



SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS & ENVIRONMENT



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The year 2020 has been an unprecedented and difficult year for all of us in the Selangor Bar committee. My team and I had a lot of ideas and programs that we wanted to carry out but due to the Covid-19 pandemic and its restrictions and uncertainties, we were unable to carry out most of the proposed programs.

We have however carried out the following programs which are as follows:-

5th October 2020- Our committee in collaboration with Tenaganita, conducted a zoom webinar with the topic “**Migrant Workers In Malaysia-The Past and Present-Reality**”. The esteemed speaker was Ms Aegile Fernandez a Director cum Consultant of Tenaganita. Ms Aegile gave an enlightening overview of the struggles that Tenaganita has had and continues to have in bringing awareness of the abuse and the plight of migrant workers in Malaysia.

November 2020- Our committee was able to get the NGO PS Save the Children, to contribute an article titled “**1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys in Malaysia have experienced sexual abuse before they reach 18**” which was published on the Selangor Bar website and the Selangor Lawyers Facebook page. The article was enlightening and gave a brief overview on the effectiveness of the Child Act 2001 and emphasized that educating our children is the key to curb the abuse.

December 2020- Our committee was able to get the NGO Women’s Aid Organisation (WAO), to contribute an article titled “**We must continue to acknowledge survivors of gender-based violence and address the “pandemic within the pandemic**” which was published on the Selangor Bar website and the Selangor Lawyers Facebook page. The article highlighted the increase in gender based violence during the pandemic and what has been done and what needs to be done.



The sub-committee is working towards doing a webinar via zoom in January 2021 with the NGO's PS Save the Children and WAO to further highlight the issues of child sexual abuse and gender based violence.

There was no expenditure by the sub committee as the webinar and articles were done voluntarily by the respective organisations.

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