



Quick facts on Zika viral infection

Watch out for these symptoms
(lasting from several days to a week)

- Fever
- Headache
- Rashes
- Joint pain
- Muscle pain
- Conjunctivitis (red eyes)

What to do in case of symptoms:

- No direct medication or vaccine currently available
- Drink water to prevent dehydration
- Get plenty of rest
- Avoid mosquito bites during first week of illness to avoid spreading Zika

Detecting Zika infection:

- Blood and urine tests
- Zika infection rarely causes death, but may cause birth defects

Zika virus spreads through:

- Aedes mosquito bites; transmission from mother to newborn; sexual intercourse; blood transfusion (likely but unconfirmed)

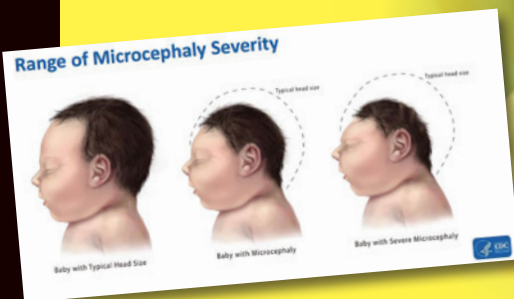
Prevention of Zika infection

- Use mosquito netting, window and door screens, insect repellent
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants
- Destroy mosquito breeding sites, remove stagnant water

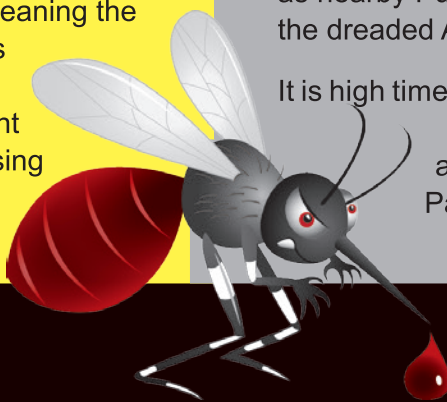
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The Zika virus has hit home and the first case was recorded in Klang when a 58-year old woman from Taman Botanic Klang was confirmed to be infected on 31 August 2016. Zika virus disease is caused by a virus transmitted primarily by Aedes mosquitoes which also causes dengue. The general fear of the public is that the Zika virus infection may cause Microcephaly in unborn fetuses. It is a birth defect that is associated with a small head and incomplete brain development in newborns. There is no vaccine or medicine for Zika.



On 1 September 2016, the Ministry of Health issued a notice that "Malaysians, must focus on cleaning the Aedes breeding places." Unfortunately, this advice has constantly been ignored by the Selangor state government where inefficient refuse disposal, and hygiene problems arising from inept waste management continue pose a health hazard.



Malaysia's 1st ZIKA case linked with Klang garbage woes?

Nearby day-tripper tourist attraction Pulau Ketam is a simple ferry ride away from Klang KTM station which currently languishes with critical garbage woes which affect the quality of air and ecosystem of this well known seafood destination.

Up till 29 October 2016, Selangor retains its position as the state recording the highest number of dengue cases with 45,926 cases reported out of 89,051 recorded throughout the whole nation.



Although the Klang patient is said to have contracted Zika after returning from Singapore where she visited her daughter between 19 to 21 August 2016, she is also reported to have visited several areas in Klang between 21 to 28 August 2016. Hence, we cannot discount that the questionable unkempt sanitary conditions in Klang as well as nearby Pulau Ketam provide fertile breeding ground for the dreaded Aedes mosquito.

It is high time the Selangor government cleans up its mess in its backyard before more mossies breed and strike, lest the rakyat rubbish the Selangor Pakatan government further with its apathy.

The Publicity chief writes ...



Khalid Samad

Federal Constitution must hold supreme above any religious enactments

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Pakatan Harapan continues to pull the carpet from under the rakyat's feet – the latest stunt being the declaration by disgruntled ex-PAS leaders *a la* splinter party Parti Amanah Negara that it too has submitted a Private Member's Bill (PMB) to vary the Syariah Court (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1965 (Act 355) similar to PAS'. When the Dewan Rakyat commenced proceedings on 17 Oct 2016, Amanah still had not made any official statement on their website. However its Communication Director cum Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad had informed via his blog that if current penalties under Act 355 are deemed ineffective, Amanah's version recommends deploying other patterns of punishments.

Amanah has not released the contents of its PMB and identical to PAS, withholds informing how creative its intended sentences are other than to aggrandise the sentencing authority of the Syariah court. Will it be "unlimited punishments" like PAS'? Why so secretive on this seismic assault unto the Federal Constitution which will alter and affect the normative lifestyles of all Malaysians?

Vouching that Amanah is moderate, even campaigning for their candidates at Chinese-majority polling districts at both the Kuala Kangsar and Sg Besar by-elections, how could DAP be ignorant of Amanah's PMB, unless the Rocket too colluded to crush the Constitutional freedoms of the rakyat, or exactly like PAS, Amanah is merely exploiting DAP to secure non-Muslim vote only to betray the trust later once power is secured?

Where the Opposition reduces, MCA builds & develops

Separately, in a departure from previous AGMs, this year's Annual General Assembly will see central delegates voting at night on amendments to the party Constitution which is part of the Party's transformation plan on enlarging delegates mechanism. This vote is a revolutionary move by MCA which aims for further party democratisation whereby selection for the Central Committee at the next party polls will be expanded from the present 2,339 central delegates to 32,000 members.

Meanwhile Malaysia-China ties continue to bloom and spread given MCA's efforts to link-up Malaysian and Chinese business entities to take advantage of opportunities conceived via China's Belt and Road Initiative.

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Then, his father, DAP stalwart Lim Kit Siang thought that



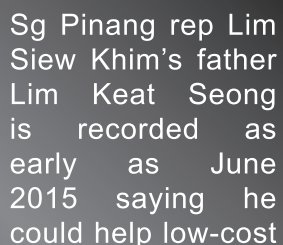
If DAP is so confident it has voter support in Selangor or Penang, DAP should easily be able to gather the 100 registered voters required to lodge their objections with the Election Commission on EC's proposed redelineation exercise.



