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Dear Members of the Malaysian Bar and pupils in chambers

Walk for Peace and Freedom 2014 (16 Oct 2014)

The Malaysian Bar convened an Extraordinary General Meeting (“EGM”) on 19 Sept 2014 to condemn the use and continued use of the Sedition Act 1948.

I thank all Members of the Bar and pupils in chambers who attended the EGM.

The Malaysian Bar believes it is robust debate, diversity of opinion, and freedom of speech and expression that will ultimately promote, inculcate and maintain true and enduring peace, harmony, unity and mutual respect amongst Malaysians.

In this regard, the Malaysian Bar welcomes the Prime Minister’s vision, articulated in 2012, to “strengthen national cohesion by protecting national unity and nurturing religious harmony”, and stands in support of the Prime Minister’s repeated pledge to repeal the Sedition Act 1948.

The Sedition Act 1948 is antithetical and counter-productive to these values, and to our aspirations for a better Malaysia.

In view of this, the Malaysian Bar at its EGM resoundingly resolved to hold a peaceful assembly to protest the recent spate of arrests, charges and investigations under the Sedition Act 1948. The Malaysian Bar’s “Resolution against the Sedition Act, other laws and actions taken which stifle speech and expression, and matters in connection therewith” is accessible [here](#) on the Malaysian Bar website.

The Malaysian Bar’s Walk for Peace and Freedom will take place as follows:

Date:	16 Oct 2014 (Thursday)
Time:	10:30 am
Gathering point:	Padang Merbok Car Park (Tempat Letak Kereta Padang Merbok)
Dress code:	Chamber attire

I call on all Members and pupils in chambers to please attend the Walk and express your aspirations and support for a better Malaysia premised on peace, harmony, unity, understanding and freedom from fear, intimidation, exploitation, oppression and extremism.

Should you have any queries, please contact Kenneth Ang, Special Projects Director, by email at kenneth@malaysianbar.org.my or by telephone at 03-2050 2014.

See you on 16 October — let’s walk together for peace and freedom!

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