-making and other delegated powers given by the top management, in order to illicitly secure an outcome which would be to the commercial advantage to themselves and/or ABS; and
 - 16.4.4 exert improper influence to obtain personal benefits from them.
- 16.5. ABS' DBM and Staff are responsible to ensure that this Policy is applied and complied with within the course of their employment and duties. DBM and Staff, particularly those who are in or holding Exposed Position, are required to attend relevant trainings to minimise or manage exposure to bribery and corruption risks. Managers, in particular, are responsible for monitoring compliance within their divisions or functions and ensuring that their team members fulfil these obligations.

17. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- 17.1. A conflict of interest may arise in a situation where an individual is in a position to take advantage of his or her role in ABS for his or her personal benefit, including the benefit of his or her family, friends and/or company. This would undermine the duties of good faith, fidelity, diligence and integrity as expected by ABS from its DBM, Staff and Business Associates in the performance of their duties and obligations.
- 17.2. All DBM, Staff and Business Associates are expected to avoid any conflict of interest and/or situations in which personal interest could conflict with their professional obligations or duties, and must not use their position, official working hours, company's resources and assets, or information available to them for personal gain or to the company's disadvantage.
- 17.3. In situations where a conflict does occur or may be perceived to occur, DBM, Staff and Business Associates are required to declare the matter as per this Policy.

18. STAFF and DBM DECLARATIONS

- 18.1. All ABS' DBM and Staff shall certify in writing that they have read, understood and will abide by this Policy. A copy of this declaration shall be documented and retained by the Human Resources Division for the duration of the employment. A sample declaration is available in Appendix 1 of this Policy.
- 18.2. The CEO reserves the right to request information regarding a staff's assets in the event that the person is implicated in any Bribery and Corruption-related accusation or incident.

19. ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION COMPLIANCE FUNCTION

- 19.1. ABS shall establish and maintain an anti-bribery and corruption compliance function within the CEO to oversee the design, implementation and management of this Policy.
- 19.2. The CEO shall perform functions below within ABS' structure, equipped to act effectively against Bribery and Corruption:
 - 19.2.1 provide advice and guidance to DBM and Staff on this Policy and issues relating to Bribery and Corruption;
 - 19.2.2 take appropriate steps to ensure that adequate monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation of this Policy is performed;
 - 19.2.3 report on the performance of this Policy to the top management and Audit Committee regularly.
- 19.3. Appropriate resources shall be provided for effective operation of this Policy and that the CEO is supported by individuals who have the appropriate competence, status, authority and independence.
- 19.4. ABS shall conduct regular risk assessments to identify the Bribery and Corruption risks affecting the business, set anti-bribery and corruption objectives, and assess the effectiveness of the controls in achieving those objectives.

20. TRAINING AND AWARENESS

- 20.1. ABS shall conduct an awareness programme for all its DBM and Staff on ABS' position regarding anti-bribery and corruption, integrity and ethics.
- 20.2. Training shall be provided on a regular basis, in accordance with the level of Bribery and Corruption risk related to the position. Training should be provided to DBM and Staff who are:
 - 20.2.1 new to ABS (part of onboarding program); or
 - 20.2.2 appointed to division or transferred to the Exposed position.
- 20.3. Human Resources Division shall maintain records to identify which ABS DBM and Staff have received training, and produce, communicate and submits a training report to the CEO on a quarterly basis.

- 20.4. Business Associates acting on behalf of ABS shall also undergo appropriate training, where a Bribery and Corruption risk assessment identifies them as posing Bribery and Corruption risk to ABS.

