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To Members of the Malaysian Bar

Forum on “How Secular is Our Constitution?” (6 July 2013)

The Federal Constitution is the “rule-book” or manual for Malaysia. It sets up our system of government and the disposition of power between the Federal Government and the States. It guarantees certain fundamental liberties and formulates special provisions for certain ethnic communities in multi-religious and multiracial Malaysia.

Article 4(1) of the Federal Constitution states that the Federal Constitution is the supreme law of the Federation. Any law passed that is inconsistent with the Federal Constitution would be void. Reading this together with article 3(1) on the religion of the Federation, it has been argued that ours is a secular constitution. Yet at the same time, laws have been passed according to the precepts of religion. How secular is our Federal Constitution?

The Bar Council Constitutional Law Committee, in collaboration with several volunteers, is organising a public forum to explore the secular aspects of the Constitution.

The details of the forum are as follows:

Date: 6 July 2013 (Saturday)
Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Venue: Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium, First Floor, Bar Council, 15 Leboh Pasar Besar, 50050 Kuala Lumpur
Registration: Admission is free but advance registration is required
CPD Code: 06072013/BC/BC1133/3
CPD Points: Three

The speakers, *inter alia*, include:

- (1) Dr Ahmad Farouk Musa, Academician; and
- (2) Nizam Bashir Abdul Kariem, Advocate and Solicitor.

For more details or to register, kindly contact Anusha Gopala Krishnan (03-2050 2097; anusha@malaysianbar.org.my) or Mohd Fazli Rosman (03-2050 2105; fazli@malaysianbar.org.my).

Thank you.

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