

**ADVOCATES' ASSOCIATION OF SARAWAK
BINTULU BRANCH**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR YEAR 2023

(i) Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2022

AGM 2022 was held on 25th November, 2022. Besides dealing with the Agendas of meeting, election of branch committees was held to elect branch's committee members for the term of Year 2023 (2022) – 2024. Miss Karen Ngu has been elected by members as the new committee member. Our previous Vice Chairman, Mr Stephen Augustine Lateng graciously did not seek re-election and Mr Eric Lau was appointed as our new Vice Chairman. All other previous committee members have been re-elected and retained. I would like to thank Mr Stephen Augustine Lateng for his contributions and assistance during the previous term.

(ii) Annual Delegates Conference (ADC) 2022

ADC was held on 10th December, 2022 at Kuching. By virtue of our positions, I (Chairman), Mr Janting Antalai (Secretary), Ms Hanizah Morni (Treasurer), Mr Eric Lau (Vice Chairman) have been elected during AGM 2022 to be the delegates for Bintulu Branch. All of us attended except Ms Hanizah who has given her proxy to Mr Janting Antalai.

(iii) Opening Of Legal Year Sabah and Sarawak (OLY) 2023

OLY 2023 was held at Mahkamah Miri on 13th January, 2023. This annual event was very much anticipated and about 20 members from our branch attended the event. We enjoyed ourselves there and I would like to thank Mahkamah Miri and AAS Miri Branch for organizing and hosting the event and dinners successfully.

(iv) Welcoming Lunch for Sessions Court Judge, Deputy Registrar and Magistrate

We hosted a Welcoming Lunch for our new Sessions Court Judge, Tn Leo ak Saga on 19th January, 2023 at NU Hotel. Tn Leo is appointed as Sessions Court Judge in place of Tn Syarifuddin bin Abdul Rasa. It was also a belated welcoming lunch for our Magistrate, Puan Zuraini and our Deputy Registrar then, En W Mohd Bukhari. Like the saying goes, better late than never. About 25 members attended the lunch and those who were present had the opportunity to meet up with Tn Leo in person.

With all these challenges, we persisted and persevered in our preparation to ensure that this TBG would be a success. More frequent meetings were held closer to the Games, more overtime works for Secretariat, person /committee in charge for Games, Magazine, T-Shirts, dinners and Transportation for the final and final listings/drafts/confirmation. We further enhanced our drive for fundraising.

We honestly believe that this TBG was successfully organized and everyone enjoyed their participation and stay here in Bintulu. For that, I must thank each and every committee member, all junior lawyers where we co-opted as assistants, for your contributions and sacrifices. I must equally thank AAS Central Committee for their support and guidance.

(vii) Working visit to Bakun Hydro by CJSS and Welcoming Dinner

CJSS and all judicial officers of Sarawak were in Bintulu from 22nd to 24th October, 2023 for their statistic meeting. A working visit to Bakun Hydro was arranged for CJSS and all judicial officers on 24th October, 2023 by the Judiciary. AAS participated in the visit where 7 of us attended, including the President. The visit was the first for all of us and the exposure and experience was wonderful.

We hosted a Welcoming Dinner for CJSS and all judicial officers of Sarawak at The GreatHall Restaurant on the evening of 24th October, 2023. About 30 members attended and the dinner was well received. It is noteworthy to mention that it was the first visit by CJSS to Bintulu.

(viii) Branch Committee Meeting

We held 5 committee meetings this Year on 23.02.23, 13.04.23, 22.08.23, 29.08.23 and 01.11.23.

(ix) Annual Dinner

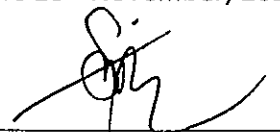
We have decided not to hold our Annual Dinner this year as TBG has just been organized in October. We save the time, energy and excitement for next year.

(x) Opening of Legal Year 2023

As you are all aware, Opening of Legal Year for next year will be held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 19.01.2024. I hope all the members can support and attend this program especially new lawyers. Participation from Bintulu members in this program is always high and I hope that it is to be maintained.

With that, I conclude my report.

Dated the 18th November, 2023



Ma Seong Yuin