

PERSIDANGAN NASIONAL UNDANG-UNDANG KERAJAAN TEMPATAN 2023:

Mengemudi Cabaran, Memampkan Masa Hadapan

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAWS 2023:

Navigating Challenges, Sustaining the Future



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**YAA TUN TENGGU MAIMUN
BINTI TUAN MAT**
CHIEF JUSTICE OF MALAYSIA



SPECIAL ADDRESS

YB TUAN NGA KOR MING
MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
DEVELOPMENT

Persidangan Nasional Undang-Undang Kerajaan Tempatan 2023 bertujuan menyingkap dan membahas isu-isu penting berkaitan tugas, peranan dan tanggungjawab Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan ('PBT') serta pihak berkepentingan berkaitan. Topik-topik yang akan dikupas adalah bersifat kontemporari, dan relevan dengan keperluan semasa PBT, industri perumahan, komuniti perundangan, dan kelompok masyarakat yang melanggan perkhidmatan PBT.

Persidangan ini menampilkan para penceramah dan ahli panel yang berpengalaman dan berpengetahuan luas sama ada dalam bidang undang-undang mahupun perlaksanaannya. Para peserta akan mendapat manfaat yang besar daripada pertemuan intelektual ini.

Persidangan ini merupakan forum terbaik untuk pegawai PBT, pemaju hartanah, peguam, dan pihak berkepentingan yang berkaitan untuk menyerap perspektif yang menarik dan inovatif dari sudut dinamik, mekanik dan kerja kerajaan tempatan, sambil menyediakan peluang yang tidak ternilai kepada peserta untuk berinteraksi.

Persidangan ini secara konklusifnya bertujuan merangsang perubahan-perubahan positif dalam undang-undang Kerajaan Tempatan melalui pengukuhan hubungan di antara pihak berkepentingan.



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DAFTAR DI SINI



*Sessions will be delivered in either English or Bahasa

This National Conference on Local Government Laws 2023 aims to uncover and discuss important issues relating to the duties, roles and responsibilities of Local Governments (PBT) and related stakeholders. The topics to be addressed are contemporary and relevant to the current needs of local authorities, housing industries, legal communities and groups that subscribe to PBT services.

The conference features esteemed speakers and panellists with extensive experience and knowledge in the realm of local government laws and their applications. Participants stand to benefit enormously from this intellectual rendezvous.

The congregation serves as a premier forum for PBT officials, property developers, lawyers, and relevant stakeholders to absorb interesting and innovative perspectives on the dynamics, mechanics, and workings of local governments, whilst providing an invaluable opportunity for participants to interact.

The conference conclusively aims to facilitate positive changes in local government laws through the strengthening of engagement among stakeholders.

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08:30 – 09:00	Pendaftaran Hari Pertama
09:00 – 09:10	Kata-Kata Aluan Rostina Gaus Director, CLJ Malaysia
09:10 – 9:40	Ucaptive Kerajaan Tempatan & Pembinaan Negara ke arah Kemampanan dan Kemajuan <i>Local Governments & Nation Building Towards Sustainability and Progress</i> YAA Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat Chief Justice of Malaysia
9:40 – 10:00	Ucapan Khas <i>Special Address</i> YB Tuan Nga Kor Ming Minister of Local Government Development
10:00 – 10:15	Perasmian Sesi Cenderamata & Bergambar
10:15 – 10:45	Sesi 1 Pertimbangan Mahkamah Tertinggi terhadap Kerajaan Tempatan sebagai Badan Perancang <i>Reflections of the Apex Court on Local Government as Planning Authority</i> Dato' Dr. Gurdial Singh Nijar Partner, GS Nijar Advocates
10:45 – 11:00	Minum Pagi
11:00 – 12:00	Sesi 2 Isu Tunggakan Taksiran Dari Dimensi Perundangan <i>Assessment Arrears Issues from the Legal Perspective</i> YBrs. Dr. Elina binti Mohd Head of Legal Department, Majlis Bandaraya Alor Setar Kanesh Sundrum Senior Partner, Kanesh Sundrum & Co
12:00 – 13:00	Sesi 3 Selok Belok Penggubalan Undang-Undang Kecil: Teknik dan Kaedah <i>The Intricacies of Drafting Bylaws: Rules and Techniques</i> Nor Azah binti Nor Aziz Assistant Director, Legal Unit, Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru Rosmizan binti Muhamad Deputy Parliamentary Draftsman II, Attorney General's Chambers Malaysia
13:00 – 14:15	Makan Tengahari
14:15 – 15:15	Sesi 4 Permintaan perkhidmatan: Antara Tanggungjawab Statutori & Realiti Bajet <i>Service Demands: Balancing Statutory Obligations & Budget Realities</i> Haji Mohd Fadzil bin Mahat Director (Finance), Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya Prof. Dr. Nik Ahmad Kamal Nik Mahmud Professor, School of Law and Governance, Taylor's University
15:15 – 15:30	Minum Petang
15:30 – 17:30	Sesi 5 Hak Milik & Pengurusan Strata: Menghadapi Cabaran Baru <i>Strata Titles & Management: Embracing New Challenges</i> Lai Chee Hoe Partner, Chee Hoe & Associates Mohd Razik bin Haji Mohamed Shakif Head, Commissioner of Building, Majlis Perbandaran Kulai Saraswathy Shirke Deo Principal & Founder, Messrs. Sara Deo & Co Ngian Siew Siong Group Chief Executive Officer, Chin Hin Property Division Q & A Session

