

## **WORLD TRADE INSTITUTE SPECIALISED TRAINING ACTIVITIES MALAYSIA**

The World Trade Institute has in recent months been involved in several specialised training programmes in Malaysia aimed at training senior Malaysian negotiators and policy-makers on legal and policy issues surrounding trade and investment negotiations at the World Trade Organization and in the context of preferential trade agreements.

Two training programmes were conducted in 2008 for the following departments in Malaysia:

1. **The Attorney General Chambers of Malaysia** (as the main host) with participants from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Domestic Trade, the Bank Negara Malaysia and the Malaysian Industrial Development Authority. The course, the contents of which is described below, was held on the following dates:
  - a. **Session 1 – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2008 – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2008:** Political Economy and Regionalism by Dr. Manfred Elsig, Sufian Jusoh and Dr. Christian Häberli on Trade in Goods, Mastura Ahmad Mustaffa on Rules of Origin and Rohana Abdul Malik on Trade Facilitation.
  - b. **Session 2: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008:** Trade in Services, Investment, Dispute Settlement, Competition and Government Procurement with Pierre Sauvé, Dr. Panos Delimatsis, Dr. Christian Pistchas, and Ambassador Roberto Echandi.
  - c. **Session 3: 8<sup>th</sup> June – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008:** Intellectual Property, Negotiation Skills and Mock Negotiations with Professor Dr. Thomas Cottier, Sufian Jusoh, Dr. Arthur Appleton, and Dr. Christian Häberli.



2. **Bank Negara Malaysia (Central bank of Malaysia)** on the issue of Trade and Investment Issues in Financial Services in the context of Free Trade Agreements was held in Kuala Lumpur from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The course was attended by some 30 participants from the Central Bank and from other relevant institutions such as the Securities Commission of Malaysia, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Finance and the Attorney General Chambers of Malaysia. This course focused specifically on the issue of trade in services, investment rule-making and the regulation of capital controls in the area of financial services. The course was led by WTI Deputy Managing Director and Director of Studies Pierre Sauvé, together with H.E. Roberto Echandi (Ambassador of Costa Rica to the European Communities), Costas Stephanou (World Bank), Sebastian Saez (UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean) and Sufian Jusoh (WTI).