

WEBINAR ON CHILDREN OF CHOW KIT AND THEIR CHALLENGES

Date: 2 Nov 2026 (Monday) | Time: 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm | Platform:  zoom



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The Bar Council Child Rights Committee is organising a webinar titled "Children of Chow Kit and Their Challenges". The webinar aims to provide an overview of the challenges and vulnerabilities faced by children living in Chow Kit, particularly those arising from poverty, and issues relating to access to education, healthcare, housing, safety and social protection. The webinar also seeks to raise awareness of the lived experiences of these children and examine the existing support systems, gaps and challenges in protecting and promoting their rights.

The webinar will provide an opportunity for participants to:

- understand the social, economic and environmental challenges faced by children in Chow Kit;
- examine the impact of these challenges on children, their rights, well-being and development;
- discuss the barriers faced by children in accessing education, healthcare, protection and other essential services;
- highlight the experiences and perspectives of organisations working with children and communities in Chow Kit; and
- explore possible measures and collaborative approaches to strengthen support and protection for children in the area.

Targeted Participants

Members, Non-Members, Pupils in Chambers and Law Students

Time	Programme
3:00 pm	Opening Remarks
3:15 pm	Speaker Introduction
3:30 pm	Presentation
4:30 pm	Question-and-Answer ("Q&A") Session

Speaker



Dato' Dr Hartini Zainudin

Dato' Dr Hartini Zainudin is a child rights activist in Malaysia, renowned for her advocacy and leadership in protecting the welfare of marginalised children. She co-founded Yayasan Chow Kit — the first 24-hour, one-stop child crisis centre in Malaysia — which provides critical support to vulnerable children. Additionally, she serves as the Vice-President of Voice of the Children — a non-Governmental organisation ("NGO") dedicated to advocacy, law and policy reforms, and training on children's issues. She is currently working on establishing a new NGO called Madhya's Gift, which aims to improve access to health services for marginalised, underserved and underinsured sick children in Malaysia.

She has worked extensively with international organisations, including the United Nations Children's Fund ("UNICEF"); Save the Children, China; United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East ("UNRWA"); and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ("UNHCR"), where she has contributed to enhancing fundraising initiatives, and improving child protection and welfare. She has also conducted fundraising training with UNHCR Global, leveraging her expertise to mobilise resources for humanitarian causes. Her policy work includes serving on national task forces related to child protection and welfare, focusing on critical issues such as child trafficking and statelessness. Dato' Dr Hartini has been invited to attend NGO and community workshops with the International Criminal Court ("ICC") prosecutors in The Hague and Geneva on the child witness process and trafficking issues, providing insights into child rights and child protection to ensure that justice systems are child-sensitive and effective.

Dato' Dr Hartini's expertise has been featured in prominent media outlets, including Al Jazeera's 101 East, where she addressed complex issues such as baby selling. She is a prolific writer on child rights and protection, contributing to various publications and advocating policy reforms that prioritise the children's well-being. Her commitment to ensuring children's rights and safety is unwavering, and she continues to be a leading voice in this field, inspiring change through her work and advocacy.

Moderator



**Dato' Yasmeen
bt Haji Mohd Shariff**

Dato' Yasmeen bt Haji Mohd Shariff was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1987. She practises family law and child rights advocacy and is the Managing Partner of Yasmeen Hajar & Hairudin. She has served on various Bar Council committees, particularly those relating to children, women and family justice.

Dato' Yasmeen has been deeply involved in juvenile justice reform and child protection initiatives at both national and international levels. In 2012, she made history as the first Malaysian elected to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child ("UNCRC"), where she later served as Vice-Chair.

This year, Dato' Yasmeen was once again nominated and stood for election to the UNCRC. She was successfully re-elected, securing the highest number of votes among the elected candidates. Her work continues to contribute significantly to legal reform, policy development and the promotion and protection of children's rights locally and internationally.

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