

## THE MALAYSIAN JUDICIARY

## PRESS STATEMENT

## THE 9TH COUNCIL OF ASEAN CHIEF JUSTICES MEETING

The 9th Council of ASEAN Chief Justices Meeting (CACJ Meeting) was held virtually on 7th October 2021. The Supreme Court of Indonesia hosted the 2021 CACJ Meeting. The Heads of the Judiciaries of the respective 10 ASEAN member states and their senior judges and judicial officers attended the 9th CACJ meeting. The Chief Justice of Indonesia, The Hon. Muhammad Syarifuddin was elected as the CACJ Chair for 2021/2022. The Malaysian Delegation was led by the Rt. Hon. Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, the Chief Justice of Malaysia. The Malaysian delegation was composed of The Rt. Hon. Tan Sri Dato' Sri Azahar Bin Mohamed, Chief Judge of Malaya, The Rt. Hon. Dato' Abang Iskandar Bin Abang Hashim, Chief Judge of Sabah and Sarawak, Justice Dato' Sri Hasnah Binti Dato' Mohammed Hashim, Judge of the Federal Court, Justice Datuk Seri Kamaludin Bin Md. Said, Judge of the Court of Appeal, Justice Dato' Faizah Binti Jamaludin, Judge of the High Court of Malaya, Justice Celestina Stuel Galid, Judge of the High Court of Sabah and Sarawak and Dato' Ahmad Terrirudin Bin Mohd Salleh, Chief Registrar of the Federal Court of Malaysia.

The CACJ Meeting is a forum convened annually to discuss strategic issues of common interest and concern and strive to agree on strategic directions and policies of the ASEAN Judiciaries. Dedicated Transnational Working Groups (CACJ Working Groups) were set up as sub-committees of the CACJ Meeting to develop these into concrete proposals. The Malaysian Judiciary helms two important CACJ Working Groups. The first is the CACJ Working Group On Facilitating Service of Civil Processes Within ASEAN, which is chaired by the Rt. Hon. Justice Tan Sri Dato' Sri Azahar Bin Mohamed, Chief Judge of Malaya; and the second is the CACJ Working Group On Case Management And Court Technology, chaired by the Rt. Hon. Justice Dato' Abang Iskandar Bin Abang Hashim.

The meeting ended with a note of appreciation from the The Rt Hon Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat to Hon. Muhammad Syarifuddin, the Chief Justice of the Republic of Indonesia, and his able team for hosting this year's CACJ meeting with so much elegance and grace. Her Ladyship was hopeful that the members of the august Council would be able to gather in person for the 10th CACJ Meeting to be hosted by Malaysia in year 2022.

Thank you.

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