



THE LAW ASSOCIATION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

LAWASIA Constitutional & Rule of Law Conference

Constitutional
Government:
The Importance
of Constitutional
Structures and
Institutions

1st Day **4 Oct 2019**
9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

2nd Day **5 Oct 2019**
9:00a.m. – 1:30p.m.

Venue
**One World Hotel,
Petaling Jaya, Selangor**

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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

07:30 onwards **REGISTRATION**

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 **Coffee Break**

10.15 – 10.45 **Special Address**

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

“The Constitutional Law Aspects of the Decision of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka on the Proclamation dissolving Parliament”

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 Kumaraswamy** (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

-**Honourable Justice Prasanna Jayawardena PC** (Sri Lanka) | Judge of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

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13:00 – 14:00 **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)

-**Ms Firdaus Husni** (Malaysia) | Chief Human Rights Strategist at Malaysian Centre for Constitutionalism and Human Rights

15:30 – 15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45 – 17:15 **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

17.15 – 18.00 **SPECIAL ADDRESS**

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

18:15

Conference Reception

Signature by the Hill @ the Roof, Sky Level, First Avenue.

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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 – 10.00 **Coffee Break**

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10:00 – 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 Shahril Sufian Hamdan** (Malaysia) | Vice Chief of UMNO Youth and Co-founder of The Centre

- **Mr Md. Imam Hossain** (Bangladesh) | Barrister-at-Law

11:15 – 11:30

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) | Past President of HAKAM

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