



# Mass Media Laws and Regulations in Malaysia

By Prof Dr Sankaran Ramanathan

This workshop will cover the following:

- Freedom of information, and the constraints and threats in Malaysia
- Discussion on recent cases relating to the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998
- Developments in two Malaysian states that passed the Freedom of Information Bills, and examine how this can impact Federal-State relations.

## About the Speaker

Prof Dr Sankaran Ramanathan is an internationally recognised media / communication scholar, researcher and trainer who utilises an interdisciplinary approach to his research studies. He obtained his BA degree (with Honours in History) from the University of Malaya ("UM") in 1963. After serving as a high school teacher for two years, he obtained his Postgraduate Diploma in Education from UM in 1966. He graduated with a Master's Degree in Journalism from Ohio University (1974) and a PhD degree from UM (1997).

During his course of service at Universiti Teknologi Mara ("UiTM") for 30 years as a Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Principal Lecturer / Associate Professor (1967–1996), he received numerous awards and recognition at university and national levels. These include long-service awards, excellence awards for teaching and research, and community service awards.

He was also a member of the panel of judges for journalism excellence awards and a member of the Communications Subcommittee of the UNESCO National Commission for Malaysia. Among the administrative posts he has held are: Head of the Journalism / Public Relations Department; Acting Dean of the School of Mass Communication; and Initiator / First Coordinator, Master's Degree in Mass Communication (twinning with Ohio University, USA).

His list of publications includes the following:

- (1) *Mass Media Laws and Regulations in Malaysia* (1998) – Co-compiled with Shad Saleem Faruqi
- (2) "Wither Media Laws? Experiences of Malaysia and Singapore". *Journal of International Communication*, Vol 14 No 1, 2008 – With Kiranjit Kaur
- (3) *Media, Democracy and Civil Society* (2011) – Co-authored with Marimuthu Nadason
- (4) "FOI's Emerging Impact on Media Freedoms in Malaysia and Singapore". *FOI 10 Years On: Freedom Fighting or Lazy Journalism* (2015)

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