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**SUHAKAM WELCOMES RE-ACCREDITATION AS AN “A STATUS” NATIONAL
HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTION**

KUALA LUMPUR (9 JUNE 2026) - The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) welcomes the decision by the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) Sub-Committee on Accreditation (SCA) to reaffirm SUHAKAM’s accreditation as an “A Status” National Human Rights Institution (NHRI).

The re-accreditation reflects continued international recognition of SUHAKAM’s compliance with the Paris Principles, the international standards adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) that govern the independence, effectiveness, pluralism, and mandate of national human rights institutions. SUHAKAM acknowledges the SCA’s recognition of the Commission’s continued efforts in promoting and protecting human rights in Malaysia, as well as the constructive recommendations provided to further strengthen the institution.

SUHAKAM takes note of the recommendations relating to, among others, strengthening its functional and operational independence, enhancing the transparency and independence of the appointment and dismissal processes, ensuring adequate funding, enabling unannounced visits to all places of deprivation of liberty, strengthening parliamentary engagement with SUHAKAM reports, and reinforcing institutional capacity to effectively fulfil its expanding mandate, including its child rights responsibilities.

SUHAKAM views these recommendations as important guidance towards further strengthening the institution in line with the Paris Principles and international best practices governing independent national human rights institutions. SUHAKAM remains committed to continuing engagement with the Government, Parliament, civil society organisations, and all relevant stakeholders to support legal and institutional reforms that reinforce SUHAKAM’s independence, effectiveness, accessibility, and public accountability.

As an “A Status” NHRI, SUHAKAM is able to participate fully in international and regional human rights mechanisms, including the United Nations Human Rights Council and treaty body processes. This status is important not merely as a form of international recognition, but because it affirms the importance of having an independent, credible, and effective institution dedicated to promoting and protecting the human rights of all persons in Malaysia.

Moving forward, SUHAKAM will continue to strengthen its institutional capacity, uphold the highest standards of integrity and independence, and enhance its engagement with the public in addressing both longstanding and emerging human rights challenges. The Commission remains steadfast in its vision of building a Malaysia grounded in human dignity, equality, justice, accountability, and respect for universal human rights principles.

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<https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/countries/nhri/ganhri/sca-report-47th-session-en.pdf>

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