

Public Forum on

Malaysians Without ICs and "Statelessness"

15 Sept 2023 (Friday) | 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium**Level 2, Wisma Badan Peguam Malaysia
2 Leboh Pasar Besar, 50050 Kuala Lumpur

Platform | Zoom



This is a hybrid event

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There are at least 10,000 people in West Malaysia alone who are denied nationality, with unknown numbers in East Malaysia. These people aren't allowed education, jobs or healthcare. Statelessness is an often misjudged issue and in most cases they are not able to enjoy their basic human rights. It is almost impossible for stateless children to provide passports as amongst others, the biological parents of these children are unmarried or no longer in Malaysia or their parents' country of origin did not issue passports to children who were born outside the country.

Furthermore, many adopted parents of stateless children are not aware of the procedures necessary to obtain a citizenship for their children.

With the recent additional proposed amendments to the Federal Constitution on citizenship, access to citizenship rights in Malaysia are further limited and this is concerning.

In this panel, we will deep dive into the issues surrounding statelessness in Malaysia, from the law, NGO, government and social perspective.

Programme

9:30 am	Registration
10:00 am	Opening Address by Karen Cheah Yee Lynn President, Malaysian Bar followed by a photo session
10:10 am	Public Forum on Malaysians Without ICs and "Statelessness"
11:20 am	Question-and-Answer Session
12:20 pm	Closing Remarks
12:30 pm	End

Speakers

YB Senator Puan Saraswathy Kandasami
Deputy Minister of Entrepreneur and Cooperatives Development



Maalini Ramalo
Director for the Social Protection of Development of Human Resources in Rural Area (DHRR) Malaysia



Larissa Ann Louis
Chairperson, Bar Council Human Rights Committee;
Member, Bar Council



Simon Siah
Human Rights Lawyer and Director of
Lawyer Kamek for Change

Moderator

Anand Raj
Secretary, Malaysian Bar

Speaker from
Ministry of Home Affairs (to be confirmed)

Speaker from
National Registration Department (to be confirmed)

This hybrid forum is free of charge, but advance registration is required.

Upon successful registration, a confirmation email and the link to the webinar will be emailed to registered participants only. Registration will close on **14 Sept 2023 Thursday, at 12:00 noon**, and is on a first come, first served basis.

No additional registration will be accepted once the closing date has passed, or if the event is full (whichever comes first).

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