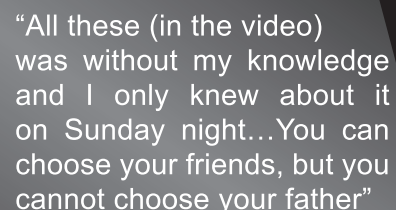
Perhaps DAP should take a leaf from PKR who very likely are aware that they do not have the numbers to return

Scandal timeline

First video surfaces



Lim Siew Khim **BLUFFING** during press conference



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DAP cover up by Penang DAP chairman Chow Kon Yeow

“DAP is not conducting any investigations. This does not involve Sdri Lim Siew Khim. I was told her father is not a DAP member”

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Second video emerges with evidence that Lim Siew Khim is LYING

Screen-grab of a Whatsapp conversation between a mediator and a victim. The former says he contacted Siew Khim and spoke to her for nearly 10 minutes. An itemised mobile phone bill was shown in evidence, with a phone call listed as being made to Siew Khim's mobile phone at 8.35pm on 26 June 2015.

definitely not possible many had come complaining that they were cheated."

In another conversation, a man, who is said to be Siew Khim's stepbrother Ong Hock Hin, was heard saying that his sister (Siew Khim) had asked for a meeting to be arranged with the aggrieved parties.

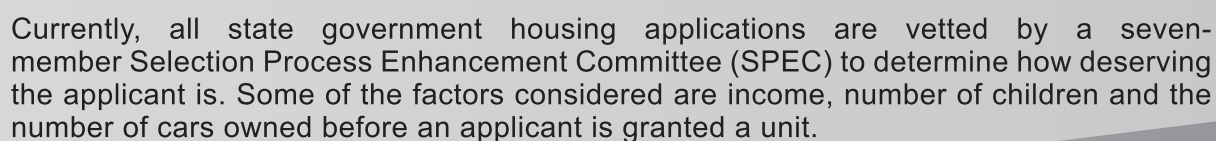


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Contradiction by Lim Siew Khim

"I DID receive a call from a youth leader from another party sometime last year but when I confronted my father, he denied any involvement. My father is a troublemaker since I was a child."

Meanwhile....



According to the Penang state government, there were 35,229 people on the waiting list for affordable homes in April.

“Affordable housing” is for units on the island priced below RM400,000 and below RM250,000 for units on the mainland.

**No wonder more than
30,000 pax
await a roof over their head**

Kelantan Orang Asli LOSING HOMES to LICENCED LOGGERS

The rampant logging threatens not only wildlife, as reported in many human-wildlife conflict cases, but also the under-represented Orang Asli (OA) community. They have no inked grant to claim land ownership in the deep interior of Lojing forest reserve in Gua Musang. Therefore when the Kelantan Forestry Department tried to forcefully evict them on grounds of illegal occupation, they know they can only count on themselves - they mounted barricades and risked their lives in their stand-off against loggers claiming to have licences to enter their home compounds and log those hundred-year-old trees which they know will fetch a high price in the timber market.

Despite settling down in the forest reserve since the 1980s, the OA in Kelantan are guaranteed no rights whatsoever to their lands under the Aboriginal Peoples Act 1954. Although the Act does

recognise some of the OA's rights, such as allowing OAs to follow their way of life and establishment of OA reserves, it also grants the state authority over OA dispossession from their traditional homelands. At any time the OAs can be asked to leave should the state demand the land back, and Kelantan is not obliged to pay any compensation nor allocate other alternative sites. Hence the OA's claims to their customary rights should be recognised as their continual residence should be a good reason for them to obtain full title and rights to the resources in those lands. Any delay in gazetting the OA reserves will lead to disputes over land ownership as it is already happening in some settlements like that of Gua Musang Lojing Forest Reserve.

PAS forgoing Manifesto Rakyat for logging

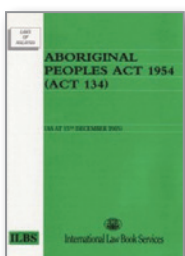


Blinded by greed and lust for money, PAS has forgone its mandate to administer Kelantan in accordance with the Pakatan Harapan's Manifesto Rakyat, including preserving Orang Asli Customary Land and Welfare with an estimated 141,000 ha of OA land reserved as well as ensuring all logging activities to be carried out in a controlled and sustainable manner. Now the rakyat, including the OA community can stare helplessly as their rivers grow polluted and fishes die, valuable jungle produce primarily herbs destroyed. Their modest shacks are also at risk of being engulfed by mud flood resulted from soil erosion.

As the saying goes, prevention is better than cure, but the Kelantan Forestry Department seems to think otherwise. It would rather issue licence to logging companies to clear land and fell logs, before allowing 'reforestation' activities to be carried out to mend those damages. By 'degazetting' these forest reserves, these forest lands will be converted to other land status and eventually earmarked for commercial development. Furthermore, the ecological changes in the disturbed habitat are irreversible and the forests may no longer provide ecological services such as carbon storage and soil stabilisation.



WE NEED LAW REFORM TO PROTECT THE VOICELESS ORANG ASLI



As the existing Aboriginal Peoples Act 1954 fails to provide security over the tenure of OA lands, and results in many OA losing their homes to private plantations, highways and Kelantan state government land schemes. There is a need for the law reform to recognise more rights of the OA, specifically those that deal with their culture, identity and livelihoods. Moreover, it is also important that the law enables gazette of more OA reserves under the customary land tenure provision, besides restricting the state authority in degazetting OA reserves for development purposes. Otherwise the OAs will be left in limbo without any legal discourse when loggers obtain concessions from the state authorities, and they are asked to leave without any compensation.

Simpler for Hudud Bill to gain traction in Opposition via Amanah

The departure of Mat Sabu, Salahudin Ayub, Khalid Samad, Husam Musa *et al* from PAS is purely for self interest as they no longer held positions or influence after losing at the PAS 2015 party polls. The splinter group did not form Parti Amanah Negara to show the Opposition was a proponent or practitioner of the "welfare state" which PAS successfully espoused during the 2013 general election.

