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Date: 13 September 2007

To all members of the Bar and pupils in chambers,

14TH MALAYSIAN LAW CONFERENCE Programme

The Malaysian Law Conference Organising Committee is pleased to present the conference programme. We have also attached the registration form for those who have yet to register.

Once again we would like to record our utmost appreciation for your keen support to the Conference.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Roger Tan', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Roger Tan
Chairperson
Organising Committee
14th Malaysian Law Conference

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*Topics include:

- ◆ The Judiciary and the Malaysian Constitutional Law
- ◆ Iskandar Development Region - The Destination
- ◆ Islamic Commercial Law
- ◆ Latest Amendments to the Malaysian Property Laws
- ◆ Criminal Justice System - "The Good, The Bad & The Ugly"
- ◆ South East Asian Young Lawyers Convention
- ◆ ASEAN Charter - Impact on Our Sovereignty, Economy and Society
- ◆ Has the Law Failed the Family Unit?
- ◆ Freedom of Religion
- ◆ Freedom of Information - Where Are We After 50 Years?
- ◆ The Royal Malaysian Police Experience: 200 years of policing and 50 years of independence

*Topics are subject to change

14th Malaysian Law Conference 07

29-31 October 2007, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

"50 Years of Merdeka"

To be officiated by

*DYMM Paduka Seri Sultan Perak
Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah
Sultan of Perak*

Keynote Address by

*YAB Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi
Prime Minister of Malaysia*



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7.30 - 8.45am	Registration
8.45 - 8.55am	Introductory Address by Roger Tan , Chair, Organising Committee
8.55 - 9.15am	Welcome Address by Ambiga Sreenevasan , President, Malaysian Bar
9.15 - 9.40am	Opening Address '50 Years of Constitutionalism and the Rule of Law' by DYMM Paduka Seri Sultan Perak, Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah , Sultan of Perak
9.40 - 10.30am	Keynote Address by YAB Dato' Seri Abdullah Hj. Ahmad Badawi , Prime Minister of Malaysia
10.30 - 11.00am	Morning Break
11.00 - 11.40am	Fundamental Freedoms in a Written Constitution by Michael Beloff, QC , <i>Blackstone Chambers UK</i> Moderator: George Varughese , <i>George Varughese & Co</i>

(All morning sessions will be held at Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3)

11.40 - 1.15pm	Session One (Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3)	Session Two (Plenary Theatre)
Opportunities and Challenges in Islamic Commercial Law Moderator: Dato' Dr. Nik Norzrul Thani , <i>Zaid Ibrahim & Co</i> Speakers : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Mohamed Ismail Mohamed Shariff, <i>Mohamed Ismail & Co</i> ◆ Dato' Noorashikin Tan Sri Abdul Rahim, <i>Director, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration</i> ◆ Baljeet Kaur Grewal, <i>Chief Economist & Head, Global Research, Kuwait Finance House (M) Bhd</i> 		Iskandar Development Region - The Destination? Moderator: Low Beng Choo , <i>Ranjit Ooi & Robert Low</i> Speakers : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dato' Ikmal Hijaz Hashim, <i>CEO, Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA)</i> Property Rights Under the Malaysian Constitution Speakers : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prof. Teo Keang Sood, <i>National University Singapore</i> ◆ Lim Kean Chye, <i>Lim Kean Chye & Co</i> ◆ ACP Tan Kok Liang, <i>Commercial Crime Division, Bukit Aman</i> ◆ Dato' Jeffrey Ng Tiong Lip, <i>Immediate Past President, REHDA</i>

1.15 - 2.15pm	Lunch (Banquet Hall)
2.15 - 3.45pm	Session Three (Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3)
The Impact of the Law on Technology and Technology on the Law Moderator: Lambert Rasa-Ratnam , <i>Lee Hishamuddin Allen & Gledhill</i> Speakers : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prof. Khaw Lake Tee, <i>University Malaya</i> ◆ Wong Jin Nee, <i>Wong Jin Nee & Teo</i> ◆ Wong Sai Fong, <i>Shearn Delamore & Co</i> ◆ Michael Soo, <i>Shook Lin & Bok</i> 	
3.45 - 4.00pm	Session Four (Plenary Theatre)
Recent Legislative Amendments to Housing Development Moderator: Raphael Tay , <i>Tay Kuan Teck & Son</i> Speakers : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dr. Yong Chiu Mei, <i>University Malaya</i> ◆ Andrew Wong, <i>Andrew Wong & Co</i> ◆ Chang Kim Loong, <i>Hon. Secretary-General, National House Buyers Association</i> ◆ Datuk Eddy Chen, <i>Past President, REHDA</i> 	

