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MMA's duty to inform doctors on taxes – Ashok Philip

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I refer to Dr Mohamad Rafikh Khan's [article](http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/sideviews/article/doctors-and-taxes-mohamed-rafick-khan) (<http://www.themalaysianinsider.com/sideviews/article/doctors-and-taxes-mohamed-rafick-khan>) in The Malaysian Insider.

I regret that he seems to have forgotten a very important principle of law which can be applied to everyday life: everyone is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

If being audited by the Inland Revenue Board (IRB) makes you a thief, most taxpayers must be thieves, because IRB is quite efficient and carries out audits assiduously.

The Malaysian Medical Association takes an interest in this matter because if most doctors are declaring their taxes wrongly through ignorance, we must let them know.

We strongly believe that every taxpayer has a duty to declare his income and pay taxes as the law stipulates.

If there is a sudden change in the law or practice of IRB, we must inform our profession.

This is why we have decided to engage with those whom Dr Khan, in his arguably libelous statement, has compared to thieves. – January 11, 2016.

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