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## **BARRED FROM LEAVING THE COUNTRY FOR TAX DEFAULTERS**

Effective October 2013 the Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (IRBM) will intensify its efforts to target taxpayers who fail to pay their outstanding tax debt.

Following the issuance of a reminder letter and notice of outstanding tax to the tax defaulter, he/she will be prevented from leaving the country under Section 104 of the Income Tax Act 1967 (ITA 1967) and Section 22 of the Real Property Gains Tax Act 1976 (RPGTA 1976), unless and until he/she pays all the tax debts.

The stoppage order is invoked only after various attempts to collect tax arrears have failed due to resistance by the tax defaulter.

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Therefore, in order to uphold the fairness of the tax system, IRBM has to take drastic measures to ensure that no one is excluded from carrying out their responsibility to meet their tax obligation.

Taxpayers are advised not to ignore notices of outstanding tax and are advised to contact IRBM to arrange for installment payment schemes based on the information provided for consideration.

Taxpayers should understand that all tax collected will help the government to provide facilities and infrastructure according to the planned development programmes. IRBM believes that when a nation is successful, it makes the people feel good, where prosperous development can be shared with its citizens and future generations.

Your contribution for the wellbeing and continued prosperity of our nation is greatly appreciated.

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**THANK YOU**



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