



**MOTION 1**

**MOTION PROPOSED BY THE SELANGOR BAR COMMITTEE TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION BY RM50.00 FROM RM150.00 TO RM200.00.**

The Selangor Bar Committee (SBC) proposes an increment of RM50.00 to the Annual Subscription for the year 2018/2019 from the current rate of RM150.00 per annum.

- (A) **WHEREAS** the subscription of RM150.00 was debated and passed by this august house on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.
- (B) **WHEREAS** the subscription has remained at RM150.00 per annum for past twelve years.
- (C) **WHEREAS** the sources of income for the Selangor Bar are the annual subscription and various talks and forums held at the SBC auditorium.
- (D) **WHEREAS**, the previous source of the income from the rental of BC boxes have been terminated with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2017.
- (E) **WHEREAS** the income of the Selangor Bar goes towards operating expenses including staff salaries, bonuses, EPF& SOCSO contributions, the secretariat operating expenditure, subsidizing social events such as Annual Dinner & Dance, Members' Night, sports events such as the Bench and Bar Games and various invitational sporting events.
- (F) **WHEREAS** the SBC funds events organised by its various Sub-Committees and other charitable courses benefitting members of the Selangor Bar and the public at large.
- (G) **WHEREAS** in 2008, membership of the Selangor Bar stood at 3341, as at 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2018, the membership stood at 6,140 members, making it the second largest State Bar in West Malaysia.
- (H) **WHEREAS** in the year 2017, 110 freshly called to the Bar Advocates & Solicitors were enrolled as members of the Selangor Bar.
- (I) **WHEREAS** the rapid increase in *membership* consisting of new members freshly called to the Bar and those moving their practice into Selangor particularly from Kuala Lumpur, is inevitable given the lower price of properties and rental rates in the State of Selangor.



- (J) **WHEREAS** the Secretariat currently operates under constant pressure with a staff strength of 6 members working at the Secretariat and another at the Shah Alam Court Complex Bar Room serving more than 6000 members.
- (K) **WHEREAS** with the rapid expansion of membership, the need for employing more staff at the secretariat is a pressing issue.
- (L) **WHEREAS** in the 2016/2017 term of office, the Selangor Bar Committee with financial assistance from the Malaysian Bar Council purchased two (2) adjacent buildings located at Nos. 37 & 39, Jalan Bola Jaring 13/15, Section 13, 40100, Shah Alam, Selangor for the sum of Ringgit Malaysia One Million Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand (RM1,475,000.00) for each building totaling Ringgit Malaysia Two Million Nine Hundred Fifty Million (2,950,000.00).
- (M) **WHEREAS** the Malaysian Bar Council provided a total sum of Ringgit Malaysia Two Million Five Hundred Thousand (RM2,500,000.00) consisting of a grant of Ringgit Malaysia One Million (RM1,000,000.00) and a loan sum of Ringgit Malaysia One Million Five Hundred Thousand (RM1,500,000.00) and the balance purchase price for building Nos. 37 & 39 in the sum of Ringgit Malaysia Four Hundred Fifty Thousand (RM450,000.00) was paid from the funds of the Selangor Bar and a sum of Ringgit Malaysia Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Seven and Twenty Cents (RM80,767.20) was paid by the Selangor Bar Committee as stamp duty and incidental expenses on the transfer of both buildings.
- (N) **WHEREAS** the Selangor Bar is repaying the Bar Council the loan granted for the purchase of building Nos. 37 & 39 over a period of 15 years by monthly instalments in the sum of Ringgit Malaysia Eleven Thousand Ninety Five and Sen Thirty (RM11,095.30).
- (O) **WHEREAS** the Selangor Bar is deriving a rental amounting to Ringgit Malaysia Nine Thousand Eight Hundred (RM9,800.00) monthly from letting out of the second floor of building No.37 and the top floors of building Nos.37 and No. 39, which rental income goes towards payment of the loan sum to the Bar Council. However, these rental income cannot be treated as a long term income.
- (P) **WHEREAS** the purchase of buildings which coincided with the rapid increase in membership requires the expansion of the Secretariat, the Legal Aid Centre, the auditorium, the library, conference and meeting room facilities and the surau.



(Q) **WHEREAS** the current Selangor Bar subscription of RM150.00 per annum is among the lowest of all State Bars in West Malaysia.

(R) **WHEREAS** given the unavoidable annual increase in expenditure, it would only be prudent and responsible for the Selangor Bar to seek an increase in the subscription.

**NOW IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 73(i) of the Legal Profession Act 1976, the annual subscription of the Selangor Bar shall be increased from the year 2018/19 by Ringgit Malaysia Fifty (RM50.00), that is from RM150.00 to RM200.00.

Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018

Proposer:

**BERNARD SCOTT**

Honorary Secretary

Selangor Bar Committee