Amanah Communications Director cum Shah Alam MP Khalid Samad has reiterated Amanah's position of supporting PAS' proposed changes to the Syariah Court (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 355 dubbed the Hudud Bill. If Amanah were indeed the moderate party which it portrays itself to be, then Amanah would have reacted similar to MCA by vehemently objecting



against the Hudud Bill when it was tabled by Dato' Seri Hadi Awang and petitioned to be fast-tracked by UMNO's Dato' Azalina Othman.

In May, Amanah President Mat Sabu extolled that "hudud law will bring happiness as it will solve human problems. Many citizens of Syria, Somalia, Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya have become refugees as their countries don't have hudud law to manage properly! (Sin Chew Daily, 30 May 2016.)"

Given these two quotes by Amanah leaders, it is crystal clear that Amanah holds common, if not identical intentions with PAS in desiring to establish a theocratic state eventually once it seizes power or more influence through its partnership with DAP and PKR.

AMANAH

MATLAMAT PENUBUHAN

Parti Amanah Negara ialah sebuah parti politik yang meletakkan Islam sebagai asas perjuangan dalam menggalas amanah agama, rakyat dan negara dengan matlamat berikut:

- 01 >> Memartabatkan Islam sebagai dasar perjuangan.
- 02 >> Mendirikan sebuah masyarakat dan negara madani dengan Islam sebagai rahmat untuk semua.
- 03 >> Melaksanakan pemerintahan yang berketuhanan dengan tunjutan prinsip amanah, keadilan, kerukunan, kompetensi dan ketelusan.
- 04 >> Mendukung pendekatan kesederhanaan, keterbukaan, demokrasi dan bergerak dalam kerangka demokrasi dan Perlembagaan Persekutuan.
- 05 >> Menggembirakan seluruh segmen warganegara dalam wadah perjuangan politik inklusif merentas jurang kaum, budaya dan kepercayaan ke seluruh Persekutuan.

MISI

Menawarkan kepimpinan dan tadbir urus yang Amanah, Progresif dan Peduli bagi rakyat dan memakmurkan negara bersendikan tunjutan Maqasid Syariah

PAS

BAB YANG KEDUA DASAR DAN BERUAN

FASAL 3. Dasar PAS ialah ISLAM.

FASAL 4. Seruan PAS ialah ALLAHU AKBAR.

BAB YANG KETIGA TUJUAN, USAHA, HUKUM DAN KEKUASAAN

FASAL 5. Tujuan PAS ialah:

- (1) Memperjuangkan wujudnya di dalam negara ini sebuah masyarakat dan pemerintahan yang berketuhanan di dalamnya nilai-nilai Islam dan hukum-hukumnya menjadi landasan Allah.
- (2) Mempertahankan keadilan Islam serta kemendakan dan kedaulatan negara.

FASAL 6. Usaha-usaha:

- (1) Menyuruh umat manusia kepada Ghyur'at Allah dan Surrah Rasulullah melalui dakwah secara benar, ihsan dan amanah.
- (2) Memperjuangkan Islam sebagai agihan dan syariat serta menjadikannya sebagai panduan berpolitik dan bernegara serta memperkukuhkan nilai-nilai ke-Islaman dalam usaha menegakkan keadilan dan kemajuan di

segenap bidang termasuk pemerintahan dan pendidikan, ekonomi dan sosial serta pelagran dan pendidikan.

(3) Menyuruh dan memperkukuhkan ukhrawah Islamiyah dan menyebarkan rasa perdamaian di kalangan rakyat bagi memelihara kehidupan politik dan masyarakat yang sihat dan berketuhanan.

(4) Mengembangkan badan-badan, organisasi-organisasi, dan orang-orang.

(5) Menegakkan Maqasid Syariah.

(6) Menegakkan Maqasid Syariah.

PERLEMBAGAAN PARTI ISLAM SE-MALAYSIA (PAS) (PINDAAN 2011)

Scrutinising the mission of Amanah, the resemblance to PAS' mission is grossly similar to the PAS Constitution. Amanah offers "leadership and administration centred on Maqasid Syariah" while PAS Constitution speaks of "making Islamic struggles the faith and syariah and political guidance and introducing Islamic values in all areas including ruling and administration, economy and social, and education."

Pakatan Harapan opens the door for the Hudud Bill to be passed through Amanah

The Opposition in particular DAP treads on dangerous ground. Prior to both the 2008 and 2013 general elections, PAS formed a successful triumvirate with DAP and PKR. Although PAS and DAP have mutually severed ties in an acrimonious fashion, DAP retains links and campaigned for Amanah and both the Sg Besar and Kuala Kangsar by-elections. Amanah is in seat swap talks with PKR, while PKR is sandwiched in between PAS vs DAP, PAS vs Amanah by maintaining a cordial and even friendly relationship with the openly hardline party.

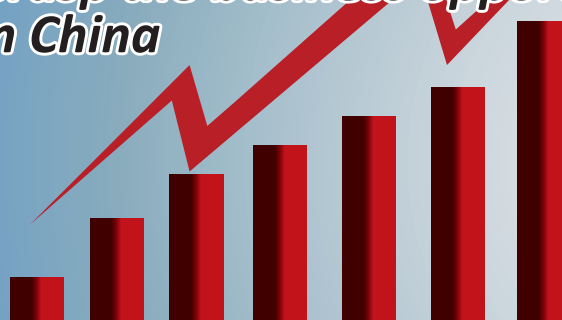
The route towards enforcing PAS hudud enactments throughout Malaysia and not limited to Kelantan has grown

wider because if PAS is unable to break through DAP, Amanah wields an easy glide in subterfuge to enable the Hudud Bill to be passed in Parliament through its close co-operation with DAP and PKR under the new Pakatan Harapan.

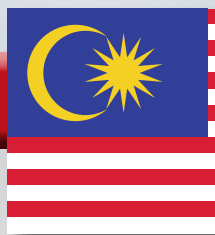
If Amanah really were considerate towards the welfare of Malaysians, it would, like MCA, strongly oppose the Hudud Bill in view of the double standards for both Muslims and non-Muslims offenders and victims alike once PAS hudud enactments are practically implemented.

