

ADVOCATE ASSOCIATION OF SARAWAK

(MIRI BRANCH)

[Chairman's Report at the AGM held on 25th November 2023]

1. INTRODUCTION

The last Annual General Meeting was held on 26th November 2022, wherefrom the current committee was elected in 2022 to serve the Advocates Association of Sarawak Miri Branch from 2022-2024, and we have the honour of operating the Miri Branch of the Association. The current committee are as follows :-

- a) Chairman – Lee Jin Wen
- b) Vice Chairman – Sim Boon Hui
- c) Secretary – Henry Tan Shiu Hee
- d) Treasurer – Amanda Yong Li Ling

Committee members :-

- e) Suzie Telan Gau
- f) Lydia Bedindang
- g) Zainuranisa Binti Bani
- h) Chai Yong Ling
- i) Ong Jing Yee
- j) Jonathan Kuan Che Gie

2. OPENING OF LEGAL YEAR (“OLY”) 2023 AND NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ISLAMIC BANKING AND FINANCE 2023

Miri branch has been conferred the task of co-organizing with the Judiciary for the OLY 2023 (OLY 2023) on behalf of the Advocates Association of Sarawak on 13th January 2023. In conjunction to the OLY 2023, the Advocates Association of Sarawak (Miri Branch) is Co-Organizing with Association of Islamic Banking Institutions Malaysia (AIBIM) a back to back event which is the National Symposium on Islamic Banking and Finance 2023 to be held on 14th to 15th January 2023 also at Pullman Hotel Miri.

3. A SPECIAL MOVIE SCREENING SESSION

On 27th February 2023, a group of NGO comprising of Persatuan Kebajikan Prihatin Miri, The Rotary Club of Miri Oil Town and the AAS Miri Branch had organized a special movie screening session for 180 children from the Single Mother Association, ASNAF, Peryatim Miri and Single parents group at TGV Permaisuri Mall Miri. The programme was also attended by YB Datuk Bandar Adam Yii Siew Sang.

4. WELCOMING DINNER WITH THE NEW CHIEF JUSTICE OF SABAH AND SARAWAK, YAA TAN SRI DATO' ABDUL RAHMAN BIN SEBLI

On the 27th May 2023, Miri branch had the opportunity to host a dinner with Chief Justice of Sabah & Sarawak, The Right Honourable Tan Sri Dato' Abdul Rahman bin Sebli, together with Miri High Court Judge, YA Dean Wayne Daly and other Judiciary Officers at Mercure Hotel Miri. The dinner was also attended by the President, Secretary and Immediate Past President of the Central Committee together with our committee members.

5. PIASAU NATURE RESERVE

On the 23.05.2023, the Association together with the Sarawak Court Working Group on Environment (SWGE) and Miri Court organized this program in PNR to raise awareness towards the conservation of Hornbills in the gazette nature reserve. The Association donated 1 hornbill bird house and 1 sets of signboard (hornbill conservation signage) erected at strategic areas within the boundary of the nature reserve to raise awareness towards the preservation exercise by the PNR.

After the preservation exercise, the Association hosted all members and CJSS together with the other Judges/Officers for simple tea break with coconut juice.

6. OUTREACH PROGRAMME AT MULU

Miri branch is Co-organizing with the Sarawak Courts Working Group on Environment (SWGE) an event which was held on 6th – 7th October 2023. The event was attended by the Chief Justice of Malaysia, Hon. Tun Tengku Maimun b. Tuan Mat, the President of Court of Appeal, The Right Honourable Tan Sri Datuk Amar Abang Iskandar bin Abang Hashim, the Chief Judge of Malaya, The Right Hon. Tan Sri Dato' Mohamad

Zabidin bin Mohd Diah, the Chief Judge of Sabah & Sarawak, The Right Honourable Tan Sri Dato' Abdul Rahman bin Sebli, our President, our Immediate Past President and our committee members and other Judiciary Officers.

7. TRIPARTIE GAMES 2023

This was hosted by the Advocates Association of Sarawak Bintulu Branch. The event was well attended and Central managed to sponsor the T-shirt for some games.

