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To all Members of the Malaysian Bar

Siri Pemikiran Kritis

Back in 2007, the Bar Council National Young Lawyers Committee (“NYLC”) launched a successful series of forums and lectures under the Siri Pemikiran Kritis (“SPK”) project. SPK served as a platform to discuss matters related to civil liberties and national policies. It was well received and many events were organised between 2007 to 2008 under the SPK banner.

NYLC would like to announce the revival of SPK and invite Members and pupils in chambers to the revived SPK forum for 2012. Admission is free, and the details of the upcoming forum are as follows:

Topic: Race Relation Laws: Are We Racists?
Date: 9 Feb 2012 (Thursday)
Time: 8:00 pm
**Venue: Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium, First Floor, Bar Council
No 15 Leboh Pasar Besar, 50050 Kuala Lumpur**

The topic “Race Relation Laws: Are We Racists?” was selected in light of the recent proposal by YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri b Tan Sri Abdul Aziz, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of Law and Parliamentary Affairs, to implement a race relations bill. This development was reported in the local dailies and YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri b Tan Sri Abdul Aziz indicated that the bill was being drafted to be tabled at Parliament soon.

The proposal for a race relations law in Malaysia has raised many questions. What are the contents of the proposed law? What will the bill be like? Do we really need such a law? Don't we already have sufficient laws on this area? Many of these questions are left unanswered. The upcoming forum aims to address some of these questions and provide answers to them.

The forum will feature Muhammad Faisal b Moideen and Edmund Bon, Members of the Bar, as speakers. Muhammad Faisal b Moideen, a partner at Messrs Moideen & Max, was called to the Bar in 2004. Edmund Bon, former Chairperson of NYLC in 2006, is currently advocating and promoting voter rights issues for the Undi Malaysia programme. The forum will be moderated by Aston Philip Paiva, member of NYLC. A few other prominent speakers have been approached as well, and NYLC is currently awaiting their confirmation.

Join us at the forum! The forum is bound to be interesting, witty and engaging. Come pose your questions to the speakers, and hopefully you will leave the event with some answers.

Please be informed that although this event is open to the public, pre-registration is required due to limited places. For further information or to register, please contact Janet Nathan by telephone at 03-2050 2103, or by email at janet@malaysianbar.org.my.

Thank you.

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