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THE OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER OF THE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA (SUHAKAM)**

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**CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONERS OF SUHAKAM WELCOME THE OFFICIAL
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANTI-BULLYING TRIBUNAL**

KUALA LUMPUR (18 JUNE 2026) – The Children's Commissioners (CC) of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) express their strong support for the official establishment and launch of the Anti-Bullying Tribunal by the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Institutional Reform), YB Dato' Sri Azalina Othman Said, on 16 June 2026, marking a significant milestone in the country's efforts to create a safer, more inclusive, and child-friendly learning environments for all children.

The establishment of the Tribunal demonstrates the Government's continued commitment to protecting children from all forms of bullying and violence, while ensuring that complaints are addressed through an accessible, child-sensitive, and effective redress mechanism. The launch of the Tribunal also reflects a collective national effort to strengthen child protection measures and uphold every child's right to safety, dignity, and education.

The CC welcomes the coming into force of the Anti-Bullying Act 2026 on 16 June 2026. With the Act now operational, educational institutions are required to establish and implement six protective mechanisms for the prevention and management of bullying incidents. Pursuant to Section 7(1) of the Act, educational institutions are required to:

- a) establish and maintain a committee for the prevention and management of bullying cases;
- b) implement policies, guidelines, and procedures for the prevention and management of bullying cases;
- c) establish accessible and child-sensitive reporting channels while ensuring the confidentiality of information relating to students who report bullying incidents;
- d) provide counselling services and psychosocial support for victims and other persons affected by bullying cases;
- e) conduct training programs on the prevention and management of bullying cases; and
- f) achieve such standards of compliance relating to the prevention and management of bullying cases as may be determined by the Minister.

The CC particularly welcomes the establishment of a free and accessible complaint mechanism through the Anti-Bullying Tribunal, enabling victims and their parents or guardians to seek redress of an independent mechanism without financial burden. Information on the Tribunal, including complaint procedures, relevant resources, and online complaint submissions, can be accessed through the Tribunal Anti-Buli portal at <https://tab.bheuu.gov.my/>.

The CC acknowledge the collaborative and consultative process undertaken by the Government throughout the development and enactment of the Anti-Bullying Act 2026 and leading up to the establishment of the Anti-Bullying Tribunal. Since the early stages of policy formulation till the drafting of the Bill process and the establishment of the Tribunal, the CC have been actively involved in various engagement and consultation sessions, providing recommendations and perspectives grounded in children's rights principles and the best interests of the child. The CC are particularly pleased that children and young persons were meaningfully engaged throughout the consultation process and that their views were duly considered in the development of this important legislation. In line with their promotion and oversight mandates, the CC have also supported the Ministry of Education in the development of child protection policies and have offered their expertise and assistance to other relevant agencies in establishing mechanisms required under the Act.



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The CC are also encouraged by the statutory roles entrusted to the CC under the Anti-Bullying Act 2026. These responsibilities reinforce independent oversight and accountability in the implementation of anti-bullying measures nationwide. In this regard, the CC also welcome the provision of adequate resources and budgetary support to the OCC to effectively fulfil its responsibilities, in line with the recommendations contained in the February 2026 CRC Concluding Observation on Malaysia. Among the key functions accorded to the CC under the Act are:

- Receiving and reviewing audit reports relating to bullying prevention and response measures from educational institutions under the Ministry of Education (MOE), Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), the Ministry of Defence, and the Social Welfare Department;
- Receiving quarterly reports and complaint statistics from the Anti-Bullying Tribunal for monitoring and oversight purposes;
- Monitoring and making recommendations concerning the prevention and management of bullying cases in educational institutions and institutions;
- Conducting education, awareness, outreach, and promotional programmes on anti-bullying initiatives and children's rights; and
- Reporting annually on activities relating to the prevention and management of bullying cases in educational institutions and institutions to Parliament.

The CC believes that the success of the Anti-Bullying Tribunal will depend on the collective commitment of all stakeholders, including government agencies, educational institutions, parents, teachers, civil society organisations, and children themselves. No child should be subjected to bullying, harassment, or intimidation in any educational setting. The establishment of the Tribunal sends a clear message that bullying will not be tolerated and that children have the right to seek redress when their rights are violated.

The CC remains committed to working closely with the relevant institutions and all other stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of the Anti-Bullying Act 2026 and to promote a culture of respect, empathy, and safety for every child in Malaysia.

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