

14th Malaysian Law Conference 2007



*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

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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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Day 1 29th October 2007

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 Muhibuddin Shah , Sultan of Perak
9.40 - 10.30am	Keynote Address by YAB Datuk 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>
11.40 - 1.15pm	Session One Session Two
Opportunities and Challenges in Islamic Commercial Law	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Mohamed Ismail Mohamed Shariff, <i>Mohamed Ismail & Co</i> ♦ Dato' Noorashikin Tan Sri Abdul Rahim, <i>Acting Director, Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration</i> ♦ YA Datuk Wahab Patail, <i>High Court Kuala Lumpur (Civil Division)</i> ♦ Baljeet Kaur Grewal, <i>Chief Economist & Head, Global Research, Kuwait Finance House (M) Bhd</i> 	
Iskandar Development Region - The Destination?	
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
2.15 - 3.45pm	Session Three Session Four
The Impact of the Law on Technology and Technology on the Law	
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> 	
Recent Legislative Amendments to Housing Development	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Dr. Yong Chiu Mei, <i>University Malaya</i> ♦ Ir. Fong Tian Yong, <i>Housing & Local Government Ministry</i> ♦ Andrew Wong, <i>Andrew Wong & Co</i> ♦ Teh Seh Hock, <i>Teh & Azlina</i> ♦ Datuk Eddy Chen, <i>Past President, REHDA</i> 	
3.45 - 4.00pm	Afternoon Break
4.00 - 5.30pm	Session Five Session Six
Has the Law Failed the Family Unit?	
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> 	
The Role of Local Authorities	
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
<p><i>The programme and the names of Speakers above are tentative only. The Organising Committee reserve 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.</i></p>	

Day 2 30th October 2007

9.00 - 9.30am	Special Address on Gender by YB Dato' Sri Shahrizat Abdul Jalil , <i>Women, Family and Community Development Minister, Malaysia</i>
9.30 - 10.00am	Address by Fernando Pombo , <i>President, International Bar Association, UK</i>
10.00 - 10.30am	The Politics and Economics of Malaysia's Constitution 1957 - 2007 by Tommy Thomas , <i>Tommy Thomas</i>
10.30 - 10.45am	Morning Break
10.45 - 11.30am	The Malaysian Constitution - Retrospective, Prospective and Comparative Perspectives by Professor HP Lee , <i>Monash University, Australia</i>
11.30 - 12.00pm	Pakistan's Judicial Crisis - Muneer Malik , <i>President, Supreme Court Bar Association, Pakistan</i>
12.00 - 12.30pm	Contributions of the Judiciary to Malaysian Constitutional Law
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Dato' Dr. Cyrus Das, <i>Shook Lin & Bok</i> ♦ Prof. Shad Saleem Faruqi, <i>Universiti Teknologi MARA</i> 	
12.30 - 12.45pm	Discussion
12.45 - 1.30pm	Luncheon performance - 'The Banned Arts'
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 , <i>Inspector General of Police</i>
2.00 - 3.30pm	Session One Session Two Session Three
Freedom of Expression in the Arts - A Theatrical Illusion?	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Eddin Khoo, <i>Founder and Director, Pusaka Foundation</i> ♦ Amir Muhammad, <i>Independent Film-maker</i> ♦ Joseph Gonzalez, <i>Head of Dance Department, ASWARA</i> ♦ Ramli Ibrahim, <i>Founder, Sutra Dance Theatre</i> 	
Malpractice Litigation Revisited	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Darryl Goon, <i>Raja Darryl & Loh</i> ♦ Robert Lazar, <i>Shearn Delamore & Co</i> ♦ Nurchaya Talib, <i>University Malaya</i> 	
Dealing with Electronic Evidence by Vincents Chartered Accountants, Australia	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Seamus E Byrne, <i>Lawyer and Director, Forensic Technology</i> ♦ Daniel Hains, <i>Senior Associate, Forensic</i> 	
3.30 - 5.00pm	Session Four Session Five Session Six
Freedom of Religion	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Lee Min Choon, <i>Legal Advisor, Christian Foundation of Malaysia</i> ♦ Yusri Mohamad, <i>President Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement</i> ♦ Yeo Yang Poh - <i>Yeo Tan Hoon & Tee</i> 	
Role of the Bar in Upholding the Constitution - Experiences from around the South China Sea	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Ahmad Basuni Haji Abbas, <i>President, Brunei Law Society</i> ♦ Philip Jeyaretnam, <i>President, Singapore Law Society</i> ♦ Datuk Kuthubul Zaman Bukhari, <i>Past President, Malaysian Bar</i> 	
50 Years After Independence: Is All Well with the Malaysian Legal System?	
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5.00 - 5.15pm	Afternoon Break
5.15 - 6.30pm	Session Seven Session Eight
Freedom of Information - Where Are We After 50 Years?	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ V. Gayathry, <i>Executive Director, Centre for Independent Journalism</i> ♦ Sivarasa Rasiah, <i>Daim & Gamany</i> ♦ Padmaja Padman, <i>Associate Editor, Malaysiakini.com</i> ♦ Tim Robertson, <i>Senior Counsel, Frederick Jordan Chambers, Australia</i> ♦ Mark Stephens, <i>Finers Stephens Innocent LLP, UK</i> 	
Corporate Law	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Michael Lim, <i>Shearn Delamore & Co</i> ♦ Dato' Loh Siew Cheang, <i>Cheang & Ariff</i> ♦ Abdul Karim Abdul Jalil, <i>CEO, Companies Commission Malaysia</i> 	
Evening	The After Party organised by NYLC

