



**Delegation of the
European Union to Malaysia**



**EU AWARDS A GRANT TO SUHAKAM TO SUPPORT THE WIDENING OF
DEMOCRATIC SPACE, STRENGTHENING THE RULE OF LAW, AND PROMOTING
RESPECT FOR AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN MALAYSIA**

8 December, Kuala Lumpur - The European Union (EU) Delegation in Malaysia and the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) signed a contract to implement a 3-year project under the ‘Widening Democratic Space, Strengthening The Rule Of Law, And Promoting Respect For And Protecting Human Rights In Malaysia’ call.

The signatories were Ambassador His Excellency Michalis Rokas and. YBhg. Professor Dato’ Dr. Rahmat Mohamad, Chairman of SUHAKAM. The project is scheduled to kick off on 1 January 2023 with an estimated grant of Euro 500,000.00 (MYR 2.31 million) and will be carried out at various locations throughout Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak.

SUHAKAM’s project on ‘Advancing Human Rights in Malaysia Via Strategic Approaches in Education and Awareness Raising’, has the overall objective to inculcate an environment where human rights principles are understood, accepted, respected, and protected.

The project’s three main purpose are the conduct of relevant researches to advance human rights, awareness raising and community promotion on human rights principles, and capacity-building of human rights proponents, targeting a diverse range of beneficiaries including government agencies, legal practitioners, civil society organizations, grass root communities, and SUHAKAM’s workforce.

This is the third time SUHAKAM and the EU are embarking on a joint initiative and both sides look forward to the collaboration, towards achieving common goals in the democratic and human rights space for the country.

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