21. REPORTING OF POLICY VIOLATIONS

- 21.1. Suitable reporting channels shall be established and maintained for receiving information regarding violations of this policy, and other matters of integrity provided in good faith by ABS DBM, Staff, Business Associates and/or the general public (hereinafter known as Whistleblower).
- 21.2. Personnel who encounter actual, suspected or attempted wrongdoings (including bribery and corruption) or violations of this Policy are required to report their concerns using the reporting channels as stated in the Whistleblowing Policy i.e.:
- 21.2.1 verbally through the whistleblower hotline at 03- 2095 1399 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm from Mondays to Fridays; or
- 21.2.2 via wbp@asianbankingschool.com.
- 21.3. Reports made in good faith, either anonymously or otherwise, shall be addressed in a timely manner and without incurring fear of reprisal regardless of the outcome of any investigation.
- 21.4. Whistleblowers who wish to remain anonymous shall be guaranteed anonymity unless the law requires disclosure of identity in the legal proceedings. Files and reports in relation to the case shall be kept secured and information received shall be held in the strictest confidence.
- 21.5. Retaliation in any form against the Whistleblower where the person has, in good faith, reported a wrongdoing, violation or possible violation of this Policy is strictly prohibited. Any ABS DBM or Staff found to have deliberately acted against the interests of a Whistleblower who has in good faith reported a wrongdoing, violation or possible violation of this Policy shall be subjected to disciplinary proceedings including demotion, suspension, dismissal or other actions (including legal action) which ABS may pursue.

22. RIGHTS TO AUDIT BUSINESS ASSOCIATES

Regular audits shall be conducted to ensure compliance with this Policy. Such audits may be conducted internally by ABS or by an external party. Audit documentation should include performance improvement action plans.

23. SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- 23.1. Non-compliance as identified by the audit and any risk areas identified through this and other means should be reported to the Board and Audit Committee in a timely manner in accordance with the level of risk identified.
- 23.2. ABS regards bribery and acts of corruption as serious matters. For ABS DBM and Staff, non-compliance to this Policy may lead to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

23.3. For Business Associates, non-compliance may lead to penalties including termination of contract. Further legal action may also be taken in the event that ABS' interests have been harmed by the results on non-compliance by individuals and/or organisations.

23.4. ABS also reserves the right to report any non-compliances to the relevant authorities, for example, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission.

24. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

24.1. ABS shall monitor the legal and regulatory procedures where it operates and any changes to ABS' business environment and risks and identify opportunities for this Policy's improvement. A report should be submitted to the top management and Audit Committee on a regular basis for the appropriate action to be taken.

24.2. This Policy shall be reviewed as and when there is a material change in the legal or regulatory requirements, or every three (3) years, whichever comes earlier, and thereafter updated where necessary to ensure continued relevance and alignment with current regulatory and industry standards and organization requirements. All reviews and changes therein must be approved by the ABS Board before coming into effect.

APPENDIX 1

ASIAN BANKING SCHOOL SDN BHD

Anti-Bribery and Corruption/Integrity and Background Annual Declaration Form for Directors and Staffs

Name:	
Position:	
Year of Declaration	

1. I hereby declare that I have read and understood the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy of Asian Banking School Sdn Bhd (“**ABS**” or “**Company**”) and agree to comply with all applicable laws and regulations relating to anti-bribery and corruption in the conduct of business or service in relation to the businesses and operations of ABS.
2. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions governing my appointment/employment relationship with ABS, with reference to:
 - any official contracts, letters of employment, letters of offer, letters of appointment, letters of engagement, or any official document of a similar nature; and
 - ABS’ Code of Ethics, including the Company’s Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy and relevant policies and procedures within the ABS’ Anti-Bribery and Corruption Framework, including those introduced after commencement of my appointment/employment.
3. I agree to conduct business in an ethical manner and to not engage in any activity, practice, or conduct that would constitute an offence under the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009, the Penal Code, the Companies Act 2016 and/or any equivalent laws and/or codes of conduct (“**Applicable Laws**”) in carrying out my duties and responsibilities for the Company.
4. In the event that I have been involved in any actual or suspected breach of the Applicable Laws following the signing of this Declaration Form, I shall report the same in writing as soon as reasonably practicable and to the extent permitted by law to the Company. In such a case, I shall provide all necessary information and assistance as may be reasonably requested by the Company pertaining to the same.
5. I understand that if I fail to comply with any part of items 1 to 4, ABS reserves the right to undertake a review of my appointment/employment with the Company, which may lead to or involve disciplinary actions, up to and including dismissal, and/or reporting to the relevant authorities/governing bodies.

6. I declare that:

- ☐ I am not aware of any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest situations with ABS or other stakeholders of the Company.
- ☐ apart from the actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest situations declared in **Appendix 1A**, I am not aware of any other actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest situations with ABS or other stakeholders of the Company.

(tick whichever is applicable)

I agree to notify ABS, as soon as reasonably practicable on any new actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.