08:30 – 09:15

Pendaftaran Hari Kedua

09:15 – 10:30

Sesi 6

Prosedur Penguatkuasaan dan Pemilikan Semula
Recovery & Enforcement Procedures: Do's and Don'ts

Kanesh Sundrum

Senior Partner, Kanesh Sundrum & Co

Wan Marahakim bin Wan Salleh

Director, Legal Department, Majlis Bandaraya Kuala Terengganu

10:30 – 10:45

Minum Pagi

10:45 – 11:45

Sesi 7

Undang-Undang Kerajaan Tempatan Sabah & Sarawak
Local Government Laws of Sabah & Sarawak: An Insight

Stanley Chong Hon Chung

Permanent Deputy Secretary Minister of Local Government and Housing,
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

YB Senator Robert Lau Hui Yew

Senator, Sibul, Sarawak

11:45 – 13:00

Sesi 8

Memampkan Pembangunan Kawasan-Kawasan Sensitif Alam Sekitar
Sustainability in Developing Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Derek John Fernandez

Senior Councillor, Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya

Hoi Jack S'ng

Partner, Lee Hishamuddin Allen & Gledhill

13:00 – 14:15

Makan Tengahari

14:15 – 15:15

Sesi 9

Pengambilan & Pembangunan Tanah: Hak, Liabiliti dan Penyelesaian
Land Acquisition & Development: Rights, Liabilities & Remedies

YA Tuan Su Tiang Joo

Judicial Commissioner of the High Court, Kuala Lumpur

Denise Phang

Partner, MahWengKwai & Associates

15:15 – 15:45

Minum Petang

15:45 – 17:20

Forum

Kerajaan Tempatan Masa Hadapan: Cabaran Utama, Strategi dan Pembaharuan
Local Government in the Future: Key Challenges, Strategies and Reform

YA Dato' Azizul Azmi bin Adnan

Judge, Court of Appeal, Kuala Lumpur

Prof. Andrew Harding

Professor of Law, University of Reading Malaysia, and Visiting Research Professor,
Centre for Asian Legal Studies, National University of Singapore

Moderator

Kanesh Sundrum

Senior Partner, Kanesh Sundrum & Co

17:20 – 17:30

Kata Penutup

Wan Sharif bin Wan Ahmad

Director, CLJ Malaysia

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS



**YAA Tun Tengku Maimun
Binti Tuan Mat**
Chief Justice of Malaysia

The Right Honourable Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat was born in Kota Bharu, Kelantan, on 2 July 1959. Her Ladyship read law at the University of Malaya and successfully completed her degree with honours in 1982. In 1986, Her Ladyship embarked on her journey in the Judicial and Legal Service and held various positions before being appointed as the Chief Registrar of the Federal Court of Malaysia from 2005 to 2006. Her Ladyship was subsequently appointed as a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court of Malaya at Kuala Lumpur in 2006 and in September 2007, her Ladyship was elevated to the position of Judge of the High Court of Malaya. In January 2013, Her Ladyship was elevated to the Court of Appeal. Her Ladyship reached the pinnacle of her profession when she was promoted to the Federal Court, the Apex court of Malaysia, in November 2018 and on 2 May 2019, Her Ladyship was appointed as the Chief Justice of Malaysia.



YB Tuan Nga Kor Ming
Minister of Local Government Development

The Honourable Nga Kor Ming is the current Minister of Local Government Development in Malaysia. Born on 11 November 1972 in Kota Bharu, Kelantan, Nga's upbringing took place in Ayer Tawar and Sitiawan. He graduated with an LLB (Hons) from Universiti Malaya in 1997. During his early education years, Nga has always been a person who strive for success and represented the University Debate Team, achieving victory and earning the title of Best Debater in 1993 and 1995. Two years later the team won at the international level in Singapore and Nga was again crowned as Best Debater. He was called to the Malaysian Bar as a solicitor and advocate at the High Court of Malaya on 17 March 1997. His political career advanced when he became the Perak State Assemblyman for Pantai Remis and was appointed as the youngest Chief State Opposition at the age of 27.

