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HUMAN RIGHTS DAY FORUM 2024

**EMPOWERING OUR RIGHTS, SECURING OUR FUTURE:
BUSINESS RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE AND NATION**

TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2024

8.30AM – 1.30PM

**CONFERENCE HALL 2 AND 3, LEVEL 3
KUALA LUMPUR CONVENTION CENTRE**



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IN PERSON ATTENDANCE BY INVITATION

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.

For 2024, the Human Rights Day Forum carries the theme "Empowering Our Rights, Securing Our Future: Business Responsibility for People and Nation". This theme reflects Malaysia's focus on aligning economic growth with human rights principles and its commitment to aligning business practices with international human rights standards, particularly the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs).

The National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights (NAPBHR) highlights Malaysia's ambition to become a regional leader in responsible business practices. It aims to ensure that the private sector respects human rights, engages in human rights due diligence, and provides effective remedies for potential harm. This initiative strengthens Malaysia's position as an investment destination of choice for multinational corporations that value human rights and sustainability.

OBJECTIVES

Human Rights Day Forum 2024 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:

- Raise awareness about the NAPBHR and the importance of human rights in business operations
- Promote dialogue between businesses, government and civil society on sustainable and ethical practices
- Encourage companies to adopt human rights due diligence (HRDD) processes within their operations and supply chains
- Strengthen collaboration between Malaysia and the international community in promoting human rights through business practices
- Demonstrate Malaysia's leadership in advancing responsible business in Southeast Asia.



PROGRAMME

8.30AM - 9.00AM Registration

9.30AM - 10.15AM

Opening:

Negaraku
Doa recital

Welcoming Remarks:

YBhg. Dato’ Seri Mohd Hishamudin Md. Yunus
Chairman
Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)

Human Rights Day Video Message:

Mr. António Guterres
UN Secretary-General

Opening Address:

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

Official Address:

YB Dato’ Sri Azalina Othman Said
Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department
(Law and Institutional Reform), Malaysia

10.15AM - 10.25AM

Launch of the Human Rights Module for Educators by SUHAKAM

10.25AM - 10.35AM

Performance

10.35AM - 11.00AM

Coffee break

11.00AM - 12.15PM

Panel Discussion:

Moderator:

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

Panelists:

Video Message:
Mr. Edmund Bon
Representative
ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission of Human Rights (AICHR)

Video Message:
Dr. Pichamon Yeophantong
Chairperson
UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

YM Tengku Fauzi Tengku Abdul Hamid
Commissioner
Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)

Ms. Shireen Jasmin Ali
Director
Industry Environmental, Social And Governance
Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry

Ms. Luanne Sieh
Group Chief Sustainability Officer
CIMB Group

Ms. Siti Nur Alina
General Manager (Strategy), Corporate Sustainability
PETRONAS

12.15PM - 12.30PM

Launch ceremony of translated human rights treaties and the Geneva Convention in Bahasa Melayu

YB Datuk Mohamad bin Alamin
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

12.30PM - 12.40PM

Closing

YB Datuk Mohamad bin Alamin
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

LUNCHEON RECEPTION AND END OF THE EVENT

