

**ADVOCATES ASSOCIATION OF SARAWAK
SIBU BRANCH CHAIRMAN REPORT
(6.12.2021 – 24.11.2022)**

Dear Members,

A very warm welcome to all of you to our AGM 2022. Below are my brief reports for the activities carried out and events took place during the period from 6.12.2021 to 24.11.2022 both at Central and Branch levels:


Activities/Events carried out at Branch level

	Date	Activities/Events	Remarks
1.		<p>Branch Committee Meetings</p> <p>Meetings were held on 23.12.2021, 25.02.2022, 15.04.2022, 27.05.2022, 12.09.2022 and 17.10.2022.</p> <p>We had a total of 14 branch committee meetings throughout 2 years to deliberate matters within branch and on Central level.</p>	
2.	Dec. 2021	<p>Welcoming Dinner for YA Datuk Christopher Chin cum AAS SibU Annual Dinner 2021</p> <p>The dinner was held on 05.12.2021 at Robert's Wooden House. 56 lawyers and pupils attended the dinner together with 9 from Judiciary. Dr. Lim Hock Leng joined the dinner as well. We made a profit of RM480.40.</p>	
3.	Dec. 2021	<p>CJSS Dinner</p> <p>The Association co-hosted a dinner for CJSS when he paid a visit to SibU on 27.12.2021 at Tanahmas Hotel. 9 Committee Members attended the dinner.</p>	
4.	Jan. 2022	<p>Borneo Conference on Forensic Entomology</p> <p>We have been invited by the organiser to be one of the supporting organisations of the event on 15.1.2022. 10 lawyers from SibU participated in the event.</p>	

5.	Apr. 2022	<p>Stratified Properties Law Seminar/Webinar (Part 1)</p> <p>The seminar was held on 30.04.2022. 28 participants attended the said seminar physically while 153 participants attended the seminar via Zoom. We have made a net profit of RM8,238.77. Our speaker is YA Datuk Christopher Chin.</p>	
6.	May 2022	<p>1st Informal Gathering</p> <p>For the purpose of rapport building amongst the lawyers, we had organized the 1st informal gathering on 06.05.2022 at H Coffee. About 30 lawyers and pupils attended the gathering. We apologise for not being able to have a big crowd due to the limit given by H Coffee.</p> <p>We invited YA Datuk Christopher Chin to share his legal practice and his experience as a judge in Sibü.</p>	
7.	June 2022	<p>Elevation Dinner for YA Datuk Christopher Chin</p> <p>The dinner was held on 17.06.2022 at Kingwood Hotel. About 50 lawyers attended the dinner. We appreciate the President, Antonio Sim together with representatives from Bintulu and Kuching to join us for the dinner. The Association spent RM5,673.00 inclusive of a souvenir to YA Datuk Christopher Chin. We made a loss of RM89.23.</p>	
8.	Sept. 2022	<p>Repainting of Sibü Bar Room</p> <p>We had repainted the Sibü Bar Room on 17.09.2022. The costs for the repainting is RM736.00.</p>	
9.	Sept. 2022	<p>CJ Welcoming Dinner</p> <p>The dinner was held on 27.09.2022 at Kingwood Hotel. About 123 (lawyers, SAG and Judiciary) attended the said dinner. The costs incurred is RM20,000.00. We made an approximate profit of RM6,200.00.</p>	

		<p>The Committee wishes to record our gratitude to the following firms and persons for their generosity:</p> <p><u>RM2,000.00</u> YB Senator Robert Lau Hui Yew Connie Hii Advocates</p> <p><u>RM1,000.00</u> Abraham Lau & Wong Advocates Antonio P K Sim Battenberg & Talma Advocates SibU Gurvir Singh Sandhu Lau & Associates Advocates Stephen Robert & Wong Advocates SibU Tang & Partners Advocates (Sibu) Thai Advocates SibU Yong & Wong Advocates</p> <p><u>RM500.00</u> Alpha Veronica Advocates Cecil Lau Ning Kiang Chan, Jugah, Hoo & Co. Advocates Chieng Lu & Partners Advocates SibU Christine Lim & Joyce Advocates David Allan Sagah & Teng Advocates SibU David Teng & Co. Advocates Elijah Lau Advocates Jacquelyn Hii Advocates K.K. Lau Advocates Kho & Associates Advocates Kong & Co. Advocates Lau Yun Tseng & Co. Advocates Loh & Lu Advocates Pau & Co. Advocates SK Ling & Tan Advocates SibU Susanna & Lau Advocates Ting & Co. Advocates Tiong & Co. Advocates Tiong Lim Wong & Co. Advocates SibU Yong Advocates</p>	
10.	Oct. 2022	<p>Lawyers' Group Photo with YA Datuk Christopher Chin</p> <p>We have organized a group photo session at High Court SibU with YA Datuk Christopher</p>	