Over the years, he held various leadership positions within the DAP, including leading DAPSY National Chief (DAP Malaysia Youth Wing) in 2004 and in 2008m he was elected as Member of Parliament for Taiping, Perak State Assemblyman for Pantai Remis, and Perak State Executive Chairman for Local Council, Housing, and Transport. He later became Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons in the Malaysian Parliament in 2018, after being elected as Member of Parliament for Teluk Intan and Perak State Assemblyman for Aulong. In 2022, he was elected as Member of Parliament for Teluk Intan and Perak State Assemblyman for Kepayang Ipoh, marking him as the longest-serving Perak State Assemblyman with six consecutive terms. Currently, he serves as the Parliamentary Leader and DAP National Vice Chairman.

Appointed as Minister of Local Government Development on 5 December 2022, Nga is passionate about the well-being of the people and is committed to enhancing the quality of life for Malaysians through improved policies concerning housing, local governments, and waste management.

ESTEEMED SPEAKERS



Andrew Harding
Professor of Law, University of Reading Malaysia,
and Visiting Research Professor,
Centre for Asian Legal Studies, National University of Singapore

Professor Andrew Harding currently serves as Professor of Law at Reading University Malaysia in Euducity, Johor Bahru, and Visiting Research Professor at the Centre for Asian Legal Studies (CALs), National University of Singapore, where he teaches Legal Systems of Asia, and Law, Governance and Development in Asia. He is a leading scholar in Asian legal studies, specialising in comparative constitutional law and law and development, focusing on Southeast Asia, particularly Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Myanmar. He is a former head of the law school, SOAS, University of London; former Director of CALs; former Director of the Asian Law Institute; former Chief Editor of the Asian Journal of Comparative Law; Chief Editor of Thai Legal Studies; and Chair of the Association of Asian Constitutional Studies. He is also a current and founding editor of the well-known book series, Constitutional Systems of the World (Hart/Bloomsbury), which covers 30 countries worldwide. His expertise extends to providing testimony as an expert witness in numerous court cases and arbitration proceedings.

During his impressive 45-year academic career, he authored over 200 published works, with a particular specialism on Malaysian constitutional law. His 2022 book, *The Constitution of Malaysia: A Contextual Analysis* (second edition), is well known as a leading reference on the Malaysian Constitution. In recent years, he delved into territorial governance, resulting in the publication of a book of Central-Local Relations in Asian Constitutional Systems (Hart Publishing, 2015), along with several journal articles and a baseline study of West Malaysian local government with SSRN, accessible at https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4229097. His article 'Devolution of Powers in Sarawak: A Dynamic Process of Redesigning Territorial Governance in a Federal System' was published by Cambridge University Press in 2017. Currently, Professor Harding is working on a major monograph for Hart/ Bloomsbury entitled *Territorial Governance in Southeast Asia*.

ESTEEMED SPEAKERS

YA Dato' Azizul Azmi bin Adnan

Judge, Court of Appeal, Kuala Lumpur



The Honourable YA Dato' Azizul Azmi currently serves as a judge of the Court of Appeal in Malaysia. Prior to his Lordship's current role, he served for nine years in the High Court of Malaya, most recently in the High Court at Seremban and prior to that in the commercial and civil divisions of the Kuala Lumpur High Court.

Preceding his Lordship's elevation to the bench in 2014, he was a partner at Wong & Partners (a member firm of Baker & McKenzie International). During his time there, his Lordship specialised in corporate acquisitions, securities and debt capital markets and derivatives. His Lordship's expertise in these areas contributed to his reputation as a skilled legal professional.

His Lordship's professional journey began outside the legal sphere, as he spent five years heading the legal and corporate planning function in an investment bank in Kuala Lumpur. During this time, his Lordship also played a pivotal role in policy formulation and law reform for the futures industry with the Securities Commission in the nascent years of its establishment. His Lordship read law at Cambridge. This educational background, combined with his Lordship's diverse experience in corporate law, policy formulation, and law reform, positions his Lordship as a well-rounded and knowledgeable judge in the Malaysian legal system.

Nor Azah binti Nor Aziz

Assistant Director, Legal Unit
Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru



Nor Azah binti Nor Aziz was born in Muar, Johor on the 10th of February 1984. She completed her law degree from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in 2007 and was called to the Malaysian Bar in 2009. Her career began as a Legal Associate at Zaid Ibrahim & Co. in Johor Bahru and later at KH Koh Partners. In 2014, she transitioned to become a Legal Officer at Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru. With an impressive track record, she has now taken the role of Director of Internal Audit at Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru, starting from April 2023.

