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**Circular No 073/2022
Dated 16 Mar 2022**

To Members of the Malaysian Bar and pupils in chambers

Report on Continuing Professional Development Scheme 2021/22

We refer to the following:

- (1) [Circular No 035/2022](#) entitled “76th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar (19 March 2022)” dated 21 Feb 2022, giving notice of the 76th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar;
- (2) [Circular No 072/2022](#) entitled “Agenda and Motions for the 76th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar (19 March 2022)” dated 15 Mar 2022; and
- (3) “Motion Regarding the Continuing Professional Development Scheme”, proposed by A G Kalidas (Chairman, Bar Council), on behalf of the Bar Council, dated 11 Mar 2022 (see pages numbered 3 to 7 of the [motions booklet, here](#)).

The report on the Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) Scheme for the 2021/22 term can be accessed [here](#) (see page 2 onwards).

We hope the information provided here is of assistance.

Stay safe.

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CPD BAR COUNCIL
MALAYSIA
REFINING SKILLS

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2021/2022 REPORT

76TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE MALAYSIAN BAR

19 MAR 2022

// The need for continuous legal training is not unique to judges; it is essential for lawyers at the Bar and in public service. In the case of the former, the Bar only recently implemented the Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) programme aimed at enhancing legal knowledge among its members. However, there is a need for greater emphasis on continuous legal education. That too, in relation to the core values underlying the administration of justice. //

- The Right Honourable Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat, Chief Justice of Malaysia
Speech for the Opening of the Legal Year 2020

SUMMARY OF THE MALAYSIAN BAR'S MANDATORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ("CPD") SCHEME



19 Mar 2016
70th AGM

- ▶ Resolution adopted at the 70th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian Bar ("AGM") making the CPD Scheme mandatory for Members, to take effect on a staggered basis. With effect from 1 July 2016, Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from 1 July 2011 onwards, are required to obtain 16 CPD points in each 24-month CPD cycle, and pupils in chambers who commenced their pupillage from 1 July 2016 onwards, are required to obtain 8 CPD points in the course of their pupillage.

The first mandatory CPD cycle for the Scheme was from 1 July 2016 until 30 June 2018 (inclusive).

17 Mar 2018
72nd AGM

- ▶ Resolution adopted to extend the mandatory CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2011. With effect from 1 July 2018, these Members are required to obtain 16 CPD points in each 24-month CPD cycle.

The second mandatory CPD cycle for the Scheme was from 1 July 2018 until 30 June 2020 (inclusive).

14 Mar 2020
74th AGM

- ▶ A motion to extend the application of the staggered mandatory CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2006 with effect from 1 July 2020, was to have been tabled at the 74th AGM. However, in light of the health concerns arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, the motion was withdrawn in order to expedite the conduct of the AGM, with the intention that an appropriately amended motion be tabled for a subsequent general meeting of the Malaysian Bar.

The current (ie third) mandatory 24-month CPD cycle for the Scheme is from 1 July 2020 until 30 June 2022 (inclusive).

13 Mar 2021
75th AGM

- ▶ Resolution adopted to extend the mandatory CPD Scheme to Members admitted as advocates and solicitors of the High Court of Malaya between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2006. With effect from 1 July 2021, these Members are required to obtain 8 CPD points for a 12-month period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 (inclusive), and 16 CPD points during each subsequent 24-month CPD cycle.

CATEGORIES OF CPD ACTIVITIES

CPD **Bridges**

CPD **LEGAL Learning Lab**

CPD **Live**

CPD **FEST**

CPD **Perintis**

CPD **Camps**

CPD **direct**

CPD **PRIME**

CPD **Roundtable**

CPD **LEGAL Craft**

CPD **OnDemand**

CPD **Express**

WHAT'S NEW

CPD FEST

CPD Fest comprised a series of training webinars covering multiple practice areas conducted daily within the week. The inaugural CPD Fest was held from 22 to 26 Mar 2021. More CPD Fest will be organised in the future.

4,168 MEMBERS RECEIVED 2 CPD EVENT VOUCHERS WORTH RM30 EACH FOR OBTAINING 16 OR MORE CPD POINTS IN CYCLE 2.