3.45 - 4.00pm	Afternoon Break
4.00 - 5.30pm	Session Five (Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3)
Has the Law Failed the Family Unit? Moderator: Vicky Alahakone , <i>Alahakone & Associates</i> Speakers : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Lalitha Menon, <i>Lalitha Menon & Associates</i> ◆ Foo Yet Ngo, <i>YN Foo & Partners</i> ◆ Dato' Hajah Shamsuriah Sulaiman, <i>Shamsuriah & Associates</i> ◆ K. Shanmuga, <i>Kanesalingam & Co</i> 	
4.00 - 5.30pm	Session Six (Plenary Theatre)
The Role of Local Authorities Moderator: Dr. Ainul Jaria Maidin , <i>International Islamic University Malaysia</i> Speakers : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Derek Fernandez, <i>Fernandez & Selvarajah</i> ◆ Dato' P.G. Lim, <i>Raslan Loong</i> ◆ R. Nadeswaran, <i>Deputy Editor (Special Reporting), theSun</i> ◆ Ng Seing Liong, <i>President, REHDA</i> 	

Evening Welcome Reception (Chinoz on the Park)

The programme and the names of Speakers above are subject to change. The Organising Committee reserves the right to change and replace the programme and names of persons. The organisers of the Malaysian Law Conference shall not be held responsible in any manner whatsoever for any loss and inconvenience caused by such changes.

~ CONFERENCE PROGRAMME ~

Day 2 30th October 2007

- 9.00 - 9.30am Special Address on Gender by **YB Dato' Sri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil**, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia
Moderator: Nik Elin Zurina Nik Abdul Rashid, Nik Rashid Syed Azimal Rizal & Jehan
- 9.30 - 10.00am Address by **Fernando Pombo**, President, International Bar Association, UK
Moderator: Hj. Sulaiman Abdullah, Sulaiman
- 10.00 - 10.30am The Social Contract: The Constitutional Covenant by **Tommy Thomas**, Tommy Thomas
Moderator: Hj. Vazeer Alam Mydin Meera, Vazeer Akbar Majid & Co
- 10.30 - 10.45am Morning Break**
- 10.45 - 11.30am The Malaysian Constitution - Retrospective, Prospective and Comparative Perspectives by **Professor HP Lee**, Monash University, Australia
Moderator: Hj. Vazeer Alam Mydin Meera, Vazeer Akbar Majid & Co
- 11.30 - 12.00pm Pakistan's Judicial Crisis by **Muneer Malik**, President, Supreme Court Bar Association, Pakistan
Chair: Dato' Mary Lim, Attorney General's Chambers
- 12.00 - 12.30pm Contributions of the Judiciary to Malaysian Constitutional Law
Chair: Dato' Mary Lim, Attorney General's Chambers
Speakers:
- ♦ **Dato' Dr. Cyrus Das**, Shook Lin & Bok
 - ♦ **Prof. Shad Saleem Faruqi**, Universiti Teknologi MARA
- 12.30 - 12.45pm Discussion
- 12.45 - 1.30pm Luncheon performance - 'The Banned Arts' (Grand Ballroom 1)**
- 1.30 - 2.00pm 200 Years of Policing and 50 Years of Independence - The Royal Malaysian Police Experience - The Way Forward by **YDH Tan Sri Musa Hj Hassan**, Inspector General of Police
Moderator: Lim Chee Wee, Skrine

(All sessions above will be held at Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3)

