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(Mr Takeshi Katori from GCA FAS Co., Ltd was seconded to Baker Tilly Kuala Lumpur office to spearhead the Japan Desk.)

Baker Tilly (Malaysia) Launches Japan Desk To Aid Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Inflow

Kuala Lumpur, 8 April 2016 - In support of our government's effort in transforming Malaysia into a high-income economy country by 2020, Baker Tilly (Malaysia) has collaborated with GCA FAS, a leading advisory firm in Japan, to set up a Japan desk to facilitate direct investment from Japan, extending our end-to-end advisory services to Malaysia-bound Japanese investors.

The special desk, which has been set up at the Baker Tilly Kuala Lumpur head office, is spearheaded by Mr. Takeshi Katori who was seconded from the GCA FAS Tokyo office. His responsibilities include establishing business connections with Japanese corporations operating in the Asia Pacific region, and joint deal execution between Baker Tilly and GCS FAS.

Commenting on the setting up of the Japan Desk, Baker Tilly Partner Andrew Heng said: “GCA FAS has had a long history of providing excellent advisory services to their clients in Japan. By collaborating with them, it will not only amplify our existing strategy to establish a strong tie with Japanese corporations, but allow us to provide a platform for the Japanese investors to further develop their presence in Malaysia.’

“According to the latest update from the Malaysia Department of Statistics, Japan is one of the country’s largest investors, contributing RM257.7 billion or 55.1 per cent of the total position in Malaysia, channeled mainly via the services sector (45.6%). With our new Japan desk, we aim to further augment the services sector, through our in-depth knowledge and experience in both the Malaysian and Japanese market, as well as strengthen our premier service that is tailored to their specific context and needs,” Heng added.

Takeshi comes with 15 years of corporate advisory experience in Japan. He will be playing a pivotal role in bridging the culture and language gap, while helping the Japanese investors to adapt to the changing market conditions and understanding the local regulatory requirements.

The Baker Tilly Japan Desk will provide advisory services to Malaysia-bound Japanese investors, as well as support to local establishments of Japanese corporates and to Japanese SMEs without Malaysia offices.

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About Baker Tilly (Malaysia)

Established in 1978, Baker Tilly is the sixth largest accounting and business advisory firm in Malaysia. We operate our headquarters in Bangsar South City, Kuala Lumpur - with offices in Batu Pahat, Johor Bahru, Kota Kinabalu, Labuan, Penang, Seremban, Tawau and Phnom Penh in Cambodia. With 33 partners and directors and over 600 professional staff, Baker Tilly provide high quality accountancy, business and financial advisory services to multinational corporations, organisations in the public sector, and smaller independent enterprises. We offer professional, meaningful advice that will add tangible value to businesses and help our clients achieve their goals.

As an independent member of Baker Tilly International, the eighth largest accountancy and business advisory network in the world with a combined income in excess of US\$3.8 billion, we have access to the expertise of more than 28,000 high-calibre professionals across 141 countries.

Our unique partnership with Ferrier Hodgson allows us to further extend our end-to-end services for our clients to include forensics & investigation, corporate recovery, restructuring, and insolvency management services. Ferrier Hodgson forms part of the Ferrier Hodgson Group, globally renowned for forensic services and insolvency management.

About GCA FAS

GCA FAS Co., Ltd is a leading professional M&A firm in Japan that has a strong track record in domestic and international transactions. GCA FAS core business is in transaction services within the GCA Savvian Group, providing a high level of expertise and value-added services of the highest quality. GCA FAS provides a wide array of advisory services including due diligence, valuation, M&A Advisory, turn around support, structuring advice, post deal support, and tax advisory.