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**KUALA LUMPUR (22 APRIL 2021)** - The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) shares the concerns expressed by various organisations and individuals, in relation to the non-renewal of Convent Bukit Nanas (CBN) land lease and possible need to be relocated.

SUHAKAM is of the view that the operations of the school should remain as status quo and the land lease should be renewed. As one of the country's high-achieving schools, CBN should be allowed to continue with its educational work as they have done for more than a century. The right to education comes in many forms not only for the students but, also relates to the right to livelihood, as well as method of training for the education providers. As long as, it is in compliance with educational and other legal requirements, no institution should be dictated on how it may conduct its operations.

SUHAKAM urges the authorities, including the National Heritage Department, to preserve CBN and to continue protecting its character and heritage as a historical learning institution that is iconic and have played formative roles in educating Malaysians for 122 years.

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