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To Members of the Malaysian Bar

**Forum Siri Pemikiran Kritis  
Crime — A Case for Preventive Detention? (21 Sept 2013)**

The Siri Pemikiran Kritis (“SPK”) is a flagship series organised by the Bar Council National Young Lawyers Committee (“NYLC”) to promote discussion on civil liberties, with a legal twist. Every SPK forum is designed to initiate critical and mature thinking that encourages responsible and measured debate and discussion amongst the speakers and the attendees.

The Emergency (Public Order and Prevention of Crime) Ordinance 1969 (“EO”) was a legislation promulgated under a Declaration of Emergency. When Parliament passed a motion to end the three existing Declarations of Emergency, it set into motion the constitutional mechanism which rendered the EO inoperative in June 2012.

The rise in crime, especially violent crimes, has led to calls for the return of the EO or similar type of preventive detention laws to deal with crime. The authorities are also relying on the Prevention of Crime Act 1959 to deal with gang-related activities.

Whilst there is widespread support for the authorities to deal with the crime situation, civil liberties and human rights advocates are against any form of preventive detention legislation to deal with crime.

Members and pupils in chambers are cordially invited to this SPK forum. Admission is free, and the details of the upcoming forum are as follows:

Date: 21 Sept 2013 (Saturday)  
Time: 9:30 am  
Venue: KL Bar Auditorium, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Wisma Kraftangan, 9 Jalan Tun Perak, 50050 Kuala Lumpur  
Registration: Admission is free but advance registration is required  
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The purpose and intent of the forum is to have a general and critical discussion on whether there is a case for preventive detention-type laws to deal with crime.

The speakers include:

- (1) Datuk Dr Khaw Lake Tee, Vice-Chair, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (“SUHAKAM”);
- (2) Dr P Sundramoorthy, Principal Investigator, Research Team on Crime and Policing, School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia;
- (3) Amer Hamzah b Arshad, Advocate and Solicitor; and
- (4) Tan Sri Zaman Khan, Former Chief, Bukit Aman Criminal Investigation Department.

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Thank you.

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