



ASIA PACIFIC FORUM
ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS IN OUR REGION

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APF 13

Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Asia Pacific
Forum of National Human Rights Institutions

Hotel Imperial, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 28–31 July 2008

Observer Program

DAY 1: MONDAY 28 JULY 2008

Please note that **THREE** parallel meetings will take place on Monday 28 July.
These meetings include:

1. **Advisory Council of Jurists (ACJ)** – Closed
2. **Senior Executive Officers (SEO)** – Closed
3. **Universal Periodic Review** – Open to APF members and registered observers.

9:00 – 1:00	Universal Periodic Review <i>Venue: Nusantara 2 (level 2)</i>
11:00 – 11:30	Morning tea
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch <i>Venue: Essence Restaurant (level 1)</i>
2:00 – 5:00	Universal Periodic Review, cont'd <i>Venue: Nusantara 2 (level 2)</i>
3:30 – 4:00	Afternoon tea
4:00 – 5:00	Registration for APF members and registered observers <i>Venue: Ballroom Foyer (level 2)</i>
8:00 – 10:20	Evening – Welcoming Dinner and Cultural Performance (APF Representatives, ACJ Members, Heads of registered NGOs, Malaysian NGOs and other Observers) <i>Hosted by Chairperson, SUHAKAM</i> <i>Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel</i>



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DAY 2: TUESDAY 29 JULY 2008

- 8:30 – 9:30 **Registration for APF members and registered observers**
Registration: Ballroom Foyer (level 2)
- 9:30 – 10:30 **Opening Ceremony**
Venue: Nusantara 3 (level 2)
- Opening Speech**
Tan Sri Abu Talib Othman
Chairperson
SUHAKAM
- Keynote Speech**
Rt. Hon Deputy Prime Minister
Government of Malaysia
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Morning tea**
Venue: Ballroom Foyer (level 2)
- 11:00 – 1:00 **APF Forum Councillors Meeting – CLOSED**
- 3:00 – 4:00 **Registration desk open for registered observers**
Registration: Ballroom Foyer (level 2)
- 8:00 – 11:00 **Evening – Formal Dinner**
*Hosted by Hon Datuk Zaid Ibrahim,
Minister in the Prime Minister's Dept,
Government of Malaysia
Venue: Istana Hotel*

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2008

APF CONFERENCE

Conference Sessions – APF Members and Registered Observers

All day venue: Nusantara 2 & 3 (level 2)

- 8:30 – 9:00 **Registration desk open for registered observers**
Registration: Ballroom Foyer (level 2)
- 9:00 – 9:20 **Opening**
- 9:00 – 9:10 **Address by Representative, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights**
- Delivered by Mr Gianni Magazzeni, Senior Human Rights Officer and Coordinator of the National Institutions Unit*
- 9:10 – 9:20 **Summary of APF Councillors meeting by Chair, Chairperson, SUHAKAM**

9:20 – 11:00 **Reports from APF Members**

Chair: Tan Sri Abu Talib Othman, Chairperson, SUHAKAM

Note 1: APF members to electronically submit written report to APF Secretariat (by 11 July 2008) for distribution and publication on website.

Note 2: Speakers will be asked to highlight developments/challenges or achievements from the preceding 12 months and will be stopped after 5 minutes. Please note that a separate session on Thursday will cover implementation of previous ACJ references.

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	Nepal New Zealand Philippines Republic of Korea Sri Lanka Thailand Timor-Leste	3:30 – 3:35	Representative, International Service for Human Rights
		3:35 – 3:40	Representative, Forum Asia
		3:40 – 4:00	Representatives from three national NGOs (5 minutes each)
	Associate Members Maldives Palestine Qatar	4:00 – 4:30	Open Discussion – Questions and Answer Session
	Other Institutions Hong Kong Iran	4:30 – 5:30	Universal Periodic Review
		4:30 – 4:40	Dr Homayoun Alizadeh, Regional Representative for South East Asia, OHCHR (TBC)
11:00 – 11:30	Morning Tea	4:40 – 4:50	Ms Hesti Armiwulan, Vice-Chairperson, Indonesian National Human Rights Commission
11:30 – 12:30	Open discussions on the reports from APF members	4:50 – 5:00	Representative, NGO
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch <i>Venue: Essence Restaurant (level 1)</i>	5:00 – 5:10	Ms Cynthia Gervais, Director, Geneva Office, Rights and Democracy
1:30 – 2:15	Regional Cooperation between National Human Rights Institutions <i>Note 3: This agenda item provides an opportunity for NHRIs to advise the meeting of bilateral and/ or multilateral activities between NHRIs.</i> <i>Chair: Justice Babu, Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission of India</i>	5:10 – 5:30	Open Discussion – Questions and Answer Session
1:30 – 1:45	ASEAN NHRIs – Representative, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand	8:00 – 10:30	Evening – Private dinner for APF Members (Heads of Delegations) and the ACJ <i>Hosted by Chairperson, SUHAKAM</i> <i>Venue: Shangri-La Hotel</i>
2:15 – 3:00	Interventions from Asia Pacific Governments Australia Bahrain Malaysia New Zealand Pakistan Papua New Guinea Samoa Pacific Islands Forum, Secretariat		
3:00 – 3:30	Afternoon Tea		
3:30 – 4:00	Report from Non-Governmental Organisations <i>Chair: Lady Meesook, Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Thailand</i>		

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DAY 4: THURSDAY 31 JULY 2008

APF CONFERENCE

Conference Sessions cont'd – APF Members and Registered Observers

All day venue: Nusantara 2 & 3 (level 2)

- 9:00 – 12:30 **Advisory Council of Jurists**
Chair: Dr Muhammad Adnan Al-Sheyab, Member, Jordan National Centre for Human Rights
- Corporate Social Responsibility
- 9:00 – 9:20 Ms Vanessa Zimmerman, Representative of the UNSR on Human Rights and Business
- 9:20 – 9:40 Ms Marie Busck, Adviser, Danish Institute for Human Rights
- 9:40 – 10:00 Dato Ranita Hussein, ACJ President
- 10:00 – 11:00 Open discussion – Questions and Answer Session
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Morning tea**
- 11:30 – 12:30 Reports from APF Members and the APF Secretariat on implementation of past ACJ References
- 12:30 – 1:30 **Lunch**
Venue: Essence Restaurant (level 1)
- 1:30 – 3:00 **60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights**
Chair: Dr Sima Samar, Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
- The meaning and effect of Article 29(2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948
- 1:30 – 1:40 Dato' Muhammad Shafee Abdullah, Chairperson of the Law Reform and International Treaties Working Group, SUHAKAM
- 1:40 – 1:50 Speaker – NGO (TBC)
- 1:50 – 2:00 Speaker – Vitit Muntarbhorn (TBC)
- 2:00 – 3:00 Open discussion – Questions and Answer Session
- 3:00 – 3:30 **Afternoon tea**
- 3:30 – 4:30 **THE WORK OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA**
Registered Observers
- 3:30 – 4:30 **CLOSED SESSION (Forum Councillors)**
Venue: Penang 1 & 2 (level 3)
Final Drafting of the Concluding Statement
- 4:30 – 5:00 **FINAL CONFERENCE STATEMENT**
Venue: Nusantara 2 & 3 (level 2)
- Chair: Chairperson, SUHAKAM*
- Adoption of Final Conference Statement

Note 4: The Advisory Council of Jurists will meet separately before joining the conference proceedings of the last day. The dates of the ACJ meeting are 28–30 July and will be held in Penang 1 & 2 (28 July) and Langkawi (29–31 July).