Nor Azah is a frequent lecturer on the Method of Preparing Investigation Papers for Investigating Officers within Local Authority. Additionally, she delivers various lectures on prosecution and enforcement procedures under Majlis Bandaraya Johor Bahru. She has also received invitations from other Local authorities, including Majlis Perbandaran Segamat and Majlis Daerah Kuala Pilah, to deliver lectures and share her knowledge with Enforcement Officers on enforcement procedures and the art of drafting By-Laws.

In addition to her responsibilities, Nor Azah holds the position of Vice President II for the Johore Local Authority Legal Officers Society. In this capacity, she actively participates in drafting and standardising By-Laws within Local Authorities in Johore for the State Government. Her expertise is also sought after by the Ministry of Local Government Development, where she contributes to drafting various By-Laws, such as Food Establishment By-Laws and others.

Derek John Fernandez

Senior Councillor,
Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya



Derek John Fernandez, presently a member of the Finance Committee of Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya ("MBPJ"), is the Managing Partner of Messrs. Fernandez & Selvarajah and served twelve years as a senior councillor in MBPJ. With 30 years of experience, he was an Advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya and a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria, Australia. Derek holds key positions in various organisations, including serving as the director of the Audit Committee of CyberSecurity Malaysia (CSM), a member of the Board of Trustees of the Malaysian Nature Society, and the National Water Services Commission (SPAN). A prominent columnist, he contributed numerous articles to local newspapers in addition to writing an article and action plan that was submitted to the Minister of Communications and Digital. He is regularly featured in the media as an expert on local government matters and serves as a legal advisor to several Members of Parliament, State Assemblymen, and Chief Ministers.

Derek held multiple positions and responsibilities in various working groups set up by the Selangor State Government concerning Local Government, Town and Country Planning, and Land law, including as Chairman of the Joint Action Committee for Bukit Gasing and directly involved in the preparation of the State Structure 2 Plan for Selangor, the Structure Plan for Petaling District, and the Local Plans for Petaling Jaya. He also represented the Residents' Associations in the Draft Kuala Lumpur and Subang Jaya Plan hearings. Serving on the Malaysian Bar Council's Task Force looking into the Bukit Antarabangsa tragedy, Derek has received numerous awards and made significant contributions to MBPJ, including the setting up of an Audit and Governance Committee, improving City Council non-rate revenue through the management of outdoor advertising, critical infrastructure trust funds, and development charges.

Over the years, he conducted various seminars and presented papers at the national and international levels on Local Government Law and Planning Law for government servants, professional associations, residents, and the public. He is widely regarded by the media as an expert in Public Law, Local Government Law, Land Law, and Planning and Development Law, and has been extensively cited in the media as an expert on numerous contemporary issues in these fields.

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Denise Phang
Partner, MahWengKwai & Associates

Denise Phang, a Partner at MahWengKwai & Associates, is a civil litigator who leads the Land Disputes Team. Her expertise lies in handling various land dispute cases, including land acquisition, land fraud, breach of sale and purchase agreements, trespass, and corporate and commercial matters. Denise also manages disputes related to planning, development, construction (adjudication and arbitration), and environmental laws. Denise is also a contributing author of legal publications such as the Annotated Statutes of Malaysia and Halsbury's Laws of Malaysia.

As lead counsel, Denise regularly appears at the High Court, representing developers and landowners involved in land acquisition for mega infrastructure projects such as the Langkat 2 Water Project, TNB, MRT, LRT3, RTS, and various highways such as DUKE, DASH, EKVE, and SUKE.

Her exceptional skills have garnered recognition, earning her the title of Rising Star (Real Estate and Construction) by Legal500 and ALB Malaysia in 2022. In the 2019 Asialaw Profiles survey, she was described as "well prepared", analytical", and "excellent". Notably, Denise was the youngest lawyer listed as one of the Best Lawyers Based on Aggregate Score in the Data Intelligence Report published by Asialaw Profiles in 2019.



YBrs. Dr. Elina Binti Mohd
Head of Legal Department,
Majlis Bandaraya Alor Setar

Dr. Elina binti Mohd was born in Alor Setar, Kedah, on 23 December 1984. She read law at International Islamic University Malaysia and graduated with honours in 2008. Following her graduation, Dr Elina commenced her chambering at Tetuan Ghani & Co., Kuala Lumpur, focusing on conveyancing and litigation work. In 2009, Dr. Ellina embarked on a professional journey by joining Majlis Bandaraya Alor Setar, where she has served for 14 years and currently holds the position of Legal Advisor, contributing her expertise and knowledge to the organisation.

In her quest to boost her confidence level and self-satisfaction, she chose to pursue her academic goals on a part-time basis and obtained a Master's degree in Corporate Law from Universiti Utara Malaysia in 2014. Following a short break, she once again took on a new challenge by commencing her doctoral journey, specialising in taxation assessment rates, at the same university. In 2019, she successfully obtained her Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) in Law, further elevating her expertise in the field.