2.00 - 3.30pm Session One (Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3)	Session Two (Plenary Theatre)	Session Three (Room 304, 305)
<p>Malpractice Litigation Revisited Moderator: Dr. Anand Bhupalan, Consultant Gastroenterologist, Gleneagles Intan Medical Centre Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Darryl Goon, Raja Darryl & Loh ♦ Robert Lazar, Shearn Delamore & Co ♦ Dr. Nurchaya Talib, University Malaya 	<p>Freedom of Expression in the Arts - A Theatrical Illusion? Moderator: Cecil Rajendra, Cecil Rajendra & Associates Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Eddin Khoo, Founder and Director, Pusaka Foundation ♦ Amir Muhammad, Independent Film-maker ♦ Joseph Gonzalez, Head of Dance Department, ASWARA ♦ Ramli Ibrahim, Founder, Sutra Dance Theatre 	<p>2.00 - 4.00pm 50 Years After Independence: Is All Well with the Malaysian Legal System? Chair: Steven Thiruneelakandan, Shook Lin & Bok Moderator: Dato' Dr. Cyrus Das, Shook Lin & Bok Panellist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Y.A Dato' V.T. Singham, High Court Judge ♦ Dato' V.C. George, Skrine ♦ Ambiga Sreenevasan, Sreenevasan ♦ Mah Weng Kwai, Mah Weng Kwai & Associates ♦ Dato' Noraini Abdul Rahman, Consultant, Legal Professional Qualifying Board ♦ Adj. Prof. R. Rajeswaran, Universiti Teknologi MARA ♦ Affifudin b. Ahmad Hafifi, Zul Rafique & Partners
<p>3.30 - 5.00pm Session Four (Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3)</p> <p>Role of the Bar in Upholding the Constitution - Experiences from around the South China Sea Moderator: Ambiga Sreenevasan, President, Malaysian Bar Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ahmad Basuni Haji Abbas, President, Brunei Law Society ♦ Philip Jeyaretnam, President, Singapore Law Society ♦ Datuk Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari, Past President, Malaysian Bar ♦ Tim Robertson, Senior Counsel, Frederick Jordan Chambers, Australia 	<p>Session Five (Plenary Theatre)</p> <p>Freedom of Religion Moderator: Ragnunath Kesavan, Kesavan Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Lee Min Choon, Legal Adviser, Christian Foundation of Malaysia ♦ Yusri Mohamad, President Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement ♦ Yeo Yang Poh - Yeo Tan Hoon & Tee ♦ Dr. Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil, Universiti Teknologi MARA ♦ Dr. Azmi Sharom, University Malaya 	<p>Session Six (Room 304, 305)</p> <p>4.00 - 6.00pm Dealing with Electronic Evidence by Vincents Chartered Accountants, Australia Moderator: Nahendran Navaratnam, Kadri Andri & Partners Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Daniel Hains, Senior Associate, Forensic
<p>5.00 - 5.15pm Afternoon Break</p> <p>5.15 - 6.30pm Session Seven (Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3)</p> <p>Corporate Law Moderator: P. Gananathan, Bodipalar Ponnudurai Nathan Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Michael Lim, Shearn Delamore & Co ♦ Dato' Loh Siew Cheang, Cheang & Ariff ♦ Abdul Karim Abdul Jalil, CEO, Companies Commission Malaysia 	<p>Session Eight (Plenary Theatre)</p> <p>Freedom of Information - Where Are We After 50 Years? Moderator: K. Mohandass, Shook Lin & Bok Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mark Stephens, Finers Stephens Innocent LLP, UK ♦ Tim Robertson, Senior Counsel, Frederick Jordan Chambers, Australia ♦ V. Gayathry, Executive Director, Centre for Independent Journalism ♦ Sivarasa Rasiah, Daim & Gamany ♦ Padmaja Padman, Associate Editor, Malaysiakini.com 	
<p>Evening The After Party organised by NYLC in collaboration with Mercedes-Benz, Cycle & Carriage Bintang Berhad (Bar Savanh)</p>		

Day 3 31st October 2007

9.00 - 9.45am (Plenary Theatre) **The Constitution - A Framework for A Sound Federal - State Relationship**
by **Datuk JC Fong**, *State of Sarawak Attorney General*
Moderator: Dato' Muhammad Shafee Md Abdullah, *Shafee & Co*

9.45 - 10.00am **Morning Break**

10.00 - 11.00am **Session One (Room 304, 305)**

Orang Asli and Our Constitution - Protecting Indigenous' Customs and Cultural Rights

Moderator: Augustine Anthony, *Augustine Anthony*

Speakers :

- ◆ **Prof. Ramy Bulan**, *University Malaya*
- ◆ **Tijah Yok Chopil**, *Orang Asli Representative, Bidor*
- ◆ **Colin Nicholas**, *Coordinator*
Center for Orang Asli Concerns (COAC)

Session Two (Plenary Theatre)

Lawyers in the New Millennium - Are We Turning Lawyers into Working Machines?

Host: Lee Shih, *Skrine*

Speakers :

- ◆ **Dr. Alvin Ng**, *Clinical Psychologist, HUKM*
- ◆ **Laura Liew**, *Chair, Young Lawyers Committee*
Singapore Law Society
- ◆ **Olivia Loh**, *Bodipalar Ponnudurai Nathan*
- ◆ **Sandesh Kabir**, *YH Teh & Quek*

11.00 - 12.15pm **Session Three (Room 304, 305)**

The Role of ASEAN in the Myanmar Impasse: Conflict, Confrontation or Compromise

Moderator: Christopher Leong, *Chooi & Co*

Speakers :

- ◆ **Andrew Khoo**, *Andrew Khoo & Daniel Lo*
- ◆ **Debbie Stothard**, *Coordinator, Alternative ASEAN*
Network on Burma
- ◆ **Paul Lian**, *Coordinator, Chin Refugee Committee*

Session Four (Plenary Theatre)

The Invisible Communities in Malaysia

Moderator: Latheefa Koya, *Daim & Gamany*

Speakers :

