

LAWASIA Constitutional & Rule of Law Conference 2019 Programme

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT: THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES & INSTITUTIONS

4 – 5 October 2019 | One World Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

Friday 4 October 2019

09:00 – 10:00

WELCOME/OPENING REMARKS

Dato' Dr Cyrus Das | Chairman of LAWASIA Constitutional & Rule of Law Committee

Dato' Abdul Fareed Abdul Gafoor | President of The Malaysian Bar

Mr Christopher Leong | President of LAWASIA

OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE & KEYNOTE ADDRESS by Special Guest

YAB Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad | The Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia

10:00 – 10:15

Networking Coffee Break

10.15 – 10.45

Special Address

Honourable Justice Prasanna Jayawardena SC (Sri Lanka) | Judge of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

– TBC

10:45 – 11:50

SESSION 1

Why a Separation of Powers in Government? Its Importance to Constitutionalism

Moderator: **Dato' Ambiga Sreenevasan** (Malaysia) | Commissioner of International Commission of Jurists

Panellists:

-**Professor Kevin Tan** (Singapore) | Singapore Management University

-**Mr Shyam Divan** (India) | Vice President LAWASIA

-**Mr Philip Dykes SC** (Hong Kong) | Chairman of Hong Kong Bar Association

-**Mr Arthur Moses SC** (Australia) | President of Law Council of Australia

-**Justice Paul Howard** (Australia) | Judge of the Federal Circuit Court

11:50 – 12:50

SESSION 2

The Judicial Role in Public Administration: Key Values & Principles

Moderator: **Dato' Param Cumaraswamy** (Malaysia) | Past President LAWASIA

Panellists:

-**Datuk Seri Gopal Sri Ram** (Malaysia) | Former Federal Court Judge

-**Ms Zan Chen** (China) | Deputy Director of Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and Foreign Affairs Committee of Guangdong Lawyers' Association

-**Dr Gordon Hughes AM** (Australia) | Chair of the South Pacific Lawyers' Association

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13:00 – 14:00 **Networking Lunch**

14:45 – 15:30 **PLENARY SESSION**

Constitutional Role of the Rulers & the Conference of Rulers in Malaysia

Moderator: **Mr Syahredzan Johan** (Malaysia) | Former Chairperson of the Bar Council Constitutional Law Committee (2011-2013)

Speakers:

- Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr Shad Saleem Faruqi** (Malaysia)
- Dato' Noor Farida Ariffin** (Malaysia) | Member of G25 Malaysia – TBC
- Ms Firdaus Husni** (Malaysia) | Chief Human Rights Strategist at Malaysian Centre for Constitutionalism and Human Rights

15:30 – 15:45 **Networking Coffee Break**

15:45 – 17:00 **SESSION 3**

The Non-Judicial Accountability Mechanisms: The Press & the Ombudsman

Moderator: **Mr C.M. Chan** (Hong Kong) | Vice-President of The Law Society of Hong Kong

Panellists:

- Mr Arif Zulkifli** (Indonesia) | Editor in Chief for Tempo Magazine
- Mr Prem Chandran** (Malaysia) | Chief Executive Officer of MalaysiaKini
- Mr Tatsuo Ninoseki** (Japan) | Chairperson of Committee on Information Issues, Japan Federation of Bar Associations
- Mr Bernard Banks** (New Zealand) | Consultant at Gibson Sheat Lawyers
- Mr Domingo Egon Q. Cayosa** (Philippines) | President of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines
- Mr George Tu Chongyu** (China) | Chief Partner of ULC Law Firm

18:00

Conference Reception
Signature by the Hill @ the Roof, Sky Level, First Avenue.
Hosted by Lexis Nexis Malaysia

Saturday 5 October 2019

09:00 – 09:30

SPECIAL ADDRESS

The Honourable YAA Tan Sri Dato' Seri Utama Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat (Malaysia) | The Rt. Honourable Chief Justice of Malaysia

09:30 – 09:45

Networking Coffee Break

09:45 – 10:05

SPECIAL ADDRESS

YB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim (Malaysia) | The Honourable Chairman, Parliamentary Caucus on Government & Reforms and Honourable Member of Parliament for Port Dickson

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10:05 – 11:15

SESSION 4 - ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Strengthening Constitutional Institutions – Malaysia’s Reform Programme

Moderator:

Mr. Lim Wei Jiet (Malaysia) | Secretary General of National Human Rights Society, HAKAM

Panellists:

- Datuk Azhar Azizan Harun** (Malaysia) | The Honourable Chairman of the Malaysian Election Commission
- Ms Latheefa Koya** (Malaysia) | The Honourable Chief commissioner of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission
- Dr Wong Chin Huat** (Malaysia) | Senior Fellow, Jeffery Sachs Center on Sustainable Development
- Mr Sharil Sufian Hamdan** (Malaysia) | Youth Vice Chief of UMNO and Co-founder of The Centre

11:15 – 11:30

Networking Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:00

SPECIAL ADDRESS

YB Tan Sri Dato’ Mohamad Ariff bin Md Yusof (Malaysia) | The Honourable Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament
“Constitutional Structure and Separation of Powers”

12:00 – 13:30

SESSION 5

Federalism: Concentration of Power & Different Perspectives in Federalism

Moderator:

Mr Abdul Rashid Ismail (Malaysia) | Advocate & Solicitor

Panellists:

- Mr Mark Goh** (Malaysia) | Senior Lecturer at HELP University Malaysia
- Mr Mohd Akram Sheikh** (Pakistan) | Former President Supreme Court Bar Association
- Mr Paul Emerson** (United Kingdom) | Barrister, Devereux Chambers
- Professor Chee-Keong, Low** (Hong Kong) | Associate Professor at Chinese University of Hong Kong Business School
- Mr Prashant Kumar** (India) | President-elect of the Bar Association of India and Immediate Past President of LAWASIA

13:30

CLOSING CEREMONY

Speeches by:

- Tan Sri Tommy Thomas** (Malaysia) | The Honourable Attorney General of Malaysia
- Ms Gaythri Raman** (Malaysia) | Managing Director of Lexis Nexis
- Mr Steven Thiru** (Malaysia) ExCo Member, LAWASIA