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IN MALAYSIA

**16 & 17 FEB '19**

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**Renewing Communities in Southeast Asia,**  
**Promoting Human Rights For All**

**The Inaugural Conference of FORSEA**

**16-17 February 2019**

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**MASTER OF CEREMONY : HISHAMUDDIN RAIS (FORSEA BOD MEMBER)**
**16 FEBRUARY 2019 -**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>PROGRAMME</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
10:00am	Registration	Whitebox
10:20am	The Arrival of Malaysia Defence Minister <b>Mohamad Sabu</b>	Whitebox
10:30am	The Arrival of Selangor Chief Minister <b>Amirudin Shari</b>	Whitebox
10:45am	The Arrival of Malaysia Prime Minister Tun Dr <b>Mahathir Mohamad</b>	Whitebox
11:00am - 11:10am	Welcome Remarks & Introduction by Madam <b>Nursyahbani Katjasungkana</b> , FORSEA Board of Directors & National Coordinator, Indonesian Legal Aid Association for Women	Whitebox
11:10am - 11:20am	Welcoming speech by Chief Minister of Selangor, Malaysia; Yang Amat Berhormat <b>Tuan Amirudin bin Shari</b> , co-organisor of FORSEA KL 2019 DEMOCRACY FEST	Whitebox
11:20am - 11:30am	FORSEA: Vision, Values, & Programs by Dr <b>Maung Zarni</b> , FORSEA Co-founder & General Secretary; Fellow, (Genocide) Documentation Center – Cambodia	Whitebox
11:30am - 11:50am	Pre-recorded remarks on democracy, human rights and international politics by <b>Noam Chomsky</b> , Institute Professor Emeritus, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Laureate Professor, University of Arizona	Whitebox
11:50am - 12:10pm	Opening keynote (in person) Tun Dr <b>Mahathir Mohamad</b> , Prime Minister of Malaysia	Whitebox
12:10pm - 12:20pm	Speech by <b>Mohamad Sabu</b> , Defence Minister of Malaysia and former street activist	Whitebox
12:20pm - 12:30pm	PM and VIP Guests walking through at Art Exhibition, "Democracy-In-Action".	Whitebox to Blackbox

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12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break	
1:30pm - 2:00pm	<p>Responses to Keynote speech by Mahathir, Address by Chomsky and Mohamad Sabu's speech by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chair – Mr <b>Wah-Piow Tan</b>, FORSEA Director for Strategy and Outreach &amp; Member of the Board of Directors</li> <li>– Ms <b>Febriana Firdaus</b> (a leading Indonesia journalist and activist)</li> <li>– Mr <b>Adam Adli</b> (Malaysian youth activist)</li> <li>– Professor <b>Pavin Chachavalpongpun</b> (FORSEA BOD Member)</li> <li>_ Dr. <b>P J Thum</b> (Historian, Rhodes Scholar)</li> </ul>	Whitebox
2:00pm - 2:35pm	<p>Mr <b>Ruben Vardanyan</b>, Co-founder of Aurora Humanitarian Initiative, Armenia to speak about Rohingya (pre-recorded)</p> <p>An extended trailer specially made for FORSEA Conference <b>UNWANTED, The Plight of Rohingya</b>  Director: <b>Shahida Tulaganova</b>, the award-winning Uzbek war reporter and director of "How to Plan A Revolution", a story of young pro-democracy activists striving for change in a dictatorship in Azerbaijan.</p>	Whitebox
2:35pm - 3:35pm	<p>Genocides and Atrocities Across Southeast Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Chair – Emeritus Professor <b>Saskia E. Wieringa</b>, Member of the Board of Directors of FORSEA, Emeritus Professor at the University of Amsterdam, former Director of Aletta, Institute for Women's History in Amsterdam, co-founder of the Kartini Asia Network.</li> <li>– Rt Honourable <b>Marzuki Darusman</b>, Chair of UN Independent International Fact- Finding Mission on Myanmar, Former UN Special Rapporteur on N. Korea, former Chair of National Human Rights Commission of Indonesia and former Attorney General of Indonesia</li> <li>– Mdm <b>Nursyahbani Katjasungkana</b>, co-author of Propaganda and Genocide in Indonesia: Imagined Evil (Routledge 2018)</li> <li>– Mr <b>Youk Chhang</b>, Executive Director of Documentation Center – Cambodia and the recipient of 2018 Magsaysay Award</li> <li>– Mr <b>Nay San Lwin</b>, Editor of Rohingya Today (formerly Rohingya Blogger), Coordinator of the Free Rohingya Coalition and renowned Rohingya citizen-journalist</li> </ul>	Whitebox
3:35pm - 3:45pm	Tea Break	