		Chin on 17.10.2022. About 60 lawyers and pupils attended the photo session.	
11.	Oct. 2022	<p>Farewell Dinner for YA Datuk Christopher Chin</p> <p>The dinner was held on 30.10.2022 at Tanahmas Hotel. About 40 lawyers and pupils attended the dinner.</p>	
12.		<p>CIDB Negeri Sarawak (Cawangan Sibul)</p> <p>We have been invited by CIDB Sibul to be one of the representatives in the committee.</p> <p>Christine Lim has been appointed as representative of AAS Sibul Branch to CIDB Sibul.</p>	
13.		<p>Siti Nur Shamsiah's matter</p> <p>The Association only managed to collect RM900 from Siti Nur Shamsiah (previous staff) and the current outstanding balance is RM5,546.67. The total misappropriated and/or mishandled sum is RM10,837.02.</p> <p>The Association has resolved to issue the letter of demand for the said amount, failing which to take legal action.</p>	
14.		<p>Pigeon Hole Rental</p> <p>We thank to the firms which are still currently supporting our pigeon hole rental for the past years.</p>	
15.		<p>AAS Sibul Branch Polo Shirt</p> <p>We are pleased to announce that we have printed our very own branch polo shirt. The shirts are available for sale at Sibul Bar Room at RM50.00 each.</p>	

			
16.		<p>Stratified Properties Law Seminar/Webinar (Part 2)</p> <p>The Part 2 seminar was initially to be held on 19.11.2022. Due to the transfer of YA Datuk Christopher Chin, this seminar has been rescheduled to next year and the exact date will be informed in due course.</p>	The new Committee can follow up with this matter.
17.		<p>AMLA & Data Protection Talk</p> <p>I have liaised with the speaker Mr. Vijayaraj R Kanniah to give a talk on this topic. He is the author of the book called “Battling Money Laundering, Terrorism Financing & Targeted Financial Sanctions in Malaysia”.</p> <p>The talk will be held sometime in January or February next year.</p>	The new Committee can follow up with this matter
18.		<p>Talk on AI Sentencing</p> <p>The talk was cancelled due to the reason that the Judiciary has yet to resolve some pertinent issues related to this area of law.</p>	The new Committee can follow up with this matter
19.		<p>Bar Judiciary Games 2022</p> <p>Mr. Boston Ho is in charge for the Bar Judiciary Games. The games are badminton, volleyball, pool and singing competition.</p> <p>The proposed dates are 21st, 23rd and 25th November, 2022. However, due to the GE15, we decided to delay the games to the end of this year or the first quarter of next year.</p>	The new Committee can follow up with this matter

20.		<p>2nd Informal Gathering</p> <p>This gathering which was supposed to be carried out on 14.10.2022 was cancelled due to the short interval between this gathering and our CJ Welcoming dinner aforementioned.</p>	<p>The new Committee can continue with this event.</p>
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Branch contribution at Central level