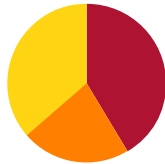
CPD TRAINING

CYCLE 2

1 JULY 2018 – 30 JUNE 2020^a

1,569 EVENTS

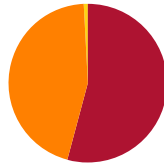
- FREE**
561 EVENTS
- RM10 - RM50**
263 EVENTS
- MORE THAN RM50**
411 EVENTS



56 CPD CAMPS

1,268 PARTICIPANTS

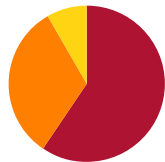
- 772 MEMBERS**
- 487 PUPILS IN CHAMBERS**
- 9 NON-MEMBERS**



70,145 PARTICIPANTS

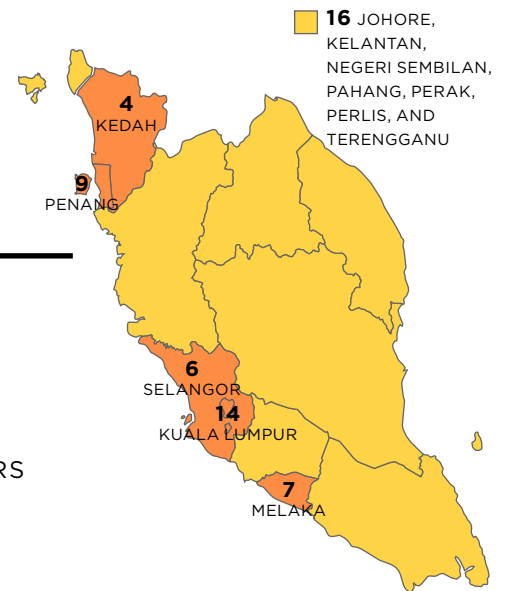
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- 44,572 MEMBERS**
- 20,606 PUPILS IN CHAMBERS**
- 4,967 NON-MEMBERS**



CPD ON DEMAND

- 51 COURSES**
- 13,216 VIEWS**
- 5,949 REGISTERED USERS**



NUMBER OF CPD EVENTS AND PARTICIPANTS

EVENT PROVIDERS	EVENTS	PARTICIPANTS
BAR COUNCIL ("BC") ^b	397	27,184
STATE BAR COMMITTEES	532	29,535
BC LEGAL AID CENTRES	56	1,115
CPD ROUNDTABLE, AND IN-HOUSE LEGAL TRAINING BY LAW FIRMS	410	6,828
COMMERCIAL COURSE PROVIDERS	65	3,094
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES	109	2,389

^aAll figures displayed in this section on Cycle 2 are based on data updated in our database as at 15 Feb 2022.

^bInclusive of CPD events such as CPD Camps, CPD Prime, advocacy training courses, and BC Ethics and Professional Standards Course.

PARTICIPATION

CYCLE

1

**1 JULY 2016
- 30 JUNE 2018^c**

OVERALL MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE CPD SCHEME

NO OF CPD POINTS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	1,014
2	1,066
3	752
4	430
5	528
6	670
7	379
8	337
9	283
10	303
11	241
12	340
13	212
14	219
15	182
16	269
MORE THAN 16	2,373

**MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED
IN CPD SCHEME **9,598****

**TOTAL NUMBER OF
MEMBERS OF THE BAR **19,359****

YEARS OF PRACTICE	NO OF MEMBERS			
	1 - 8 CPD POINTS	9 - 16 CPD POINTS	MORE THAN 16 CPD POINTS	TOTAL NO OF MEMBERS WITH CPD POINTS
0 ^d	69	14	17	100
1	8	0	0	8
2	240	54	16	310
3	411	186	144	741
4	228	212	325	765
5	220	140	239	599
6	223	145	233	601
7	224	148	197	569
8	198	117	189	504
9	191	83	88	362
10	170	63	67	300



^c All figures displayed in this section on Cycle 1 are based on data updated in our database as at 30 June 2018.

^d This refers to Members who have been in practice for less than a year.

