



## Your Tax, Our Future: Investing in Malaysia's prosperity

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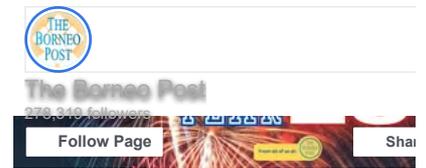
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KUALA LUMPUR (Dec 30): Taxation forms the backbone of a nation's development, funding essential services, infrastructure, and programmes that uplift the quality of life for Malaysians. In a rapidly evolving economy like Malaysia, a fair and efficient tax system is indispensable. Every ringgit contributed by taxpayers is an investment in a brighter, more sustainable future.

### The role of taxation in nation-building



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Taxes drive national progress, enabling the government to provide public amenities such as schools, hospitals, and transportation networks. In Sarawak and Sabah, tax revenue supports the development of rural infrastructure, bridging the gap between urban and remote areas. Improved roads, better schools, and upgraded healthcare facilities in these states illustrate the tangible impact of taxation.

Moreover, taxation supports social welfare initiatives that extend aid to underprivileged communities. Programmes targeting rural livelihoods, indigenous groups, and other vulnerable populations receive vital funding from tax revenues. Simply put, every taxpayer contributes to a stronger, more inclusive Malaysia.

This financial foundation empowers the government to implement initiatives that elevate living standards and attract foreign investments. In states like Sarawak and Sabah, which are rich in natural resources and biodiversity, this is crucial for fostering sustainable development and securing Malaysia's position as a competitive global player.

### Cultivating a culture of tax compliance

Tax compliance is the cornerstone of an effective taxation system. It ensures accurate reporting of income and payment of dues, fostering transparency and fairness. Beyond legal obligations, compliance reflects integrity and a collective commitment to national development.

Non-compliance undermines this system, limiting resources for critical sectors such as education and healthcare. Conversely, timely and accurate tax payments strengthen trust between citizens and governing bodies, creating a harmonious cycle of progress. For communities in Sarawak and Sabah, where public services and infrastructure often require significant investment, tax compliance is especially vital.

### HASiL's commitment to a modern tax system

The Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia (HASiL) champions tax awareness and compliance through strategic initiatives. With the e-Services platform, taxpayers can easily declare income and manage payments online, simplifying the process and enhancing accessibility. Starting January 2024, the use of e-Services via the MyTax Portal (<https://mytax.hasil.gov.my/>) is mandatory, ensuring a seamless digital experience for all.



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For taxpayers in Sarawak and Sabah, who might face geographical challenges in accessing physical offices, these digital services offer convenience and inclusivity. HASiL's innovative programmes, such as HASiL Your Tax Buddy (HYTB) and Program Sahabat HASiL, target younger audiences, particularly those in online businesses and social media, equipping them with essential tax knowledge. By collaborating with industry professionals and leveraging social media platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube, HASiL delivers information that is both informative and engaging.

### **Embracing digital transformation: e-Invoice**

In its mission to modernise Malaysia's tax landscape, HASiL is introducing e-Invoice to promote transparency and efficiency. This initiative enhances tax compliance by digitally recording business transactions, minimising tax evasion, and streamlining processes.

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For businesses operating in Borneo's diverse economic sectors, ranging from tourism to agriculture and resource extraction, e-Invoice represents a significant step toward efficiency. It simplifies tax management for Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which form the backbone of local economies in Sarawak and Sabah. By aligning Malaysia with global standards, e-Invoice fosters investor confidence and positions the nation as a leader in digital tax systems.

### A shared vision for a prosperous Malaysia

Malaysia's future hinges on a collective commitment to responsible tax practices. Taxes fund critical infrastructure, support social equity, and create opportunities for future generations. In Sarawak and Sabah, this translates to better connectivity, improved education access, and enhanced healthcare services.

When citizens fulfil their tax obligations, they lay the groundwork for a resilient and thriving nation. For instance, in rural areas of Borneo, tax contributions have supported the development of clean water systems and renewable energy projects, ensuring a better quality of life for residents.

As 2025 approaches, taxpayers are encouraged to settle outstanding dues and take advantage of available tax reliefs and rebates.

### A call to action

Your tax contributions make a difference. They empower the government to address pressing challenges and unlock Malaysia's potential. For Sarawak and Sabah, this means prioritising sustainable growth and inclusive development, ensuring that no community is left behind.

As Malaysians, let us recognise our shared responsibility in building a nation that is prosperous, competitive, and prepared for the challenges ahead. Every Ringgit counts. Together, we can create a Malaysia that future generations will be proud to call home.

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