7. I further declare that:

- ☐ I have not been convicted of any crime or offences, other than traffic offences (if any).
- ☐ I am not and have not been subject to any investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings, current or anticipated, by the authorities, in any jurisdiction, for any actual or suspected breach of the Applicable Laws or similar laws in other jurisdictions.
- ☐ I am or have been investigated, charged and/or convicted of the following crime or offences:
(Please provide full details)

(tick whichever is applicable)

I declare that all information provided in this Declaration Form is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, complete, and accurate. I understand that if any information is untrue, incomplete, or inaccurate, the Company reserves the right to review my appointment/ employment relationship with the Company, which may involve or lead to suspension, disciplinary actions, dismissal, and/or reporting to the relevant authorities/governing bodies.

Name: _____

Identity Card/
Passport Number: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1A – Declaration of Conflict-of-Interest Situations

Name:	
Position:	

For the purposes of this section, please describe and disclose any areas or circumstances in which you are involved that may amount to a Conflict-of-Interest Situation:

	Name of Conflicted Party (actual, potential, and perceived)	Relationship with Conflicted Party	Nature of Conflict-of-Interest Situation with ABS and Detailed Description (e.g. shareholdings, directorships, close family member relationships, etc.)
(i)			
(ii)			
(iii)			
(iv)			

I declare that all information provided in this Declaration Form is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, complete, and accurate. I understand that if any information is untrue, incomplete, or inaccurate, the Company reserves the right to review my appointment/ employment relationship with the Company, which may involve and/or lead to suspension, disciplinary actions, dismissal, and/or reporting to the authorities/governing bodies.

Name:

Identity Card/
Passport Number:

Signature:

Date:

APPENDIX 2

ASIAN BANKING SCHOOL SDN BHD

Anti-Bribery and Corruption / Integrity and Background Declaration Form for Business Associates (Third Party)

Name:	
Name of organisation:	
Nature of business relationship with Asian Banking School Sdn Bhd:	

1. The Entity named above ("**Entity**") agrees to comply with all laws and regulations applicable to its business.
2. The Entity hereby declare that we have read and understood the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy of Asian Banking School Sdn Bhd ("**ABS**" or "**Company**") and agree to comply with all applicable laws and regulations relating to anti-bribery in the conduct of business or service in relation to the businesses and operations of ABS.
3. The Entity agrees to adhere to and abide by the terms and conditions governing the business relationship with ABS, with reference to:
 - any official contracts, letters of offer, letters of appointment, letters of engagement, or any form of official document of a similar nature; and
 - ABS' Code of Business Ethics (Business Associates), ABS' Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy and Procedures, including those introduced after the engagement of our business relationship with ABS.
4. The Entity agree to conduct its business in an ethical manner and not to engage in any activity, practice, or conduct that would constitute an offence under the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009, the Penal Code and/or any equivalent laws ("**Applicable Laws**") in carrying out its business with and for ABS.
5. In the event that the Entity have been involved in any actual or suspected breach of the Applicable Laws following the signing of this Declaration Form, the Entity shall report the same in writing as soon as reasonably practicable and to the extent permitted by law to ABS. In such a case, the Entity shall provide all necessary information and assistance as may be reasonably requested by ABS pertaining to the same.
6. The Entity understands that if it fails to comply with any part of items 1 to 4, ABS reserves the right to undertake a review of our business relationship established through any official contracts, letters of offer, letters of appointment, letters of engagement, or any form of official document of a similar nature, which may lead to termination of such service or business relationship, initiation of legal action and/or even reporting to the relevant authorities.

7. The Entity declares that:

- ☐ The Entity is not aware of any actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest situations with ABS or other stakeholders of ABS.
- ☐ Apart from the actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest situations declared in **Appendix 2A**, the Entity is not aware of any other actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest situations with ABS or other stakeholders of ABS.

(tick whichever is applicable)

The Entity agrees to notify ABS, as soon as reasonably practicable of any new actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest.