8. COURT CAR PARK

Following complaints from members, the Association had conducted few discussions with Miri Court Officers and Miri Court had agreed to allocate the parking place (next to food court) for our members and this is still in progress.

9. YBGK

There are roughly around 20 members has yet to complete their YBGK. For those who has yet to complete YBGK might result in the non-issuance of practicing certificate by the Court.

10. DIALOGUE WITH DISTRICT OFFICE

Following complaints from members, the Association wrote a letter appointment to Miri District Office and they had fixed a meeting date with the Association. One day before the meeting, they had cancelled the meeting due to their busy schedule and no reply until today. During the last AAS Central Meeting on 28th October 2023, Miri Branch has requested an assistant from central to raise this issue and this is still in progress.

11. NIAH CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Miri branch is Co-organizing with the Sarawak Courts Working Group on Environment (SWGE) an event which was held on 26th May 2023. The Chief Judge of Sabah & Sarawak, The Right Honourable Tan Sri Dato'

Abdul Rahman bin Sebli, our President, our Immediate Past President and our committee members and other Judiciary Officers have attended this event. The branch had donated signboards and also tree post signs as an awareness to all members of the community.

12. BOTTOM LINE

The audited account reports a loss of **RM88,053.00** during the 2022 period. Balance in account as at 31st December 2022 – **RM523,123.78**.

13. ACTIVITIES FOR YEARS 2022-2023

No.	Date	Activities
1.	12.03.2022	Sarawak Working Group on Environment Luak Esplanade Beach Cleaning
2.	22.04.2022	Meeting with CJSS on AI Sentencing & CSR Project in Piasau Nature Reserve & buka puasa
3.	21.10.2022	Farewell Dinner for Madam Ngu at Grand Palace Hotel, Miri
4.	13.12.2022	ADC Election in Kuching
5.	12.01.2023	Welcoming Dinner at Black Ace Miri
6.	13.01.2023	Tripartite Meeting of all 3 Bars at Pullman Hotel Miri OLY 2023 Gala Dinner at Pullman Hotel Miri
7.	14 & 15.01.2023	Seminar on National Symposium On Islamic Banking And Finance 2023
8.	10.02.2023	Appreciation Dinner by YA Dean Wayne Daly
9.	24.02.2023	Appreciation Dinner by AAS Miri
10.	27.02.2023	A special movie screening session for 180 children from the Single Mother Association, ASNAF, Peryatim Miri and Single parents group at TGV Permaisuri Mall Miri which was organized by a group of NGO comprising of Persatuan Kebajikan Prihatin Miri, The Rotary Club of Miri Oil Town and the AAS Miri Branch.
11.	09.03.2023	Donation RM500 & Wreath for late son of YA Dean Wayne Daly
12.	05.04.2023	Bubur Lambuk by Miri Court to AAS Miri

13.	15.04.2023	Miri Mayor, Adam Yii presented a cheque to AAS Miri at SUPP Pujut Office
14.	23.05.2023	Meeting with Judiciary on e-Kehakiman Sabah & Sarawak system Donation at Piasau Nature Reserve Miri including planting trees
15.	25-26.05.2023	Tentative Niah Cave Conservation Programme
16.	27.05.2023	Welcoming Dinner with CJSS at Mercure Hotel Miri
17.	06.06.2023	Donation to Hospital Miri
18.	09.06.2023	Invitation to Majlis Penutupan Project Eko Marine at Pullman Hotel Miri
19.	25.07.2023	Donation at Physiotherapy Unit Hospital Miri
20.	6 & 7.10.2023	Mulu Outreach Programme

14. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to acknowledge the support and contribution from members of the AAS Miri Branch Committee and especially to the Members of the Miri Bar who tremendously supported and had contributed to our association and events. Further, our task would have been much difficult if we did not have the support and guidance from the AAS Central Committee so allow us to record our appreciation to Mr. Gurvir Singh Sandhu and his committee for their assistance.

Thank you.



Lee Jin Wen

CHAIRMAN