Belt & Road Initiative: MCA leads the way

Optimising Malaysia's advantages, Grasp the business opportunities in China



Advantages of Malaysia



Southeast Asia lies at the crossroads of the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean, while Malaysia occupies a strategic location in Southeast Asia and is a key base in China's Belt and Road Initiative. The Straits of Malacca is the 'meeting point' of this intersection, which is a very important strategic position, including those that are along ASEAN and other important international shipping routes, as well as control over this crucial maritime route. Other major ports such as Port Klang, Penang, Kuantan and Tanjung Pelepas are deep-water ports, which are all within this strategic point.

Malaysia is a developing nation composed of multi-racial, cultural, linguistic and religious communities. It has more than half a century of experience in dealing with different challenges and national issues, and has become a model for other multiracial countries. The 'five wills' in the Belt and Road Initiative emphasise communication with the people; Malaysia's advantage of being a multicultural

civilised nation; enable the country to connect with China, ASEAN, the Middle East and India in building a powerful communication hub under the Belt and Road Initiative.

Most importantly, Malaysia's stable political environment, sound legal and financial systems and coherent policies, are the largest guarantee for China's trade investment. Sound mechanisms and improved facilities, coupled with multicultural advantage, enable Malaysia to become the entry point into ASEAN, West Asia and South Asia, further consolidate and deepen the trade relations between China and these regions.

Besides the advantages it possesses, Malaysia holds added benefits by continuously elevating and strengthening bilateral relations with China.

The Ever-Expanding China-Malaysia Bilateral Ties

In 1974, Malaysia became the first Southeast Asian country to establish diplomatic ties with China. For 40 years, Malaysia maintained close diplomatic ties with China. The relationship was officially elevated to a comprehensive strategic partnership in 2013. China is Malaysia's largest trading partner; while Malaysia is China's largest trading partner in ASEAN and its third largest trading partner in Asia.

In addition, Malaysia is one of the favourite destinations for China's tourists. In 1990, there were only about 107,000 tourists who visited Malaysia. By 2015, the number of tourists from China to Malaysia reached up to 1.67 million people. The Malaysian government is actively expanding the Chinese traveller market, via favourable measures such

as opening additional direct flights, as well as introducing e-visa and visa-free online registration system, to strengthen the exchanges between both nations.

China has set up the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), which is one of the major subsidiary programmes under the Belt and Road Initiative, and Malaysia is one of the founding members of the AIIB.

Following the announcement of the Belt and Road Initiative, there is a significant increase of Chinese investments in Malaysia. In 2013, China invested RM3.01 billion in Malaysia, and this figure rose to RM4.75 billion in 2014. In 2015, China's direct investment in Malaysia amounted to RM1.87 billion despite global economic slowdown.

Investment From China into Malaysia 2013 ~ 2015



China-Malaysia Port Alliance



The Ministry of Transport led by the MCA President Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, plays a key role in leading Malaysia in securing business opportunities in the Belt and Road Initiative of which Malaysia and China signed a memorandum of understanding in the China-Malaysia Port Alliance on 23 November 2015. The plan covers 6 ports in Malaysia and 10 ports in China which will work with each other.

Subsequently, Malaysia and the Ministry of Transport of China held the first meeting on China-Malaysia Port Alliance in Ningbo, Zhejiang in July 2016. The bilateral meeting achieved several agreements, including:

- the exchange and sharing of information
- human capital training
- technical support
- development of transport connections and ports.



In June 2016, the China-Malaysia Port Alliance included another Chinese port, namely Qingdao. Hence the plan now covers 11 Chinese ports and 6 Malaysian ports.

The 11 ports in China are:

- Dalian
- Shanghai
- Ningbo
- Qinzhou
- Guangzhou
- Fuzhou
- Xiamen
- Shenzhen
- Hainan
- Taicang

The 6 Malaysian ports are:

- Port Klang
- Malacca
- Penang
- Johor
- Kuantan
- Bintulu.

Belt & Road Initiative - An Ambitious Development Concept

In September 2013, during a visit to Kazakhstan, China President HE Xi Jinping raised the concept of 'Silk Road Economic Belt' while giving a speech at the Nazarbayev University. In October 2013, Xi Jinping attended an informal meeting of APEC, and proposed the establishment of the '21st Century Maritime Silk Road' while delivering his speech at the Indonesian Parliament.

The proposal of 'Silk Road Economic Belt' and '21st Century Maritime Silk Road' gained international attention and that was when both merged into the Belt and Road Initiative.

The Belt and Road Initiative is an ambitious development concept of the Chinese government - its scope of area draws across Asia and Africa, covering 65 countries and 44 million population. These 60 over countries and China account for 30% of the world's land area, 64% of the population and total economic output of USD21 trillion, which is about 30% of the world's GDP.

The main objective of Belt and Road Initiative is to promote the 'five wills' of the 65 countries. The 'five wills' include Policy Communication; Infrastructure Communication; Trade Flow; Financing, Communication with the People; while the 'Triple Common Interests' encompasses Community Interests; Common Destiny and Community Responsibility. The Belt and Road Initiative supports the peaceful development pursuits of 2/3 of the global population, win-win cooperation and mission, results in a far-reaching impact on the global political and economic condition.

The Belt and Road Initiative :

- is an abbreviation of the 'Silk Road Economic Belt' and the '21st-Century Maritime Silk Road';
- runs through the continents of Asia and Europe, connecting the East Asia economic circle at one end and European economic circle at the other;
- routes cover the world's total land area populated by 4.4 billion people, or 64% of the global population;
- encompasses some developing countries which collectively claim a GDP of US\$21 trillion, which is 29% of the world's GDP;
- will form a new phenomenon with land and sea routes opened up to link East and West. China's 31 provinces have already affirmed their active participation in different aspects of the enterprise.

In 2014, China's trade with Belt and Road nations surpassed USD1 trillion, which accounts for 26% of the world's total trade.