8. The Entity further declares that:

- ☐ The Entity has never been convicted of any financial or commercial crime or offences.
- ☐ The Entity has not been subject to any investigation, inquiry or enforcement proceedings, current or anticipated, by the authorities, in any jurisdiction, for any actual or suspected breach of the Applicable Laws or similar laws in other jurisdictions.
- ☐ The Entity is not aware of any report having been made to any authority alleging or complaining that the Entity is in breach of the Applicable Laws or similar laws in other jurisdictions.
- ☐ The Entity has been convicted of or is being investigated for the following financial or commercial crime or offences. Please describe the full details below, if any:

(tick whichever is applicable)

9. On behalf of the Entity, I declare that all information provided in this Declaration Form is to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Entity and myself, true, complete, and accurate. The Entity understands that if any information provided in this Declaration Form is untrue, incomplete, or inaccurate, ABS reserves the right to review our business relationship including but not limited to any official contracts, letters of offer, letters of appointment, letters of engagement, or any form of official document of a similar nature, which may lead to termination of such service or business relationship, initiation of legal action and/or even reporting to the relevant authorities.
10. In the event of conflict between the English and Malay version of this Integrity and Background Declaration Form for Business Associates (Third Party), the English version shall prevail.

Name:	_____
Identity Card/ Passport Number:	_____
Signature:	_____
Designation:	_____
Company Stamp:	_____
Date:	_____

Appendix 2A – Declaration of Conflict-of-Interest Situations

Name:	
Name of organisation:	
Nature of business relationship with Asian Banking School Sdn Bhd:	

For the purposes of this section, please describe and disclose any areas or circumstances in which the Entity is involved that may amount to a Conflict-of-Interest Situation:

	Name of Conflicted Party (actual, potential, and perceived)	Relationship with Conflicted Party	Nature of Conflict-of-Interest Situation with ABS and Detailed Description (e.g. shareholdings, directorships, close family member relationship, etc.)
(i)			
(ii)			
(iii)			
(iv)			

11. On behalf of the Entity, I declare that all information provided in this Declaration Form is to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Entity and myself, true, complete, and accurate. The Entity understands that if any information provided in this Declaration Form is untrue, incomplete, or inaccurate, ABS reserves the right to review our business relationship including but not limited to any official contracts, letters of offer, letters of appointment, letters of engagement, or any form of official document of a similar nature, which may lead to termination of such service or business relationship, initiation of legal action and/or even reporting to the relevant authorities.

12. In the event of conflict between the English and Malay version of this Declaration of Conflict-of-Interest Situations, the English version shall prevail.

Name: _____

Identity Card/ Passport Number: _____

Signature: _____

Designation: _____

Company Stamp: _____

Date: _____

Code of Business Ethics Policy for Business Associates

ABS is committed to conducting business in accordance with the highest ethical standards. The same rules apply to ABS's Business Associates, who are required to adhere to the same high standards.

1.0 Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

- 1.1 Business Associates are expected to understand and are required to adhere, observe, and comply with all laws, rules, and regulations applicable to their business. When needed, the Business Associates are also required to exercise sound and good judgment in complying with and observing all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. In such a situation, you have to ask yourself whether your actions or decisions can be reasonably justified.
- 1.2 If the Business Associate becomes aware of or suspects that there is a violation of any law, rule, or regulation by ABS, whether by ABS personnel or any third-party conducting business on behalf of ABS, it is your responsibility to promptly report the matter in accordance with ABS's Whistleblowing Policy. ABS makes every effort to ensure that no Business Associate shall be discriminated against or suffer any act of retaliation for reporting in good faith, the violations or suspected violations.
- 1.3 ABS will respond to the complaint and will carefully evaluate each complaint before it is referred for investigation, if appropriate. ABS expects that the Business Associate will assist and facilitate in any investigation conducted. The outcome of such investigation or any other follow-up action is confidential and will be shared as and when ABS deems appropriate.

2.0 Conflicts of Interest

- 2.1 Business Associates must refrain from engaging and involving in any activity or having a personal interest that presents a "conflict of interest". It is your responsibility to disclose any transaction or relationship that reasonably could be expected to give rise to a conflict of interest, whether actual, potential or perceived, either involving yourself or personnel of ABS. *Please refer to Anti-Bribery & Corruption, Integrity, Background & Conflict of Interest Declaration policy.*

3.0 Confidentiality

- 3.1 Business Associates must exercise caution and due care by taking all necessary and appropriate precautions to maintain and protect the confidentiality of confidential, sensitive and/or proprietary information ("**Confidential Information**") entrusted to them in the course of their relationship with ABS.
- 3.2 Confidential Information, whether proprietary to ABS or another party, is private and confidential and shall not be used, discussed, communicated and/or disclosed to anyone outside of the business relationship between ABS and the Business Associate including to anyone within ABS except to the personnel who have a need to know such information to perform their responsibilities or discharge their duties.
- 3.3 Any unauthorised disclosure of any Confidential Information by any Business Associate either during or after their engagement with ABS is strictly prohibited.

