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Professor Abu Bakar is the author of several books; *Cyberlaw: Policies and Challenges* (1999), *Privacy and Data Protection* (2002), *Internet Banking: Law and Practice* (2004), and *Information and Communication Technology Law: State, Internet and Information* (2010), *Personal Data Protection in Malaysia: Law and Practice* (2010), *Data Protection Law in Asia* (2014) and *Data Protection Law in Asia* (second edition 2018). He also widely publishes numerous articles on several aspects of ICT law and data protection law. He speaks extensively at seminars, workshop and conferences around the world including those organised/hosted by universities such as the NUS, Oxford, Cambridge, MIT, etc. Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Yahoo are amongst the participants of his talks and presentations. He represented Asia in the Europe – Asia Dialogue on the Digital Economy at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington D.C.

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