1.	Jan. 2022	<p>Opening of Legal Year 2022</p> <p>Christine Lim attended the OLY 2022 at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 21.01.2022. The ceremony was a closed-door event.</p> <p>The next OLY 2023 will be held and organised in Miri on 13.01.2023. We invite all our SibU branch members to join us at OLY 2023.</p>	
2.	May 2022	<p>Tripartite Bar Meeting</p> <p>Christine Lim has attended the meeting on 14.5.2022 together with the President and Vice President in Kuala Lumpur to discuss issues arising.</p>	
3.	May 2022	<p>Etiquette Course</p> <p>Our Etiquette Course was held on 21.05.2022 with 90 participants across Sarawak.</p> <p>YB Senator Robert Lau and Kenny Lau were speakers at the Etiquette Course. Christine Lim assisted in hosting the Etiquette Course via Zoom.</p>	
4.	June & Oct. 2022	<p>Advocacy Training Course (“ATC”)</p> <p>ATC for Trainers was held on 10.06.2022, 11.06.2022 and 12.06.2022. We have two local trainers from SibU, Esther Wong and Ben Lau. One advocate and one pupil from SibU attended the ATC.</p> <p>Another ATC was held on 14.10.2022, 15.10.2022 and 22.10.2022. Esther Wong</p>	

		was one of the trainers while Christine Lim assisted in hosting the ATC via Zoom for three days. 4 advocates and 5 pupils from Sibü took part in the ATC this round.	
5.	July 2022	<p>Admission Hearing in Sibü High Court</p> <p>I appeared on behalf of AAS for the interview on 14.07.2022 while Miss Yong Siew Wei appeared on behalf of AAS for the admission and exemption hearing on 15.07.2022.</p> <p>The Petitioner, Audrey's current firm, Yong & Wong Advocates had graciously sponsored a tea party in High Court to celebrate the call.</p>	
6.	Aug. 2022	<p>Reference Proceeding for the Departed Sarawakian Judges</p> <p>I attended the Reference Proceeding for the 3 departed Sarawakian Judges in Kuching High Court on 4.8.2022, i.e. the late Ybhg. Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Mohamad Jemuri bin Serjan, the late Ybhg. Datuk Denis Ong Jiew Fook and the late Ybhg. Dato' Seri Tan Chiaw Thong.</p>	
7.	Aug. 2022	<p>Law Awareness Weekend in Sibü</p> <p>We have organised a Law Awareness Weekend at Wisma Sanyan together with AAS Central's Pusat Mediasi COVID-19 Mediation Services to serve the public from 19 – 21.08.2022.</p>	
8.	Aug. 2022	<p>YBGK</p> <p>Christine Lim is the person in charge of YBGK Sarawak from 2020-2022. She has also been appointed as the alternate director of the President, Antonio Sim for the YBGK EXCO.</p> <p>The YBGK requirement is for newly called advocates to the Sarawak Bar to sign a YBGK Pledge to complete 20 YBGK cases before their next Practising Certificate is renewed. This requirement has been implemented for years now. Extension of</p>	

		<p>Time via letter is required if the young lawyers are not able to fulfill their pledge.</p> <p>We are pleased to inform that most SibU young lawyers have fulfilled their pledges. Once the lawyers are called, they will be added to a YBGK SibU Lawyers Whatsapp group where Christine Lim will prepare a monthly YBGK Duty Roster for them.</p> <p>We do hope that more lawyers would continue their good work under YBGK not only just for the 20 cases.</p> <p>YBGK Cases (2020-2022)</p> <p>YBGK Sarawak managed to assign the following trials/appeals in SibU:-</p> <p>CoA Appeal – 42 cases HC Appeal – 6 cases SC Trial – 1 cases MC Trial – 9 cases</p> <p>YBGK Training</p> <p>Central organises YBGK Trainings to get young lawyers qualified before taking up YBGK matters. YBGK Training was held on 20.08.2022 at SibU State Library with 31 participants. We thank the speakers, Boston Ho, Law Lee Wee and Christine Lim.</p>	
9.	Sept. 2022	<p>Pupillage Handbook</p> <p>Christine Lim is heading the Young Lawyers' Group (YBGK, Legal Aid, Law Awareness) Sub-Committee at Central level.</p> <p>She is also in charge of the Pupillage Handbook for pupils and young lawyers.</p> <p>The Third Edition of the handbook has been circulated via Central's email on 06.09.2022.</p>	
10.	Sept. 2022	<p>Meeting with the Law Minister in Kuching</p> <p>Christine Lim attended the meeting with the Law Minister, YB Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar together with other Central Committee</p>	