4.0 Honest and Ethical Conduct and Fair Dealing

- 4.1 Business Associates should conduct themselves in a fair, honest, ethical and transparent manner when dealing with ABS and ABS's suppliers and customers. Statements regarding ABS's products and services must not be untrue, improper, misleading, deceptive, or fraudulent. You must not take unfair advantage of anyone through manipulation, concealment, abuse of privileged information, misrepresentation of material facts, or any other unfair practice.

5.0 Protection and Proper Use of Corporate Opportunities

- 5.1 Personal opportunities discovered through your dealings with ABS or the use of ABS property or information must not be pursued or exploited and no personal gain shall be procured, either directly or indirectly.

6.0 Accountability

- 6.1 Business Associates are fully accountable for the timely delivery of contractual obligations, including services rendered and goods provided, in accordance with agreements, contracts or undertakings made with ABS.
- 6.2 Accurate, timely and reliable information are essential to meet ABS's legal and regulatory obligations and to manage the affairs of ABS. Business Associates must honestly and accurately report all business transactions.
- 6.3 The preparation and maintenance of honest and accurate records are the responsibility of each Business Associate. Under no circumstances, should false, improper, misleading, deceptive or fraudulent reports/statements be made to ABS.

7.0 Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations with respect to Corruption

- 7.1 The Business Associates are expected to adhere, observe and comply the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2009 and any other applicable anti-corruption law within which they operate their respective business ('**Applicable Anti-Corruption Laws**') and to not violate any Applicable Anti-Corruption Law, either directly or indirectly. The Business Associates shall adhere, observe and comply with the provisions of the Applicable Anti-Corruption Law and all rules, regulations and guidelines made pursuant thereto.
- 7.2 Without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, the Businesses Associates or any of their respective officers, employees, or agents:
- (a) is not permitted to make, directly or indirectly, any payment, loan or gift (or any offer, promise or authorization of any such payment, loan or gift), of any money or anything of value to or for the use of **any government official** under circumstances in which any of them knows or has reason to know that all or any portion of such money or thing of value has been or will be offered, given or promised, directly or indirectly, to **any government official**, is for the purpose or has the effect of inducing the government official to do any act or make any decision in his/her official capacity (including a decision to fail to perform his/her/its official function) or use his/her/its influence with a government or instrumentality thereof in order to affect any act or decision of such government or instrumentality or to assist the Business Associates or ABS in obtaining or retaining any business;

- (b) may not, directly or indirectly, make any payment, loan or gift (or any offer, promise or authorization of any such payment, loan or gift), of any money or anything of value to or for the use of any **employee, agent, or representative of another company, or to any other person**, under circumstances in which any of them knows or has reason to know or believe that all or any portion of such money or thing of value that has been or will be offered, given or promised, directly or indirectly, has the purpose or effect of inducing or rewarding the improper performance of any business decision or activity;
- (c) may not receive or agree to receive, directly or indirectly, any payment, loan or gift (or any offer or promise of any such payment, loan, or gift), of any money or anything of value as an inducement or reward for the **improper performance of any decision or business activity**; or do anything which would be considered an offence of giving or receiving or abetting in the giving and/or receiving of gratification under any Applicable Anti-Corruption Law.

7.3 Notwithstanding the above, ABS recognises that the occasional acceptance or offer of modest gifts and entertainment may be a legitimate custom or practice in business relationships as long as it does not fall under any of the circumstances described under **Paragraphs 7.2(a), 7.2(b) or 7.2(c) of this Code of Business**.

8.0 Rights to Audit Suppliers, Service Providers and Business Associates

8.1 Subject to the provisions of the business arrangement with the Business Associates, ABS retains the right to audit, at its own cost and expense, the Business Associates in relation to adherence to ABS's Code of Business Ethics (Suppliers, Service Providers and Business Associates), as and when necessary. The parties shall fully cooperate and provide ABS's auditors with the information and documents required, especially if the audit is one that is required in relation to compliance with laws and regulations.

9.0 Conflict

9.1 In the event of conflict between the English and Malay version of this Code of Business Ethics Policy for Business Associates, the English version shall prevail.



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