#Key data of the Belt and Road Initiative, Source: Xinhua Net

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Friendly Relations between MCA & CPC



The 2nd 'Belt and Road Initiative: China-Malaysia Business Dialogue' was held at Wisma MCA, KL from 2 to 5 September 2016. The opening ceremony was officiated by MCA President Dato' Liow Tiong Lai (centre) and guests of honour include: (from left) MCA PRC Affairs Committee Chairman Dato' Sri Chuah Poh Kiang, Federation of Seven Clan Associations President Tan Sri Koo Yuen Kim, MCA Secretary-General Dato' Sri Ong Ka Chuan, China International Liaison Department Assistant Minister Li Jun, MCA Deputy President Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong, China's Ambassador to Malaysia HE Dr Huang Huikang, The Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia President Datuk Ter Leong Yap and China Economic Cooperation Center Vice-President Wu Baocai.

The Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA) signed an MoU with the Communist Party of China (CPC) in 2014, and reached a consensus on issues including top-level communication, member exchange, cadre training and data sharing, so as to further enhance the friendly ties between our parties and nations.

As a member of the ruling coalition, MCA is also a designated working partner for CPC. As such, MCA is duty bound to play its role as the 'bridge' between China and Malaysia to connect China's Belt and Road Initiative with our national development policy so that our nation, business fraternity as well as the people will enjoy the fruits of the Initiative and people-to-people economic, cultural and education convergences may be deepened as well.

The signing of the MoU between MCA and CPC marks the understanding reached by both parties to cooperate on a series of activities. MCA capitalises on its friendly ties with CPC to co-organise several important projects, so as to further promote inter-party partnerships and bilateral relations. In just two years, MCA and CPC have worked closely to bring about cooperative relationships between MCA subsidiary bodies and several Chinese agencies and academic institutions.

Belt & Road Initiative: Malaysia-China Business Dialogue

One of the key partnership projects of MCA and CPC, and also the Belt and Road Initiative-related programmes, is the Belt and Road Initiative: Malaysia-China Business Dialogue.

At the invitation of CPC, Tiong Lai led the MCA Central Committee to pay a courtesy visit to China which lasted for 5 days from 8 to 12 May 2016. The tour themed 'Friendly

Exchange and Pragmatic Cooperation', deliberated on high-level interaction, internal training, education, economy, cultural and academic exchanges, as well as other aspects like women, aviation and port. One of the consensus between both parties is that MCA and the China Economic Cooperation Center (CECC) will jointly organise the Belt and Road Initiative: Business Dialogue in Beijing.

2015

"Belt & Road Initiative: China - Malaysia Business Dialogue"

**VENUE: BEIJING, CHINA
DATE: 15 TO 16 JULY 2015**



✓ 162 MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS DELEGATES PARTICIPATED

✓ 180 PEOPLE FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, CORPORATIONS AND THINK TANKS PARTICIPATED

✓ MALAYSIAN AND CHINESE CORPORATIONS SIGNED 7 MEMORANDA, COVERING RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT, REAL ESTATE, SPORTS, BIRD NEST AND DURIAN TRADE



✓ 352 MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS DELEGATES PARTICIPATED

✓ 139 PEOPLE FROM THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, CORPORATIONS AND THINK TANKS PARTICIPATED

✓ 120 MALAYSIAN CORPORATIONS AND 62 CHINESE CORPORATIONS PARTICIPATED, MORE THAN 300 BUSINESS MATCHING WERE HELD

✓ MALAYSIAN AND CHINESE CORPORATIONS SIGNED 4 MEMORANDA, COVERING BIRD NEST ONLINE TRADE, E-COMMERCE, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM



2016

"Belt & Road Initiative: Malaysia - China Business Dialogue"

**VENUE: KL, MALAYSIA
DATE: 2 TO 5 SEPTEMBER 2016**

In 2015, the first 'Belt and Road Initiative: Malaysia-China Business Dialogue' was successfully held in Beijing and received encouraging response from the relevant government agencies, business community, think tanks and academicians of both nations.

Both host countries reached a consensus in 2016 to co-organise the second 'Belt and Road Initiative: Malaysia-China Business Dialogue' in Malaysia as well.

So far this Belt and Road Initiative-themed Business Dialogue has been organised for two consecutive years in Beijing and Kuala Lumpur respectively.

The "Belt and Road Initiative: Malaysia-China Business Dialogue" provides a platform for Malaysia and China through 'dialogue' and 'business matching', enabling business sectors from both sides to strengthen their business cooperation through the assistance from MCA and the CECC.

MCA President Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai has stressed that projects undertaken by MCA and CPC under the Belt and Road Initiative are just a beginning. Following this, the concept of 'common development, win-win cooperation' will further strengthen the friendly relations and trust between the Chinese and Malaysian business communities, as well as to expand the possibility of more cooperation and establish a long-term strategic partnership.

Fight for Justice, ★ DEFEND ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ WOMEN'S RIGHT

Legal Advisory & Women's Aid Centre (LAWA)

Bruised and black-eyed after another battering from an abusive spouse?

Ex-husband not paying court-ordered alimony?

Child molested by paedophiles?

Pregnant and then fired?

Suffer no more in silence. Come to Wanita MCA's Legal Advisory and Women's Aid Centre (LAWA), the brainchild of MCA's women's wing chairman Datuk Heng Seai Kie. LAWA has offices at the MCA Headquarters and all 192 MCA divisions to assist women enduring domestic and sexual violence, provide legal advice on child custody, divorce issues or others.

How is LAWA different from the better known MCA Public Services and Complaints Department whose cases receive weekly media coverage? LAWA specifically caters for female victims on women's issues whereby the victim would feel more comfortable and secure confiding with a fellow female.

Upholding our party's mission to serve all Malaysians irrespective of race or creed, LAWA is the first such service centre set up by a political party in Malaysia whereby its lawyers will provide free legal counselling on both Civil and Syariah laws while co-ordinating with 6 related government agencies and various NGOs to provide support for women victims. They are:

- ▶ Prime Minister's Department (Biro Bantuan Guaman)
- ▶ Ministry of Family, Women and Community Development (Welfare & JPM)
- ▶ Ministry of Human Resources
- ▶ Ministry of Health (General Hospital)
- ▶ Royal Malaysian Police
- ▶ Attorney-General's Chambers
- ▶ University Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia
- ▶ Malaysian Bar Council
- ▶ Malaysian Counselling associations and others.

