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**HUMAN
RIGHTS**

75

**COMMEMORATION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN MALAYSIA**

HUMAN RIGHTS DAY FORUM 2023

**UDHR75: MALAYSIA'S JOURNEY IN ADVANCING THE HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA
THROUGH THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW**

TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2023

9.00AM – 12.00 NOON



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BACKGROUND

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December to commemorate the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) by the United Nations General Assembly. The formal inception of Human Rights Day commenced in 1950 when the UNGA passed Resolution 423 (V), inviting all States and interested organizations to declare 10 December of each year as Human Rights Day.

UDHR proclaimed the inalienable rights to which everyone is inherently entitled as a human being, regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinions, national or social origin, property, birth or another status.

The year 2023 marks the 75th anniversary of the UDHR and presents an auspicious opportunity for Malaysia to reflect on its achievements, best practices, and challenges in realizing human rights and fundamental freedoms. The Universal Periodic Review (UPR) has provided a vital tool for Malaysia to review advancements and reiterate its commitments to upholding the principles enshrined in the UDHR.

OBJECTIVES

Human Rights Day Forum 2023 under the theme of 'UDHR75: Malaysia's Journey in Advancing the Human Rights Agenda through the Universal Periodic Review' is co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Legal Affairs Division in the Prime Minister's Department, the United Nations in Malaysia and the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) with the following objectives:



Highlight Malaysia's progress in the advancement and promotion of human rights as the world commemorates UDHR75.



Promote public awareness and multi-stakeholder engagement in the Universal Periodic Review.



Enhance collaboration between the government, civil society, the private sector, media, academia and other stakeholders on key human rights priorities and their linkages to the Sustainable Development Goals.



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UDHR75: Malaysia's Journey in Advancing the Human Rights Agenda through the Universal Periodic Review

PROGRAMME

8.30AM - 9.00AM Registration

9.00AM - 9.45AM

Welcoming Remarks:

SUHAKAM

Human Rights Day Video Message:

Mr. António Guterres
UN Secretary-General

Opening Address:

Ms. Karima El Korri
UN Resident Coordinator in Malaysia, Singapore and
Brunei Darussalam

Official Address:

Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir
Minister of Foreign Affairs

9.45AM - 10.00AM

The Four Geneva Conventions

Pantomime by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

10.00AM - 11.30AM

PANEL DISCUSSION

Video: Malaysia's UPR Timeline

Moderator:

Ms. Nurhalida Binti Mohamed Khalil
Senior Lecturer
Faculty of Law, University Malaya

Panelists:

Malaysia's 4th UPR

Ms. Sharon Ho
Undersecretary of the Human Rights and Humanitarian Division
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

SDGs & the UPR: Synergies for Impactful Progress

Mr. Kiu Jia Yaw
Co-Chair
Malaysia CSO-SDG Alliance

Strengthening National Human Rights Institutions (NHRI)

Dr. Punitha Silivarajoo
Deputy Director General (Policy and Development)
Legal Affairs Division of the Prime Minister's Department (BHEUU)
(Virtual)

Advancing Women's Rights Through Progress on SDG5

Dr. Wan Nur Ibtisam Wan Ismail
Director General
Department Of Women's Development Malaysia

Rights of the Child

Dr. Farah Nini Binti Dusuki
Children's Commissioner to SUHAKAM

Ending Violence Against Women

Ms. Reem Alsalem
UN Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences
(Virtual)

11.30AM - 11.40AM

LAUNCH CEREMONY

SUHAKAM Human Rights Best Practices (ATHAM)
in Schools Program

11.40AM - 11.45AM

SUHAKAM VIDEO

Harmonious Society Towards Achieving National Unity

11.45AM - 12 NOON

CLOSING

Mr. Ramkarpal Singh s/o Karpal Singh
Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department
(Law and Institutional Reform)

END OF THE EVENT

