



THE MALAYSIAN JUDICIARY

PRESS STATEMENT

14TH ASEAN LAW ASSOCIATION (ALA) GENERAL ASSEMBLY, 2ND ASEAN LAW CONFERENCE AND 44TH ALA GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING, 18th ALA GOLF TOURNAMENT AND THE ALA MOOT COMPETITION (ASEAN MOOT 2023)

18th- 21st October 2023

ALA Malaysia, in collaboration with the Malaysian Judiciary hosted the 14th ALA General Assembly, the 44th ALA Governing Council Meeting, the 2nd ASEAN Law Conference, the 18th ALA Golf Tournament, and the inaugural ASEAN Law Association Moot Competition (ASEAN Moot 2023) from 18th to the 21st October 2023.

Established in 1979, ALA is a non-governmental organisation that brings together representatives from all 10 ASEAN countries - Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam to promote regional cooperation among the legal fraternity consisting of judges, Bar organisations, legal academia and similar institutions within the ASEAN region.

The ALA events commenced on the 17th and 18th of October with the highly anticipated 18th ALA Golf Tournament 2023. Set against the picturesque backdrop of the Tropicana Golf and Country Resort, the event saw a turnout of 133 keen golf enthusiasts from the ALA member countries such as Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Malaysia. The prestigious ALA Championship Golf Tournament Gross Winner Trophy was awarded to Mr. Nandang Sunandar Tarmudin, from

Indonesia. The Indonesian team also claimed the coveted ALA Championship Golf Trophy, also known as the Tun Dzaiddin Trophy.

On October 18, 2023, a Welcome Reception was held at the Shangri-La Hotel in honor of the ALA delegates from all over ASEAN. The event was graciously hosted by YB Dato' Sri Azalina Binti Othman Said, the Minister of Law and Institutional Reform.

The Opening ceremony of the 14th ALA General Assembly held on 19th October 2023 at the Shangri-La Hotel Kuala Lumpur commenced with a welcoming address by the President of ALA Malaysia, the Right Honourable Chief Justice Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat and the ALA President, the Honourable Chief Justice Sundaresh Menon, Chief Justice of Singapore. The Honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim was present as the guest of honour at the event. YAB Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim in delivering the Keynote Address highlighted and commended ALA's role in weaving principles of justice within the rule of law and its commitment to resolving common issues despite the diversity of its legal systems that shape the ASEAN Tapestry. The General Assembly continued on with updates from each Chairs and Heads of Delegation of the ALA National Committees.

The 2nd ASEAN Law Conference, held from 19th-20th October 2023 brought together brilliant minds from diverse legal systems within ASEAN. The overarching theme of the 2nd ASEAN Law Conference was "ASEAN Tapestry – Our Pride". The five (5) enlightening sessions of the law conference pivoted on the theme, namely; Our Women and Children - From Nominalism to Significance, Our Marginalised Heritage - The ASEAN Solution, Our ASEAN Sentinels, Our Environment - UN's Code Red for Humanities and last but not least, Artificial Intelligence - We Innovate and Survive.

Parallel to these events, the ALA Accompanying Person's Programme was also organised to present the best of Kuala Lumpur and Putrajaya's picturesque and significant landmarks.

The inaugural ASEAN Moot 2023 was convened at the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC) with seven teams representing their respective countries. The event featured five preliminary rounds, two semi-final rounds, and the grand final round. Ultimately, the Singaporean team emerged as the champions. The runner-up position was secured by Malaysia's team. The Best Memorial accolade went to Singapore's team, whilst the title of Best Mooter was claimed by Ms Abby Si Xinyi from Malaysia's team.

The 44th ALA Governing Council Meeting initiated the concluding day with the approval of the minutes of the 43rd ALA Governing Council meeting, reports of the ALA Secretary General, ALA Standing Committees, ASEAN Law Institute, ALA Foundation, ALA Golf Chapter and updates on ALA Concept Notes. The 14th ALA General Assembly marked a historic triumph for ALA Malaysia as the Right Honourable Tun Tengku Maimun binti Tuan Mat, the Chief Justice of Malaysia was elected as the President of ALA with Ms. Bharti Seth being elected as the Secretary General of ALA.

The culmination of the 14th ASEAN Law Association (ALA) General Assembly, 2nd ASEAN Law Conference, and 44th ALA Governing Council Meeting was the Gala Dinner, which was concurrently held in conjunction with the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices (CACJ) Retreat 2023.

Thank you.

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