



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ENVIRONMENT & GENDER EQUALITY



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Sub- committee

The sub-committee had a WhatsApp group for a quick exchange of information on human rights-related cases, events, information and news. Online meetings were held on a quarterly basis to discuss initiatives and programmes.

Programmes

This sub-committee organized various talks and seminars for the benefit of the members, such as follows:

1) REFORMS TO THE CHILD ACT 2001 – 13th June 2023

We were honoured to have the SUHAKAM Child Rights Commissioner, Dr. Farah Nini Dusuki, as our esteemed speaker on the topic of “Reforms to the Child Act 2001”. Considering Dr. Farah Nini was appointed as the SUHAKAM Child Rights Commissioner in March 2023, we were fortunate that she agreed to address Selangor Bar members and pupils.



This was a talk held online via Zoom on Tuesday, 13 June 2023. The talk was moderated by Major Haji Azman Haji Zakaria (Rtd). A total of 76 participants attended the talk, consisting of members, pupils, and non-members.

The outline of the talk is as follows:-

- (a) Aspirations of the Child Act 2001;
- (b) Scope of the Child Act 2001;
- (c) Amendments in 2016: the move towards family-based care; and
- (d) Challenges in the effective implementation of the Child Act 2001: between theory and reality.



REFORMS TO THE CHILD ACT 2001

13TH JUNE 2023 (TUESDAY)
2.30-4.30PM
SELANGOR BAR VIA ZOOM WEBINAR

2CPD POINTS

DR. FARAH NINI BINTI DUSUKI

Dr Farah Nini Dusuki was appointed as the Children's Commissioner under the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) in March 2023. Dr Farah Nini Dusuki who is a senior lecturer at Universiti Malaya's law faculty, specializes in the areas of Child Law, Criminal Law (Criminal Justice) and Law and Literature (Legal Method). Dr Farah graduated with her Bachelor of Laws [LLB. (Hons.)] as well as Master of Comparative Laws (MCL) degrees from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and her PhD in Child law from the University of Wales, Cardiff, UK. For more than 30 years, Dr Farah has been an academic and also been actively involved in field of human rights and child law. Over the years, she has published multiple journal articles, authored and co-authored books and been involved in various projects related to child law as well.



MODERATOR:
MAJOR HJ AZMAN HJ ZAKARIA (RTD)



Outline

- Aspirations of the Child Act 2001;
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- Challenges in the effective implementation of the Child Act 2001: Between theory and Reality.

Limited to 490pax ONLY

Registration Fee:
Members of the Bar RM30.00 / Young Lawyers (3 Years & Below) RM15.00 / Pupils in Chambers RM15.00 / Non-Members (Public) RM50.00

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2) ONLINE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – 22nd August 2023

This was an interesting and informative talk conducted by Ms. Salma Farhanah A. Rasid, who is a service coordinator at Pusat Perkhidmatan Wanita (PPW) under the Women's Centre for Change (WCC), Penang.

She holds a Master's in Social Work from Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang. In her years of work, among other things, she has provided counseling and support for victims of domestic violence and child sexual abuse as well as accompanied such victims throughout the criminal justice system. This talk was timely, considering the rise in online child sexual abuse cases in recent years.

The talk was moderated by Ms. Ambiga Rajendran and had a total participation of 50 participants which included members, pupils, and as well as non-members.

Organised by the Selangor Bar Committee
Human Rights, the Environment & Gender Equality Sub-Committee

Online Child Sexual Abuse

22nd August 2023
3.00-5.00pm(Tuesday)
VIA ZOOM Webinar

2 CPD Points

Outline

- What is online child sexual abuse?
- Categories of online child sexual abuse
- Impact of online child sexual abuse to the victim
- How to seek help if you are facing online abuse?
- Laws in Malaysia related to online child sexual abuse



Ms Salma Farhanah A.Rasid is a Service Coordinator at Pusat Perkhidmatan Wanita (PPW). She is a Masters holder in Social Work from Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang. She joined PPW for 5 years.

Her main role is to provide counselling and support victims of domestic violence and child sexual abuse as well as accompany them throughout criminal justice system.

Besides, she also conducts outreach programmes such as Ok Tak Ok for children, Cybersafety for teenagers, training for medical personnel, teachers, and NGO. She also does public talk regarding domestic violence and child sexual abuse awareness.

**Moderator
Ambiga Rajendran**



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3) THE NEW FRONTIER: DEMYSTIFYING ESG FOR FUTURE LEGAL LEADERS – 29th January 2024

This free talk was arranged to provide awareness to members on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) factors that affect us all but are often not spoken about. Mr. Kiu Jia Yaw is a distinguished speaker with extensive experience in the area.

THE NEW FRONTIER: DEMYSTIFYING ESG FOR FUTURE LEGAL LEADERS

2 CPD
POINTS

29th January 2024 | 2.00PM to 4.00PM | Selangor Bar Auditorium

ENVIRONMENTAL

SOCIAL

GOVERNANCE

Kiu Jia Yaw
LL.B. (Hons),
LL.M. (Environmental Law)

JIA YAW IS A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LAWYER.

HE ADVISES POLICYMAKERS, GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND NON-PROFIT LEADERS, AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS ON A RANGE OF ISSUES RELATED TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. HE IS A FELLOW OF THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES MALAYSIA. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE TEAM PRESENTLY DEVELOPING THE NATIONAL PLANETARY HEALTH ACTION PLAN.

JIA YAW SERVES AS THE CO-CHAIR OF THE MALAYSIAN CSO-SDG ALLIANCE, A NETWORK OF MORE THAN 90 CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS WHOSE WORK RELATE TO THE UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS. MEMBER ORGANISATIONS WORK ACROSS VARIOUS THEMES AND INCLUDE WWF MALAYSIA, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S ORGANISATIONS (NCWO), ANGKATAN BELIA ISLAM MALAYSIA (ABIM) AND THE MALAYSIAN YOUTH COUNCIL.

FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS, JIA YAW HAS BEEN ONE OF THE JUDGES OF THE ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS ORGANISED BY THE UN GLOBAL COMPACT NETWORK MALAYSIA & BRUNEI.

HE SERVES ON THE BAR COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE WHICH WORKS ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

OUTLINE

Navigating the Environment, Social Impact, and Governance Landscape (and Its Growing Importance for Your Practice)

Limited to 100 pax

Registration Fee:

- All Members & Pupils In Chamber- FREE
- Non-Members - RM50.00

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- 4) Upcoming: The Human Rights Film Festival, which was to be held on 21 January 2023, has been postponed to another date which is to be announced. It will witness the showing of Human rights-themed films with film directors and speakers discussing the film and the plights of those involved after the film is aired. This is an event to look out for and details will be shared in due course.

Special mention

It has certainly been an honour to serve and lead this Sub-Committee for the 2023/24 term. We would like to thank SBC Chairman, Mr. M K Thas, and Honorary Secretary, Ms. Yu Ai Ting, for their continuous guidance as well as unwavering support. We would also like to thank our Sub-Committee members and the secretariat officers for their dedication and efforts in ensuring the smooth running of this sub-committee. We apologise for any shortcomings, which we can assure you were completely unintentional, and we are grateful for this opportunity.

Report submitted by:-

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