PARTICIPATION

CYCLE

2

**1 JULY 2018
- 30 JUNE 2020^e**

OVERALL MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE CPD SCHEME

NO OF CPD POINTS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	1,301
2	1,134
3	708
4	490
5	498
6	497
7	375
8	352
9	279
10	330
11	244
12	359
13	209
14	238
15	194
16	277
MORE THAN 16	2,024

**MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED
IN CPD SCHEME **9,509****

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE BAR **20,497**

YEARS OF PRACTICE	NO OF MEMBERS			
	1 - 8 CPD POINTS	9 - 16 CPD POINTS	MORE THAN 16 CPD POINTS	TOTAL NO OF MEMBERS WITH CPD POINTS
0 ^f	56	14	16	86
1	15	0	0	15
2	223	45	12	280
3	429	231	189	849
4	350	220	303	873
5	293	157	206	656
6	244	125	181	550
7	194	131	136	461
8	235	115	119	469
9	227	115	119	461
10	198	107	94	399
11	161	81	75	317
12	159	67	54	280
13	127	55	43	225
14	110	49	55	214
15	106	50	35	191
16	121	26	23	170
17	107	38	13	158
18	111	35	16	162
19	111	40	20	171
20	105	20	15	140



^e All figures displayed in this section on Cycle 2 are based on data updated in our database as at 15 Feb 2022.

^f This refers to Members who have been in practice for less than a year.

PARTICIPATION

CYCLE
3

1 JULY 2020
- 30 JUNE 2022⁹

OVERALL MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE CPD SCHEME

NO OF CPD POINTS	NO OF PARTICIPANTS
1	1,807
2	1,469
3	816
4	622
5	549
6	435
7	357
8	319
9	280
10	275
11	223
12	347
13	206
14	225
15	177
16	180
MORE THAN 16	1,565

MEMBERS WHO PARTICIPATED
IN CPD SCHEME **9,852**

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS
OF THE BAR **20,497**

YEARS OF PRACTICE	NO OF MEMBERS			
	1 - 8 CPD POINTS	9 - 16 CPD POINTS	MORE THAN 16 CPD POINTS	TOTAL NO OF MEMBERS WITH CPD POINTS
0 ^h	79	13	14	106
1	449	180	130	759
2	445	180	177	802
3	458	197	171	826
4	405	169	146	720
5	306	111	90	507
6	291	83	69	443
7	232	77	80	389
8	254	89	74	417
9	276	79	67	422
10	247	79	46	372
11	202	61	45	308
12	171	48	40	259
13	115	42	31	188
14	142	27	30	199
15	130	31	22	183
16	108	18	25	151
17	105	38	15	158
18	129	42	16	187
19	114	35	22	171
20	107	17	12	136



⁹ All figures displayed in this page regarding Cycle 3 are based on data updated in our database as at 15 Feb 2022.

^h This refers to Members who have been in practice for less than a year.

CPD TRAINING

CYCLE
3

1 JULY 2020 - 30 JUNE 2022

1,145 EVENTS

FREE
288 EVENTS

RM10 - RM50
440 EVENTS

MORE THAN RM50
106 EVENTS



77,095 PARTICIPANTS
(INCLUSIVE OF REPEATED PARTICIPATION)

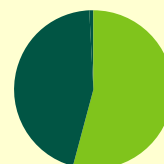
54,670
MEMBERS

19,401
PUPILS IN
CHAMBERS

3,024 NON-MEMBERS



13 CPD CAMPS
1,242 PARTICIPANTS



493 MEMBERS

749 PUPILS
IN CHAMBERS

0 NON-MEMBERS

NUMBER OF CPD EVENTS AND PARTICIPANTS

EVENT PROVIDERS	EVENTS	PARTICIPANTS
BC ⁱ	325	31,969
STATE BAR COMMITTEES	398	26,539
BC LEGAL AID CENTRES	46	741
CPD ROUNDTABLE, AND IN-HOUSE LEGAL TRAINING BY LAW FIRMS	237	5,000
COMMERCIAL COURSE PROVIDERS	46	754
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES	93	7,227

ⁱ Inclusive of CPD events such as CPD Camps, CPD Prime, advocacy training courses, and BC Ethics and Professional Standards Course.

CPD ON DEMAND **67** COURSES **6,526** VIEWS **6,700** REGISTERED USERS