- ◆ **Dr. Volker Turk**, *Representative*,
United Nations High Commission for Refugees
- ◆ **Dr. Irene Fernandez**, *Executive Director, Tenaganita*
- ◆ **Amer Hamzah Arshad**, *Zain & Co*

12.15 - 1.15pm **Lunch (Banquet Hall)**

1.15 - 2.15pm (Plenary Theatre) **The Supremacy of the Constitution by The Hon. Prof. Dr. Jimly Asshiddiqie**,
President of the Constitutional Court, Indonesia
Moderator: Ambiga Sreenevasan, *President, Malaysian Bar*

Criminal Justice System: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly

Moderator: Baljit Singh Sidhu, *Shukor Baljit & Partners*

Speakers :

- ◆ **Dato' Muhammad Shafee**, *Shafee & Co*
- ◆ **Dato' Sithambaram**, *Sitham & Associates*
- ◆ **N. Sivananthan**, *Sivanathan*

South East Asian Young Lawyers Convention - The Past, The Present and The Future of Young Lawyers in South East Asia

Officiated by Mah Weng Kwai, *President, LAWASIA*

Hosts: Wong Fook Meng, *Chee Siah Le Kee & Partners & Dara Waheda*, *Rufin & Co*

Invited : Thailand, Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, Sarawak, Sabah, Brunei

3.45 - 4.00pm **Afternoon Break**

4.00 - 5.15pm (Plenary Theatre) **Coffeetable Talk on the Constitution: What the Constitution Means to Me**
Chair: Dato' VC George, *Skrine*

Speakers :

- ◆ **Raja Aziz Addruse**, *Raja Aziz Addruse*
- ◆ **Hj. Sulaiman Abdullah**, *Sulaiman*
- ◆ **Datuk Zaid Ibrahim**, *Zaid Ibrahim & Co*
- ◆ **Datuk JC Fong**, *State of Sarawak Attorney General*
- ◆ **Edmund Bon**, *Chooi & Co*
- ◆ **Nizam Bashir**, *Bashir & Co*

5.15 - 5.30pm (Plenary Theatre) **Closing Address by YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri Abdul Aziz**, *Minister in The Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia*

Evening **Farewell and 60th Anniversary Dinner (Conference Hall 1, 2 & 3)**

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill in the form using capital letters

Full Name (in passport/ IC): _____

Title: Tun Tan Sri Dato Justice Judge Prof Dr Mr Mrs Ms

Other Special Status: _____

Institution/Company: _____

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Preferred name for Name Tag: _____

Registration Fee (please tick where applicable)

Early Bird Registration before 30 July 2007

Local

Members of the Malaysian Bar RM800
Non Members RM1000

Young Practitioners (less than 7 years' practice),
Chambering Students, Academics
Judicial & Legal Service Officers RM500

Law Students RM200

Foreign

Delegates USD400

Young Practitioners USD250

Standard Registration after 30 July 2007

Local

Members of the Malaysian Bar RM900
Non Members RM1100

Young Practitioners (between 3-7 years' practice),
Academics, Judicial & Legal Service Officers RM550

Young Practitioners (less than 2 years' practice),
Chambering Students RM300

Law Students RM200

Foreign

Delegates USD500

Young Practitioners USD250

* Registration fee includes conference materials, lunches and tea breaks only.

60th Anniversary / Conference Dinner

Local RM150
Foreign USD75

Substitution / Cancellation

1. Substitutions may be made for registered delegates provided the Organisers are informed in writing before the Conference.
2. For cancellation, a refund less 10% will be given if the cancellation is received in writing by 1 October 2007. No refund will be given for cancellations received after 1 October 2007.

Method of Payment

Payment can be made by cheque, bank draft or bank transfer. Cheques and bank drafts should be made payable to "Bar Council Malaysian Law Conference". Payment must be made in advance of the Conference.

I would like to pay by:

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Accommodation



TRADERS HOTEL (Official Hotel)
(annexed to KLCC)

ROOM TYPE	PREFERRED RATES
Deluxe City View (Single/Double)	RM260.00++ (Subject to 10% service charge and 5% government tax.)

For room reservations please quote MLC 2007 and contact:
Reservation Department
Tel: 1800 829888 / 603-2332 9888 Fax: 603-2332 2677
Email: reservations.thkl@shangri-la.com
Website: www.shangri-la.com



NOVOTEL HYDRO MAJESTIC
(situated right behind KL Convention Centre)

ROOM TYPE	PREFERRED RATES
Superior Room (Single/Twin/Double)	RM200.00++ (Subject to 10% service charge and 5% government tax)

For room reservations, please contact:
Reservation Department
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