		<p>Members at Pullman Hotel Kuching on 26.09.2022 at 10.00am. pertaining to the establishment of AAS as a statutory body.</p> <p>The Law Minister was informed about the various views expressed by the 4 Branches and will leave this matter to all the Branches for further deliberation.</p>	
11.	Oct. 2022	<p>eKSS Launching in Kota Kinabalu High Court</p> <p>Christine Lim attended the launching of “<i>Artificial Intelligence in Court Sentencing (AiCOS)</i>” and “<i>Video Conferencing System of Sabah and Sarawak Courts (V-COSS)</i>” in Kota Kinabalu High Court on 30.10.2022.</p>	
12.		<p>Inquiry Committee</p> <p>We have two Sibul Branch members currently sitting in the Inquiry Committee, John Tiong Ing Hock and Augustine Liom.</p> <p>We would like to thank them for their contribution towards AAS.</p>	
13.		<p>Court Practice (Civil Procedure) Sub-Committee</p> <p>Jacquelyn Hii is heading the Civil Procedure Sub-Committee at Central level.</p> <p>Matters she had personally handled before High Court and Appellate Courts on behalf of AAS Central:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Mohd Shafiee’s case in Sibul High Court as Amicus Curiae; ii) Ad Hoc Licence to Practise: Jagjit Singh in Kuching High Court; iii) Ad Hoc Licence to Practise: Cecil Abraham in Kuching High Court; iv) Ad Hoc Licence to Practise: Hisyam Bin Abdullah @ I Poh Teik in Kuching High Court (2021); v) Court of Appeal Civil Appeals on Tan Sri Richard Malanjum and Tan Sri David Wong Dak Wah; 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vi) Watching Brief for Amalgamated Plant Engineering Sdn. Bhd. In Kuching High Court and Court of Appeal; vii) Temporary Licence to Practise: Colin Lau Suan Hua in Kuching Court; viii) Ad Hoc Licence to Practise: Lim Chee Wee in Kuching High Court; ix) Ad Hoc Licence to Practise: Hisyam Bin Abdullah @ I Poh Teik in Kuching High Court (2022). 	
14.		<p>New Sibü Members admitted to Sarawak Bar</p> <p>18.02.2022: Victoria Wong, Tang Beng Chiong, Richard Tie Sing Wan</p> <p>30.05.2022: Grace Kong Sien Ying, Michelle Chin Zi Shan, Leong Lu Fei, Reena Chong Huey Yuk</p> <p>15.07.2022: Audrey Alicia Ani Anak Nair</p> <p>30.09.2022: Linda Wong Li Ding, Fung Chu Wen, Emily Siao Tze Ern, Ellli Ngu Sir Ging</p>	
15.		<p>AAS + CLJ Legal Online Resources Package</p> <p>Christine Lim on behalf of AAS had been liaising with CLJ to get more discounts for AAS members for 3 years' CLJ subscription. Details have been circulated earlier in May 2022.</p>	
16.		<p>AAS Website</p> <p>I am also tasked to take on this Project together with Christine Lim and Louis Tang.</p> <p>The website is currently under progress.</p>	
17.		<p>Proposed Website Rules</p> <p>The first draft was drafted by the late Wee Wui Kiat. I took over this matter immediately after I was elected as the new Branch Chairman on 22.10.2021.</p>	

		<p>The latest draft that is circulated among all of you has been duly approved by the AAS Central Committee.</p> <p>It will be presented for approval in the upcoming ADC which will be held on 10.12.2022 in Kuching.</p> <p>Pending the approval by the upcoming ADC, the AAS Central would like all the Branches to present the same before the Members for their approval or further comments, if necessary.</p>	
18.		<p>Proposed Amendment to Rule 59 Guidelines</p> <p>The proposed amendment by AAS Central that is circulated among all of you will be presented for approval in the upcoming ADC which will be held on 10.12.2022 in Kuching.</p> <p>Pending the approval by the upcoming ADC, the AAS Central would like all the Branches to present the same before the Members for their approval or further comments, if necessary.</p>	

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the Members for your strong support and to my Committee Members for your commitment to AAS SibU.

Wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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Branch Chairman
23.11.2022