In meeting up with the Bar Council, LAWA Bureau Head Sdri Ng Miow Hia affirmed both entity's common interest to advocate and protect the women's rights.

Wanita MCA Team
Setting up Legal Advisory and Women's Aid Centers (LAWA) in all states and districts
Promoting the efforts of defending women's rights

408 coordinating directors nationwide
191 district councils with 382 directors and deputies
13 states with 26 directors and deputies



LAWA Roadshows

With LAWA roadshows underway to train and appoint a team of high-quality, high-efficiency guardians of women's rights in the 13 states where MCA is represented, the overwhelming response so far ranging from 200 to 600 persons indicates more education is needed to not only prevent gender and child abuse, but for Malaysian women to be aware of their rights.

Despite MCA not being represented in Sarawak, LAWA's assistance of a case in Kuching to liaise with the Social Welfare Department reaffirms MCA's borderless outreach, and will uplift a woman's plight once approached. As of 30 Sept 2016, LAWA has referred and solved 89 cases ranging from family and welfare issues, business scam, labour disputes, citizenship and others by walk-in clients or phone and email consultation.

One Stop Crisis Center in government hospitals

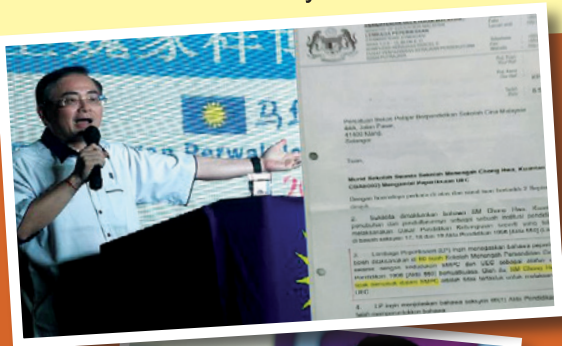
Initiated by Seai Kie, the One Stop Crisis Center is an emergency unit in all government hospitals whereby victims of domestic violence, abuse or rape should be sent to the OSCC first and not to a police station. The person in charge at the OSCC will automatically contact the police, Welfare Department and other related agencies whereby everything, including collecting specimens, taking statements, counselling and legal assistance, can be done under one roof.



Only Official Approval Letter counts- SM Chong Hwa Kuantan can sit for UEC exam!

A storm in the teacup brewed when the Chinese Schools Alumni Association of Malaysia showed a letter dated 8 Sept 2016 from the Malaysian Examinations Syndicate (MES), the contents of which indicated SM Chong Hwa Kuantan students were barred from sitting for the Unified Examination Certificate (UEC) exam.

Following the news, MCA Deputy President Datuk Seri Dr. Wee Ka Siong and MCA Youth national Chairman Datuk Chong Sin Woon were the first to come forward and clarify, that any administrative decision made by the Ministry of Education (MoE) needs to be approved by the Education Director-General Tan Sri Khair Mohamad Yusof, and he had also issued directive to MES to withdraw its letter and ensure that SM Chong Hwa Kuantan students may sit for the UEC.



Sin Woon also stressed that the Education D-G's letter dated 22 Oct 2015 superseded all other directives, which stated that MoE has no objection (tiada halangan) if the students want to sit for the UEC. In fact, Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak has publicly announced that the government allows the students to sit for the UEC examination.

To prevent further disputes, Sin Woon reached a consensus with the Education D-G, that any inquiry regarding Chinese education or UEC to be channeled to the Deputy Education Minister's office, as to prohibit anyone with vested interests to sensationalise the 'issue of SM Chong Hwa Kuantan students barred from sitting for the UEC exam.'

After obtaining the approval for the school building plan on 27 July 2012, the Education D-G had sent in letters at least 5 times to state that he was informed (Mengambil maklum) and has no objection (Tiada halangan) to the students taking the UEC exam. Chronology as below:

December 2012

The Chong Hwa Independent High School, Kuala Lumpur issued a letter in reply

October 2014

Dong Zong issued a letter in reply

March 2015

SM Chong Hwa Kuantan issued a letter in reply

May 2015

The Federation of Pahang Chinese School Management Boards issued a letter in reply

October 2015

SM Chong Hwa Kuantan issued a letter in reply

"Tiada Halangan" Means No Objection and With Permission

To answer the question by certain quarters as to why the letter did not state "Approved (Diluluskan)" or "Permitted (Dibenarkan)", rather than "No Objection (Tiada halangan)", the reason is that all official letters from the federal and state governments use "No Objection (Tiada halangan)" to indicate permission to carry out certain activities.

Moreover, letters from MOE, though not related to education matters, also use "No Objection (Tiada halangan)," which means "permitted."



No More Politics in the UEC Exam

The UEC exam falls under the jurisdiction of Dong Zong, and not the MoE. Thus Dong Zong should be the only one to allow or disallow the examination from being conducted.

MoE and MCA would like to stress that our stance that SM Chong Hwa Kuantan students being allowed to take the UEC exam remains unchanged, and sincerely hope that no other parties with vested interests will distract the innocent students again, so that they can focus on preparing for the UEC exam.



Look no further, Education Director General's letter supersedes other directives

MCA Club USA retains Malaysian Chinese links whilst boosting cross-boundary networking



This year marks the 11th year of the establishment of MCA Club USA. The Club spearheaded by Sdr. Kim S. Bong, for the past 11 years undertakes its role in looking after the welfare of and harnessing networking among Malaysian Chinese residing in the United States of America whilst steadfastly maintaining our Malaysian Chinese cultural links to our beloved country.

In conjunction with the MCA Club USA's 11th Anniversary and Malaysia's 59th Hari Merdeka, the Club hosted a "Merdeka Cup" Soccer Tournament and 11th Anniversary Celebration Dinner. The soccer tournament marks the ninth consecutive year it has been organised and a large contingent

of 30 players were invited and specially flown in to New York from Malaysia to participate in the tournament. These friendly matches serve to promote friendly competition among Malaysians whilst enhancing goodwill in the spirit of sportsmanship and Malaysian citizenry abroad.

