ABSTRACT
The European Union (“EU”) General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) is the first comprehensive overhaul of the EU data protection rules since the Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC was enacted in 1995. The GDPR had generated worldwide debate from academics and practitioners alike during the preparation phase, and the attention has intensified over the past months with the implementation date, 25 May 2018, drawing closer. Notwithstanding, much of the discourse is focused on the presumed effect and application of the GDPR, impact of the GDPR on businesses and how they should prepare themselves for compliance. There has been limited discussion on the commonalities and differences between the GDPR and Singapore’s Personal Data Protection Act 2012 (“PDPA”). This discussion is particularly crucial to Singapore businesses with European customers or bases in Europe, as they will find themselves having to comply with both the GDPR and PDPA come 28 May 2018.

This session aims to provide a broad overview of the GDPR, including but not limited to, new requirements or key enhancements such as the 72-hour mandatory breach notification, increased penalties of up to €20 million or 4% of global annual turnover, expanded extraterritorial scope and enhanced accountability requirements, as well as how the aforesaid overlap with the PDPA.

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