Day 3 31st October 2007

9.00 - 9.45am	The Constitution - A Framework for A Sound Federal - State Relationship - Datuk JC Fong , <i>State of Sarawak Attorney General</i>
9.45 - 10.00am	Morning Break
10.00 - 11.00am	Session One Session Two
Lawyers in the New Millennium - Are We Turning Lawyers into Working Machines?	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Dr Alvin Ng, <i>Clinical Psychologist, HUKM</i> ♦ Laura Liew, <i>Chair, Young Lawyers Committee Singapore Law Society</i> ♦ Sandesh Kabir, <i>YH Teh & Quek</i> ♦ Olivia Loh, <i>Bodipalar Ponnudurai Nathan</i> 	
Orang Asli and Our Constitution - Protecting Indigenous' Customs and Cultural Rights	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Colin Nicholas, <i>Executive Director Center for Orang Asli Concerns (COAC)</i> ♦ Prof. Ramy Bulan, <i>University Malaya</i> ♦ Tijah Yok Chopil, <i>Orang Asli Representative, Bidor</i> 	
11.00 - 12.15pm	Session Three Session Four
Criminal Justice System: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Dato' Muhammad Shafee, <i>Shafee & Co</i> ♦ Dato' Sithambaram, <i>Sitham & Associates</i> ♦ N. Sivanathan, <i>Sivanathan</i> 	
The Invisible Communities in Malaysia	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Dr Volker Turk, <i>Representative, United Nations High Commission for Refugees</i> ♦ Amer Hamzah Arshad, <i>Zain & Co</i> ♦ Dr Irene Fernandez, <i>Executive Director, Tenaganita</i> 	
12.15 - 1.15pm	Lunch
1.15 - 2.15pm	The Supremacy of the Constitution - The Hon. Prof. Dr. Jimly Asshiddiqie , <i>President of the Constitutional Court, Indonesia</i>
2.15 - 3.45pm	Session Five Session Six
South East Asian Young Lawyers Convention - The Past, The Present and The Future of Young Lawyers in South East Asia	
Invited :	
Thailand, Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, Sarawak, Sabah	
ASEAN Charter - Impact on Our Sovereignty, Economy and Society	
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Chief Justice Atthaniti Disatha-Amnarj, <i>President, ASEAN Law Association</i> ♦ Andrew Khoo, <i>Andrew Khoo & Daniel Lo</i> ♦ HE Thierry Rommel, <i>Head European Union Delegation to Malaysia</i> 	
3.45 - 4.00pm	Afternoon Break
4.00 - 5.15pm	Coffeetable Talk on the Constitution: What the Constitution Means to Me
Speakers :	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Raja Aziz Addruse, <i>Raja Aziz Addruse</i> ♦ Haji Sulaiman Abdullah, <i>Sulaiman</i> ♦ Datuk Zaid Ibrahim, <i>Zaid Ibrahim & Co</i> ♦ Datuk JC Fong, <i>State of Sarawak Attorney General</i> ♦ Edmund Bon, <i>Chooi & Co</i> 	
5.15 - 5.30pm	Closing Address by Dato' Seri Nazri Aziz , <i>Minister in The Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia</i>
Evening	Farewell and 60th Anniversary Dinner

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

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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
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Young Practitioners (above 2 & less than 7 years' practice),
Academics, Judicial & Legal Service Officers RM550

Pupils & Lawyers (less than 2 years' practice) 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.

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ROOM TYPE	PREFERRED RATES
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