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SUHAKAM AND MCPF STRENGTHEN STRATEGIC COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, CRIME PREVENTION AND CHILD PROTECTION

KUALA LUMPUR (26 NOVEMBER 2026) - The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) and the Malaysian Crime Prevention Foundation (MCPF) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for strategic cooperation in promoting human rights, preventing crime, protecting children and strengthening community safety in Malaysia.

The MoU, signed at SUHAKAM Headquarters in Kuala Lumpur by SUHAKAM Chairman Dato' Seri Mohd Hishamudin Yunus and MCPF Senior Vice-Chairman Dato' Sri Dr. King Lim Chin Fui, establishes a three-year cooperation framework for 2026-2029. It brings together SUHAKAM's expertise in human rights standards, awareness and advocacy with MCPF's experience in crime prevention and community engagement. Through cooperation and the sharing of expertise, the parties aim to strengthen public understanding of human rights and crime prevention, encourage greater community involvement, and contribute to safer communities throughout Malaysia.

Under the MoU, SUHAKAM and MCPF will explore cooperation in areas including human rights awareness, crime prevention, child protection, community safety, education, advocacy and research. The collaboration may include seminars, workshops, conferences, outreach programmes, campaigns, publications, training, research, policy dialogue, community engagement, child protection initiatives and capacity-building programmes, as well as other activities mutually agreed by the parties. The cooperation is intended to promote greater public understanding of human rights and responsibilities; strengthen crime prevention through education and community participation; advance children's rights, safety and protection; support evidence-based policy dialogue and advocacy; and enhance cooperation among public institutions, civil society and communities. Ultimately, the partnership seeks to contribute towards safer and more inclusive communities.

A key area highlighted is the development of an integrated crime prevention programme focused on the protection and safety of children in Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak. The programme is envisaged to be undertaken in collaboration with the MCPF Crime Prevention Club (School Sector) and MCPF's strategic partners on the ground, including the Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM), the National Anti-Drug Agency (AADK) and the Department of Prisons Malaysia.

The proposed programme would provide an integrated platform for education, awareness and engagement on issues directly affecting children. Its proposed areas include children's rights and protection, anti-bullying, sexual offences against children, anti-vaping, online safety, dialogue on crime prevention and children's rights, as well as interactive exhibitions by relevant agencies. This child-focused approach reflects the importance of bringing human rights education and crime prevention efforts closer to children, families, schools and communities. It also provides an opportunity for relevant agencies and stakeholders to work together in a coordinated manner to strengthen awareness, prevention and protection.

SUHAKAM and MCPF reaffirm our shared commitment to advancing human rights, preventing crime, protecting children and strengthening community safety through coordinated cooperation, education, advocacy, research and meaningful engagement with communities and relevant stakeholders.

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Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)
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