She loves teaching and is very passionate about it. Her reputation is widely recognised among local authorities (PBTs), leading to frequent invitations to serve as a speaker for various courses to local authorities as well as other government agencies such as Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM). Dr Elina is determined to elevate the PBT officers' capabilities to be on par with any federal or state-appointed officers.



Dato' Dr. Gurdial Singh Nijar
Partner, GS Nijar Advocates

Dato' Dr. Gurdial Singh Nijar obtained his LLB (Hons) from King's College, London, and his LLM and PhD from the University of Malaya. He was the founder and director of the Centre of Excellence for Biodiversity Law, a joint enterprise between the Law Faculty of the University of Malaya and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. He was the spokesperson for developing countries in international negotiations that led to the conclusion of three treaties, including the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. He is on the Expert ABS Panel of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), headquartered in Rome, and a Senior Fellow of the South Centre (Geneva). He served as a Law Professor at the University of Malaya's Law Faculty for 16 years. He has authored several law books (including Drafting for Lawyers and Civil Trial Practice) and contributed articles in Tier 1 and 2 international journals.

In 2011, he received the prestigious Anugerah Akademik Negara (Journal article). With over 30 years of experience in litigation, he has argued numerous landmark cases involving civil, commercial, constitutional, administrative, environmental, and planning law. He has been involved in drafting laws for the government (the Biosafety Act 2007; Access to Biological Resources and Benefit Sharing Act 2017) and is currently engaged in revamping the Environmental Quality Act 1974. He is the immediate past President of the National Human Rights Society (HAKAM). He is a Director of MIDA, a past member of the Council of Foreign Affairs, and a Commissioner of SPAN, the National Water Commission. He writes a column, "Law Speak", in the Sun Daily. He runs his own litigation practice, GS Nijar, Advocates.

ESTEEMED SPEAKERS



Hoi Jack S'ng

Partner, Lee Hishamuddin Allen & Gledhill

Jack has a diverse and interesting dispute resolution practice. He frequently represents banks in high-value and complicated recovery proceedings, while also defending them against various causes of action arising from their banking operations and transactions. He also handles complex and insolvency and restructuring matters, acting on behalf of liquidators, receivers, and managers.

Additionally, he has significant experience in civil and commercial disputes across various industries, including manufacturing, construction, consumer and retail, and media. Over the years, he has provided advice and defense to corporations and individuals facing prosecution for statutory offences under relevant Acts, like the Environmental Quality Act 1974 and the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1994. Recently, Jack has also expanded his areas of practice to include defamation and competition law.

As a knowledgeable legal professional, he has contributed to a number of practitioner guides, including the Law and Practice of Construction Law in Malaysia, where he authored the chapter on construction insolvency.



Haji Mohd Fadzil bin Mahat

Director (Finance),
Majlis Bandaraya Subang Jaya

Haji Mohd Fadzil bin Mahat, A.M.N, A.M.S graduated from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) with a Bachelor of Accounting (Hons) after which he joined the Subang Jaya City Council and became the Director of the Accounts Department.

Holding the Director title with SJCC for three years, Haji Mohd Fadil actively contributed to the professional development of the accounting profession, devoting much of his time to sharing expertise and experience with the local government. He also played a vital role in the development of financial statements and public accounting standards for Selangor Local Councils. For nearly 20 years, he was a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) holding the Chartered Accountant (CA) title.



Kanesh Sundrum

Senior Partner, Kanesh Sundrum & Co

Kanesh Sundrum, the senior partner of Kanesh Sundrum & Co., has been actively practicing law since 1997, specialising in civil litigation related to corporate commercial matters, local authorities, and statutory bodies. With over 20 years of experience, Kanesh is an accredited mediator and a notary public. Throughout his career, he has served as legal counsel for numerous Local Authorities, offering advice and representation at all levels of courts.

His legal expertise spans a wide array of matters involving Local Authorities, encompassing contractual disputes, claims for breach of statutory duties, negligence claims, injunctive and declaratory reliefs both by and against Local Authorities, judicial review applications, and cases concerning town planning and planning approval under the Town and Country Planning Act 1976. Additionally, he adeptly handles cases pertaining to the approval of plans, earthworks, construction and enforcement under the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 and the Uniform Building By-Laws 1984. He is also highly knowledgeable in matters related to assessment and rates under the Local Government Act 1976.

Most recently, he successfully represented Majlis Bandaraya Seberang Perai in Weng Lee Granite Quarry Sdn Bhd v. Majlis Perbandaran Seberang Perai [2020] 1 CLJ 34 at the Federal Court. The appeal concerning s. 70A of the Street, Drainage and Building Act 1974 was effectively defended.

