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**SUHAKAM**  
HAK ASASI UNTUK SEMUA

**HUMAN  
RIGHTS**

**75**

**COMMEMORATION OF THE 75<sup>TH</sup> 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 – 1.30PM**

**TAMINGSARI GRAND BALLROOM  
ROYALE CHULAN KUALA LUMPUR**

**IN PERSON ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION**

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### BACKGROUND

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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 75<sup>th</sup> 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

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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.



# HUMAN RIGHTS DAY FORUM 2023

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

**8.30AM - 9.00AM Registration**

**9.00AM - 9.45AM**

**Welcoming Remarks:**

Datuk Mariati Robert  
Commissioner, 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 Journey

**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**

Mr. Chua Choon Hwa  
Deputy Secretary General (Strategic)  
Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development

**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)

**LUNCHEON RECEPTION AND END OF THE EVENT**