On top of that, 550 Malaysians from all corners of America were invited to attend the 11th Anniversary Celebration dinner held at Joy Luck Palace Restaurant, New York. Keeping to our Malaysian Chinese practices, guests were entertained with a variety of performances such as lion and tiger dances, singing performance as well as lucky draw. The guests happily intermingling with each other augurs well for strengthening the bond among Malaysians.



Council members reciting pledge



Sdr Kim S. Bong (2nd from right) with officials from the New York offices of the Ministry of Tourism & Culture, MIDA & MaTrade

At the sidelines of the 11th Anniversary series event, the Club together with the Malaysia Association of America headed by Mr. Sam Chin formed the Malaysia-TPP Business Council of America which acts as a great linkage to further enhance communication and connectedness among the business communities in Malaysia and the United States. The Council's creation - its idea initiated by MCA Secretary General Dato' Seri Ong Ka Chuan who is also the Minister of International Trade and Industry II, will also complement the work of the New York offices of the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) and the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA).

The presence of MCA Club USA highlights that MCA has moved away from solely being "kawasan" focused. We recognise that domestic issues and grievances require a solution. Simultaneously, MCA acknowledges that we are living in a global village, and not in a vacuum. MCA is cognisant of international issues, as to how they might affect Malaysia's diplomatic and trade ties, or of incidents befalling Malaysian citizens overseas who would require contingency assistance at unforeseen hours, yet realising the importance of keeping grounded with our roots back home.

MCA Club USA's commitment and dedication in fostering the Malaysian community abroad will continue to be maintained and solidified in line with MCA's Transformation Plan to enhance international networking.

Humbling lessons for all from *Paralympians' triumph*

World & Paralympic record breakers radiate hope to PWDs

The world record smashing feat by our Paralympians continues to inspire our nation whereby sports has broken racial and religious barriers to unite Malaysians as one – a quest policy-makers have long failed to accomplish.

Kudos to Minister of Youth and Sports Khairy Jamaluddin who made it a point to ensure that cash incentives for Paralympians must equal that of Olympians and not a mere 30%. The UMNO Youth chief also announced that the National Sports Council cash incentive would be retrospective whereby past Paralympic medalists would also

be given the same pension amount as Olympic medalists receive thereby acknowledging the glory they reaped for Malaysia before retiring from competitive sports.

Malaysians should be proud as Khairy's move has gotten netizens in a neighbouring country to debate and push their government to likewise bestow identical cash incentive to their Paralympians rather than a lesser after all the much deserved glories and even Parliamentary congratulatory message showered on their Olympic record winning swimmer.

The seldom-noticed coaches who groom a sportsperson

Khairy's announcement to increase the cash incentive for coaches from 20% to 30% of the cash incentive received by their Paralympian medalists is recognition of the need to develop sports for persons with disability (PWD) whilst motivating more sports enthusiasts to become coaches to harness their mentees' untapped prowess.

The argument that the competition pool for Paralympians is lower due to the reduced number of athletes does not make sense, because in ordinary day-to-day living and depending on the type of disability, PWD face an uphill task and more difficulties eg securing permanent employment, or physical mobility on uneven surface, etc.

Our champions (& those behind the scenes too)

1 Shot putter **Muhammad Ziyad Zolkefli's** world record throw (F20 intellectual disability) is a story of national unity and compassion whereby his Standard 5 teacher, an Indian, patiently guided him to read at an age when school children would be able to read their textbooks already; while another teacher, a Chinese who spotted his talent and both educators saw the beauty in him did not give up hope on him.



2 In sprinter **Ridzuan Puzi** (100m T36 cerebral palsy) who triumphed in his race in an Olympic record time, one is not human if one didn't feel the genuine embrace the Indian coach had for his prodigy even admitting that he would scold his mentee to bring out the best in the latter. Back in his hometown Kangar, it was Chinese lorry driver Chuah Heng Oon who bought him a new pair of RM200 running shoes upon learning Ridzuan could not afford a new pair when he was selected to be a national athlete although his existing pair had worn off from tireless training.

3 Setting and breaking 3 world records on the way to landing the gold for the men's long jump (T20 learning disability), **Latif Romly's** foray into sports saw him ditch his mat rempit days behind him.

A learning disability which saw Romly picking reading only at age 15, excelling in sports was the impetus to hone his concentration and discipline.

4 **Siti Noor Radiah Ismail** presented the Malaysian contingent with a bronze medal via the T20 women's

long jump. Her jump of 5.20 metres simultaneously broke her Asia Para Games record of 5.10 metres set in 2014.

Persevering against the odds of poverty, being bullied at school for being and looking different or hyperactivity or reading at a later age, our Paralympians have radiated their determination beyond the mobility of many able-bodied people albeit the appearance of

those with learning disability seems normal. It is time for "normal" able-bodied persons to view and recognise PWD as normal too with feelings, endurance over challenges, and have extraordinary skills in their own ways.

Government policies on urban planning, sports, education etc must integrate PWD with general society besides providing them disable-friendly access at buildings and public parks.

Sports stifled in Opposition states

Muhd Ziyad propelled Kelantan to fame with his gold medal and tears trickling when the Jalur Gemilang was raised to our anthem of Negaraku. While the BN-led federal government is committed towards raising the standards of Malaysia's performance in sports, Pakatan states are killing sports growth.

It was the Kelantan state government which prohibited male spectators at netball tournaments. This Dark Ages mentality ban effectively prevented fathers and brothers from cheering for their daughters and sisters from the audience stands although males can still view netballers and women in all forms from the television or internet.



For the female Astro Awani journalist who interviewed Ridzuan Puzi and his coach, will the Kelantan state administration consider all present as guilty for close proximity being in between two men?

