

Social Media: Guilty! For Updating your Facebook Status and Tweeting! (27 Sept 2012)

The International Malaysia Law Conference (“IMLC”) 2012, taking place from 26 to 28 Sept 2012 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, will explore the impact of law on business, society and government in the global arena, through keynote addresses, plenary sessions and inspirational talks featuring globally-renowned speakers and delegates.

In conjunction with the IMLC 2012, the National Young Lawyers Committee (“NYLC”) will organise a forum, details of which are as follows:

Title: Social Media: Guilty! For Updating your Facebook Status and Tweeting!
Date: 27 Sept 2012 (Thursday)
Time: 10:35 am to 12:15 pm
Venue: Room 302, Level 3, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

Speakers:

- (1) **Azhar b Azizan @ Harun**, commonly known as **Art Harun**, *Advocate and Solicitor, Hisham Sobri & Kadir; Active blogger at <http://art-harun.blogspot.com/>;*
- (2) **Edmund Bon Tai Soon**, *Partner, Chooi & Co; Co-Founder of Legal Blawg <http://www.loyarburok.com/>;* and
- (3) **Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir**, *Writer; Women's Rights and HIV/AIDS Activist; TV Producer.*

Moderator:

Lee Shih, *Partner, Skrine*

The forum will centre around the Facebook Generation; a generation which eats, sleeps and breathes the Internet. This generation is the main propagator of User-Generated-Content (“UGC”), wherein the members tweet, update their Facebook status, post up pictures, and record and upload practically everything in real time. To the Facebook Generation, the Internet is not a luxury but instead a necessity of life.

However, in recent times, governments across the globe have attempted to shackle UGC by introducing laws aimed at directly or indirectly regulating content that is uploaded. In Malaysia for example, amendments recently made to the Evidence Act 1950 put in place a presumption that renders a user liable for a mere Facebook status update made via the user's account, regardless of whether the update originated from the user or someone else.

This forum will examine:

- (1) The advent of the Facebook Generation;
- (2) Changes in the social media landscape;
- (3) Attempts to regulate the Internet and social media locally and abroad (ie Stop Online Piracy Act (“SOPA”) and Children's Internet Protection Act (“CIPA”) in USA, section 114A of the Evidence Act 1950 in Malaysia, outright ban of Twitter and Blackberry Messenger (“BBM”) in the Middle East); and
- (4) How the Facebook Generation around the world has reacted to such attempts at regulation.

NYLC invites Members of the Bar, particularly the younger Members of the Bar and pupils in chambers, to sign up as a delegate to the IMLC 2012 and be a part of this exciting forum.

Do peruse the [conference programme](#) and click [here](#) for the registration form.

See you there!

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