



STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

RECOVER BETTER

KEEPING HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE CENTRE OF THE POST COVID-19 WORLD



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY VIRTUAL FORUM

JOIN US ON DECEMBER 10, 2020 / 9.00AM TO 12 NOON

As the world is facing the dire impact of Covid-19, Human Rights Day Forum 2020 will focus on the various challenges faced by different actors. It will weigh on the dimensions of human rights vs recovery, as well as explore best practices in moving ahead and rebuilding together.



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2020 INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY VIRTUAL FORUM THEME: " RECOVER BETTER" - STAND UP FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Jointly organised by:
Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA)
Legal Affairs Division (BHEUU), Prime Minister's Dept
The United Nations in Malaysia



BACKGROUND

Human Rights Day is observed by the international community every year on 10 December. It commemorates the day on which the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), a milestone document that proclaimed the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being -- regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.



UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION
OF
HUMAN
RIGHTS



Drafted by representatives of diverse legal and cultural backgrounds from all regions of the world, the Declaration sets out universal values and a common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations. It establishes the equal dignity and worth of every person. Thanks to the Declaration, and States' commitments to its principles, the dignity of millions has been uplifted and the foundation for a more just world has been laid.

10 December also marks the formal inception of Human Rights Day since 1950, with the passing of resolution 423 (V) by the General Assembly.

THEME

This year's theme "Recover Better" is apt as the world is facing the dire impact of Covid-19. Discussions at this year's Forum will focus on the various challenges faced by different actors in the face of Covid-19, weigh the dimensions of human rights vs recovery and preserving life, as well as explore best practices in moving ahead and rebuilding together.

OBJECTIVE

The Human Rights Forum aims to:

1. Promote public awareness and support for human rights, and the work of various actors dedicated to promoting human rights, especially amongst youth;
2. Promote the spirit of cooperation and dialogue between various stakeholders, particularly the Government, National Human Rights Institution, academia, private sector and civil society; and
3. Provide an avenue for panelists from different fields to propose ideas on best practices, with the view of bringing improvement to the existing laws and regulations, as well as the structures and system related to the protection of human rights in the country.

COVID-19

International human rights standards can strengthen the effectiveness of our interventions. It brings attention to people often left behind, such as persons with disabilities; indigenous peoples; migrants, refugees and internally displaced people; and, in particular, older people. People living in institutions, including many older people and people deprived of their liberty, are more vulnerable to this infection.

As noted by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights during her recent briefing to the Human Rights Council, in every stage of this epidemic – including the recovery – it is imperative to involve National Human Rights Institutions, as well as civil society and human rights defenders.

OPENING SESSION



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SESSION I: COVID-19 AND HUMAN RIGHTS



MODERATOR:

**YBHG. DATO
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**COMMISSIONER
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DR. ASIAH BINTI AYOB

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
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MALAYSIA**

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SESSION II: RECOVER BETTER, REBUILD TOGETHER



MODERATOR:

YBHG. PROF. DATO' DR. NOOR AZIAH BINTI MOHD AWAL

CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER, SUHAKAM



MR. KOLONY GUNTING

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MS. SHIVANI VERMA

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COUNCIL UNDER OFFICE
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MR. JUFITRI JOHA

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CLOSING SESSION



YB DATO TAKIYUDDIN B HASSAN

**PARLIAMENT AND LAW MINISTER
IN PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT**

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PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.30am OPENING SESSION

- Welcome Remarks: YBhg. Tan Sri Othman Hashim, SUHAKAM Chairman 2019-2022
- Opening Address: H.E Stefan Priesner, UN Resident Coordinator for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam
- Official Address: YB Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, Minister of Foreign Affairs

9.30-9.45 Video Presentation: Community Voices

9.45 -10.45am SESSION I: COVID-19 and Human Rights

Moderator: YBhg. Dato' Mah Weng Kwai, Commissioner, SUHAKAM

- Dr. Hartini Zainudin, Founder Yayasan Chow Kit & Vice President of Voice of the Children
- Dr. Lo Ying-Ru, Head of Mission and WHO Representative to Malaysia, Brunei Darussalam and Singapore
- Dr. Asiah binti Ayob, Deputy Director of Disease Control Division (Surveillance), Ministry of Health Malaysia

- Q&A

10.45 – 11.45am SESSION II: Recover Better, Rebuild Together

Moderator: Prof. Dato' Dr. Noor Aziah Binti Mohd Awal, Children's Commissioner, SUHAKAM

- Ms. Allison Low, President, Protem Petaling Jaya Child Council (PPJCC) and President, Child Consultative Council under Office of Children's Commissioner, SUHAKAM
- Ms. Shivani Verma, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR South East Asia Regional Office
- Mr. Kolony Gunting, Deputy Undersecretary, Of Community Development, Senior Citizen and Disabled, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development
- Mr. Jufitri Joha, President Majlis Belia Malaysia

- Q&A

11.45-12.00 CLOSING

Closing Address: YB Dato' Takiyuddin B Hassan, Parliament and Law Minister in Prime Minister's Department

12.00 End

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