The Kelantan state government boasts about hosting a Syariah-compliant Mr Awang Selamat bodybuilding competition whereby contestants wear longpants and an extra piece of cloth wrapping their navel. With their 'aurat' covered (for males, 'aurat' is defined as the body between the knee and the navel), the claim by the PAS-helmed administration that this modesty requirement "could be brought to the international level" pathetically flounders because the Rules by the International Bodybuilding and Fitness Federation requires 4 Mandatory Poses which includes the "Abdominals and Thighs" (<http://www.ifbb.com/pdf/IFBBrulebook.pdf>).



Pandamaran Hockey Stadium (PHS)

- > Built in 1985 at RM1.5mil
- > Venue of the 1st Tun Hussein Cup in 1985
- > 1998 - first refurbishment done for Commonwealth Games
- > April 3, 2016 - second refurbishment costing RM3.8mil



PHS turf fee

Category	Proposed fee	Current fee
One hour (7am to 7pm)	RM80	n/a
One hour (7pm to 10pm)	RM160	n/a
One hour school students (7am to 7pm)	RM40	RM15
One hour school students (7pm to 10pm)	RM80	RM15

Pandamaran Hockey Stadium Turf Fee

	Previous fee until 30 Sept 16 (RM)	New fee effective 1 Oct 16 (RM)
1 hour (7am to 7pm)	15	35
1 hour (7am to 7pm)	n/a	125
1 hour school students (7am to 7pm)	15	35
1 hour school students (7pm to 10pm)	15	70

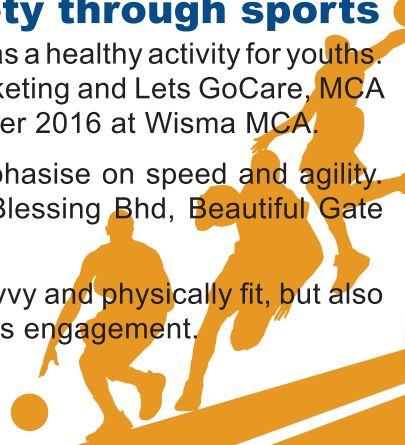
In Selangor, effective 1 Oct 2016, the Klang Municipal Council levies fees from free use previously, or raised fees up to 400% to use the Pandamaran Hockey Stadium. This exorbitant jump is unjustified and will also rebuff young talents away from sports and discourage schools or youth organisation to conduct their trainings there. Staying away from the hockey stadium will also lead to the structure's eventual wear and tear. It will be a real shame if the growth of hockey is regressed considering that the Malaysian men's hockey team had qualified for 9 out of 16 Olympics since their debut at the Melbourne Summer Olympics in 1956.

3-on-3 Basketball Challenge: MCA encourages PWD engagement with society through sports

MCA wants to further the cause of PWD besides boosting basketball as a healthy activity for youths. In collaboration with the Malaysia Basketball Association, MVP Marketing and Lets GoCare, MCA co-organised a 3-on-3 Basketball Match Challenge on 18 September 2016 at Wisma MCA.

The FIBA 3X3 basketball rules are gaining popularity as they emphasise on speed and agility. Donations raised were channelled to 3 beneficiary NGOs: Dual Blessing Bhd, Beautiful Gate Foundation & Lovely Disabled Home.

This match not only aims to encourage more youths to be sports-savvy and physically fit, but also provides a platform for PWD to integrate with society through sports engagement.





MCA fetes the national unity & pride our Olympians' performances bore

Within 72 hours under the guidance of MCA Deputy President Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong, MCA organised a "Rio 2016 Malaysian Heroes Appreciation Night" on 7 Sept 2016 in honour of the pride which Malaysia's Olympic contingent reaped by bringing people together. The rapturous welcome from leaders from MCA, Chinese guilds and associations and youth NGOs commemorated the strenuous training, meritocracy of competing against the world's best leading to Malaysia's historic outing at the quadrennial games - a befitting Merdeka gift all Malaysian citizens yearn for.

MCA President Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai regaled that "it has been a long time we did not feel the feeling of pride and unity in our country. The Olympians made us be able to unite and be a strong force to be reckoned with." Explaining that "as the athletes sacrificed time, commitment, hence MCA gives due recognition," he expressed confidence "to score a bigger victory at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics to unite all Malaysians."

Recognising that Malaysia's best achievements in the Olympics is a joint effort and sacrifice, not only did MCA bestow each medallist RM20,000 and souvenirs to the coaches and officials as encouragement, the VIP treatment given to families was cognisant of the time

spent apart from loved ones in pursuit of greater glory for the nation.

Peppering a few words in Mandarin, Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin stressed that the Olympians were the pride of the country. Not only did he pay individual tribute to the trials each medallist endured, by highlighting that other Malaysian athletes who did not score medals had either broken national records or improved their personal bests, Khairy ensured that the each sportsperson's struggles towards yielding results were documented.

Danish ace shuttler in the 1980s-90s Morten Frost who currently coaches the national badminton squad informed that he was "very much in awe, emotional and fantastic feeling. We appreciate so much and feel special."

Questions were raised as to how a home grown successful aviation company should award its own citizens after Air Asia CEO Tony Fernandez announced that lifetime free airtickets for each ASEAN gold medallist. A call from Tiong Lai as Transport Minister saw Air Asia committing to 5 years free travel for silver medalists, 3 years free travel for bronze holders and 2 free tickets for all other Olympians.

Ridhuan Tee's divisive game dealt a blow

Regarding columnist Ridhuan Tee's allusion that "Chinese athletes participate in individual sports for money unlike Malay athletes who take part in team events," Keirin cycling bronze medallist Azizulhasni Awang deliver a stinger: "He said thus without respecting others' feelings. He should understand what it takes to be at the Olympics. The medals are the next level. All the athletes here are my friends. It is not about money, the money comes after the performance. He should come to see how the athletes train and sacrifice."

Besides Azizulhasni, the silver medalists were Pendelela Rinong-Cheong Jun Hoong (women's synchronised 10m platform), Goh Liu Ying-Chan Peng Soon (mixed badminton doubles), Goh V Shem-Tan Wee Kiong (badminton men's doubles) and Dato' Lee Chong Wei (badminton men's singles).

Note: As of design time, plans are underway by MCA to fete our world and Paralympic record champions to an identical reception