In addition to litigation matters, he also offers advisory services to Local Authorities in drafting and preparing various agreements, such as joint venture agreements, concession agreements, construction agreements, sale and purchase agreements involving Local Authority assets, licensing agreements and development agreements, among others.

ESTEEMED SPEAKERS



Lai Chee Hoe

Partner, Chee Hoe & Associates

Lai Chee Hoe, a Certificate of Legal Practice (“CLP”) Book-prize winner for General Paper, author of “Strata Management Practice & Procedure” published by CLJ Publication in 2019, admitted, and enrolled as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 2005. He actively participates in the focus committee responsible for amending the Strata Management Act 2013 and regularly provides updates on strata management-related cases through his blog.burgielaw.com. He specialises in civil, corporate, and construction litigation, with a particular focus on strata management and housing development disputes. Additionally, he provides corporate advisory services and advises developers on strata-related pre-emptive actions. He argues complicated strata management issues in court regularly and is frequently sought after to conduct training and deliver talks on the subject.

He represents joint management bodies (JMB), management corporations (MC), and developers in his practice. He serves as the counsel in significant cases such as Obata Ambak, and Vignesh Naidu’s case, which recently obtained leave to appeal to the Federal Court on 7 questions of law following the Ang Ming Lee precedent. He is also actively involved in the Gas Malaysia case where the Court of Appeal (and later confirmed by the Federal Court) opined that the responsibility to supply Gas ought not to be handed over to the JMB / MC. He also acts for the Bar Council on various cases. He is empanelled with the Asian International Arbitration Centre (“AIAC”) as a Chartered Arbitrator (fellow of CIArb) and as a Certified Adjudicator. In addition, he is also an Associate of the Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrator.



**Mohd Razik bin
Haji Mohamed Shakif**

Head, Commissioner of Building,
Majlis Perbandaran Kulai

En. Mohd Razik Mohd Shakif obtained his Certificate in Stratified Property Management from the University of Technology and Bachelor of Political Science from Open University in 2018, before obtaining his Master of Science in Real Estate and Facilities Management from University Tun Hussien Onn in 2020. As a Registered Property Manager and Valuer, and presently holding the position of Secretary General of the Association of Local Government Valuers, Malaysia, En. Mohd Razik possesses extensive experience in matters of property valuation and rates, including strata property. Indeed, as Head of Commissioner of Buildings Unit, Kulai Municipal Council, the office he currently superintends, it is very much part of his duty to oversee strata titles and management and ensure that its growth is harmoniously sustained vis-à-vis the parameters of the Council’s local plans and planning permits. Encik Mohd Razik sits in the various Committees set up by the Ministry of Local Government Development to amend the Strata Titles Act 1985 (Act 318), Strata Management Act 2013 (Act 757), and Housing Development (Control and Licensing) Act 1966 (Act 118), and to that extent, he eagerly anticipates to share his thoughts on the topic assigned to him in this Conference.



Ngian Siew Siong

Group Chief Executive Officer,
Chin Hin Property Division

Ngian Siew Siong has a remarkable journey in the world of property development. Graduating in Civil Engineering, he started his career in 1976 with Malaysia’s Department of Irrigation and Drainage. After a brief stint as a Consultant Engineer, he transitioned into the field of Property Development. His path led him to the MBF Group Property Division, where he worked for six years (1979 –1985) before joining Sunway Group in 1985. As the first and sole employee of the Property Development Division, he played a pivotal role in establishing Sunway City Bhd to become an Award-Winning Top Property Developer in Malaysia, for its Product Innovation and Customer Service. He was instrumental in developing the renowned Bandar Sunway township. After 27 years of service with the Sunway Group, he retired in 2012 as the Managing Director – International Division.

His expertise extended beyond Malaysian shores, as he led projects in China, India, and Cambodia, contributing to the Group’s remarkable expansion. Even after his retirement, he served as an advisor to the Chairman/Group Managing Director of four publicly listed real estate companies until December 2020.

Currently, he is an Independent and Non-Executive Director of Nam Long Investment Corporation (A Property Development Company listed in the Hanoi Stock Exchange) and a consultant to the Board of Management. His passion for the real estate industry extends beyond his professional accomplishments, serving as a past National Council Member of REHDA Malaysia (Real Estate & Housing Developers Association), the Chairman of REHDA Selangor, a Board member of LPHS (Lembaga Perumahan and Hartanah Selangor), and a member of the Board of Trustees of Malaysia Nature Society from 2016 to 2022. He has contributed to two publications under the REHDA Institute, namely the “Strata Management Handbook” and the “Property Development Handbook”. Currently, he is a lead lecturer for UTAR’s Master’s Degree in Real Estate Development.

ESTEEMED SPEAKERS

Prof. Dr. Nik Ahmad Kamal Nik Mahmud

Professor, School of Law and Governance,
Taylor's University



Prof Dr. Nik Ahmad Kamal Nik Mahmud earned his Bachelor of Laws (Honours) degree from the University of Malaya in 1986, followed by a Master of Laws degree from King's College, University of London in 1988, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland in 1995. Additionally, he holds an Advanced Diploma in Shariah Law and Practice from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) obtained in 1997. He embarked on his professional journey at IIUM as an academic staff member in 1986 and concluded his career as a Professor in September 2022. During his tenure at IIUM, he held various administrative positions at the faculty and university levels, including Deputy Rector, Legal Adviser, Dean, and Deputy Dean. He was also honoured as a Board of Directors of IIUM Holding member and was bestowed with the prestigious "Tokoh Akademik IIUM 2020" recognition.

Prof Dr. Nik Ahmad Kamal also assumed the role of Chairperson for the Malaysian Qualification Agency (MQA) committee responsible for developing program standards for law and shariah in 2014. He has served as an assessor and advisory committee member for several law schools nationwide. His expertise extends to teaching subjects such as Industrial Relations Law, Law Research Methodology, Constitutional Law, Malaysian Legal System, and Criminal Law. He has conducted extensive research in these areas and published articles in local and international journals. He has co-authored textbooks and an e-monograph on Employment Law and Administrative Law. He also holds the position of Chief Editor for the Journal of the Malaysian Parliament. In 2012 and 2014, he chaired two committees that proposed amendments to Acts of Parliament under the Ministry of Higher Education. Furthermore, Prof Dr. Nik Ahmad Kamal is a Certified Integrity Officer (CeIO). He serves as a Commissioner of the Enforcement Agency Integrity Commission (EAIC) and a member of the Consultation and Corruption Prevention Panel of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission. Currently, he is a Professor at the School of Law and Governance, Taylor's University.

YB Senator Robert Lau Hui Yew

Senator, Sibul, Sarawak



Senator Robert Lau Hui Yew is an esteemed member of the Dewan Negara in the Malaysian Parliament, having served since June 2020. He embarked on his legal journey after graduating from the University of Hull, England, and subsequently becoming a Barrister of Inner Temple, London.

In 1991, having commenced his legal practice in Malaysia, Senator Robert excelled and established himself as the Founding Partner of Stephen Robert and Wong Advocates, Sarawak, overseeing four offices located in Kuching, Sibul, Bintulu, and Miri. Besides his active legal practice, he dedicatedly contributed to public service where he served as the Deputy Chairman of the Sibul Rural Council from 2016 to 2020 and earlier, as a Councillor of the Sibul Municipal Council from 2004 to 2013.

Senator Robert's involvement in the community extends to the healthcare sector, where he is a Founding Partner and Executive Director of Borneo Medical Centre, a prominent private hospital group in Sarawak.

Beyond his professional and public roles, Senator Robert Lau is an avid sports enthusiast. He has made substantial contributions to promoting and supporting Squash, providing leadership and guidance to various associations dedicated to the sport, including the Southeast Asia Squash Federation, Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia, and Squash Racquets Association of Sarawak.

Furthermore, Senator Robert is an engaging speaker on topics related to Malaysia Agreement 1963, dedicating his time to enlightening audiences about this significant historical event. Senator Robert Lau Hui Yew's multifaceted contributions and unwavering dedication to law, public service, healthcare, and sports have made him a respected and influential figure in both the national and regional arenas.

ESTEEMED SPEAKERS



Rosmizan binti Muhamad

**Deputy Parliamentary Draftsman II,
Attorney General's Chambers Malaysia**

Puan Rosmizan binti Muhamad graduated from the Law Faculty of the International Islamic University, Malaysia in 1996 and earned her LLM in Advanced Legislative Studies from the University of London in 2010. She commenced her legal career at the Attorney General's Chambers in 1999, whereupon, following a brief sojourn in the Judicial Service as a Magistrate in 2003, went on to again serve the AGC as a Federal Counsel and Senior Federal Counsel. Puan Rosmizan is currently the Deputy Parliamentary Draftsman II at the AGC, and in this capacity she plays a pivotal role, inter alia, in the drafting and vetting of Principal, Subsidiary, and Amending Legislation, as well as preparing Bills for parliamentary submission and Royal Assent.



Saraswathy Shirke Deo

**Principal & Founder, Messrs.
Sara Deo & Co**

Sara Deo, LLB (Hons) London, CLP, MBA (Delhi), PCrt [edX] Contract Law (Harvard Law School), is the Principal and Founder of Messrs Sara Deo & Co, a boutique law firm. With a career spanning academia and legal practice, she brings a wealth of experience and expertise to her clients. Sara Deo began her career as a principal lecturer in law in 1999 teaching law students in various law colleges and university, offering UK and Australian law programmes. In 2013, she transitioned to the practice of law, where she worked alongside consultants and senior litigators, focusing on complex appellate matters involving significant legal questions at the Court of Appeal and Federal Court.

She currently practices under her own boutique law firm, Messrs. Sara Deo & Co, where she mainly acts as Counsel, specialising in Strata and Management laws, Law of Defamation, Professional Negligence, Administrative law, Injunctions, and Commercial law. She has published several articles in local law journals and actively participates in law reform efforts related to her specific areas of expertise. Currently, she serves as the chair lady of the Malaysian Bar's Defamation Law Reform Subcommittee of the Civil Law and Law Reform Committee. She is known for her engaging style of delivering lectures and talks, simplifying intricate legal concepts in a crisp and understandable manner. With her strong academic foundation, extensive practical experience, and commitment to law reform, Sara Deo is a highly respected and sought-after legal professional in Malaysia.



YA Tuan Su Tiang Joo

**Judicial Commissioner of the High Court,
Kuala Lumpur**

Justice Su Tiang Joo completed his Bachelor of Laws (Hons) at Manchester Polytechnic. Following a successful 36-year career as an Advocate & Solicitor of the High Court in Malaya, primarily in Civil Litigation, he was appointed as a Judicial Commissioner of the High Court in Malaya on 1 September 2020.

During his time at the Bar, he actively contributed to the professional development of the legal profession, dedicating much of his time to reviewing and improving the Legal Profession Act 1976 and the Legal Profession (Practice and Etiquette) Rules 1978. Additionally, he played a key role in drafting the Conditional Fees Rules for the Malaysian Bar.

He served as a board member of the Advocates and Solicitors Disciplinary Board for four years. He holds the title of Barrister of Gray's Inn, and currently serves as the President of The Malaysian Chapter of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn.

ESTEEMED SPEAKERS



Stanley Chong Hon Chung

**Permanent Deputy Secretary Minister of
Local Government and Housing, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah**

Stanley Chong Hon Chung holds a Bachelor's degree in Town and Regional Planning (with honors) from the University of Teknologi Malaysia in 1997. He started his career as the GIS Specialist in the Urban Planning Bureau in Innovation and Consultancy, at UTM Skudai, Johor and later worked as a GIS Specialist in Forestry Planning and Operation Borneo Pulp and Paper, Bintulu, Sarawak until October 2001. With 19 years of experience in city planning and development, Stanley currently is the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Local Government and Housing in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

He oversees the planning and development divisions of the Ministry, including infrastructure, public amenities, and housing, as well as the study and updating of relevant laws and bylaws for local governments. Previously, Stanley served as the Acting Director and later became the Director of the City Planning Department in Kota Kinabalu for more than two years. As the Chief Town Planner, he was responsible for administering, supervising, and strengthening various divisions within the City Planning Department, including the Planning & Development Division, the Building Plan Division, the Building Control Division, and the GIS & Land Administration Division.



Wan Marahakim Bin Wan Salleh

**Director, Legal Department,
Majlis Bandaraya Kuala Terengganu**

Wan Marahakim bin Wan Salleh is a highly experienced and knowledgeable professional who embarked on his career at Pejabat Setiausaha Kerajaan Negeri Terengganu (Local Government Division) from 1998 to 2001. Presently, he holds the position of Director, Legal Department at Majlis Bandaraya Kuala Terengganu. Holding an LLB (Hons) Law from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, he has been actively involved in various key initiatives and committees related to urban and rural planning. Throughout his professional journey, he has been instrumental in significant projects, including formulating appeal board planning draft rules and preparing investigation papers for enforcement.

Apart from his official duties, Wan Marahakim is an ardent contributor to the community as the Chairman of the Cooperative of Majlis Bandaraya Kuala Terengganu (KOSMAT). Since 2007, he has been a distinguished speaker and facilitator, sharing his expertise on diverse topics such as urban planning, mind transformation programs, compliance and enforcement regulations, strengthening understanding of local authority jurisdictions, fundamentals of local authority law, induction programs and external reviewing for Diploma Program for Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UnisZA). His passion for mind transformation programs showcases his dedication to personal development and growth.

As a speaker for local government events, Wan Marahakim's extensive experience and profound knowledge of law and urban planning make him an excellent choice for any event seeking valuable insights and expertise. His engaging speaking style and ability to articulate complex concepts clearly will undoubtedly leave a positive and lasting impact on the audience. He is the ideal candidate to provide valuable insights and a memorable experience for events requiring expert perspectives on local government and law.

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