3:45pm - 4:30pm	Developments in mainland Southeast Asia with special reference to Thailand – Professor <b>Charnvit Kasetsiri</b> , Winner of Fukuoka Academic Prize; Emeritus Professor of History & former President of Thammasat University, Thailand	Whitebox
4:30pm - 6:30pm	Contemporary State of Democracy and Human Rights: Grassroots Views (30 mins each) THAILAND: – Ms <b>Chonthicha Jangrew</b> , civil rights and youth activist and founder of Democracy Restoration Group of Thailand – Mr <b>Netiwit Chotiphathaisal</b> , Author, former President of Chulalongkorn University Student Council & founder of Education for Liberation of Siam MYANMAR: – Ms <b>May–Oo Mutraw</b> (LL.M.), peace advocate & Adviser to the Karen National Union – Mr <b>Sai Kyi Zin Soe</b> , social impact researcher & PhD Candidate, University of Sydney VIETNAM: – Mr <b>Don Le</b> , Democracy Trainer, Australian-Vietnamese – Ms <b>Thao Dinh</b> (The Voice), Vietnam CAMBODIA: – Ms. <b>Catherine V. Harry</b> , Cambodian blogger & feminist – Ms. <b>Eng Chandy</b> , Leading Youth Feminist & Coordinator of Gender and Development Network (GADNet)	Whitebox
8:30pm - 10:00pm	Screening and discussion of documentary <b>Melawan Arus (Against the Current)</b> by director, journalist and activist <b>Arul Prakkash</b>	Whitebox
8:30pm - 10:00pm	<b>EVENING CONCERT</b> featuring The Garrison Pyanhabib The Bangsart Soul Savior Dum Dum Tak	The Stage

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9:30am -10:30am	A Critical Overview of Democracy and Human Rights in Southeast Asia Chair - Mr <b>Sandy Indra Pratama</b> , leading Indonesian journalist – Ms <b>Yuyun Wahyuningrum</b> , Chair, AICHR Indonesia & PhD Researcher, Erasmus University, the Netherlands – Mr <b>Jose Luis Martin ‘Chito’ Gascon</b> , Chair, National Human Rights Commission, the Philippines	Whitebox
10:30am -11:30am	Singapore – <b>Kirsten Han</b> , editor-in-chief, New Naratif Malaysia –Dr <b>Ahmad Farouk Musa</b> - An update on the democratic reforms in Malaysia Philippines - <b>Ramon Guillermo</b> , Professor & Elected Faculty Regent, Center of International Studies at the University of the Philippines	Whitebox
11:30am -12:30am	On the rule of law, legal reforms and clean government: A Conversation – Barrister <b>Ambiga Sreenevasan</b> , former Chair of Malaysian Bar Council and former Chair of Bersih – <b>Claire Rewcastle Brown</b> , Former British television journalist, Founder and editor of the website Sarawak Report and Radio Free Sarawak, recipient of the Guardian Award by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (2018), winner of the One World Media Special Award from CNN (2015) - Moderator - <b>Kean Wong</b> (Malaysian-Australia Journalist)	Whitebox
12:30pm - 1:30pm	Lunch Break	
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Book Launch: Myanmar and Indonesia – Madam <b>Nursyahbani Katjasungkana</b> and Emeritus Professor <b>Saskia E. Wieringa</b> Propaganda and Genocide in Indonesia: Imagined Evil (Routledge, 2018) – Dr <b>Maung Zarni</b> and <b>Natalie Brinham</b> , Queen Mary University of London Department of Law ESSAYS on Myanmar’s Genocide of Rohingyas: An Anthology (Refugee and Migratory Movement Research Unit, University of Dhaka, 2019)	The Boulevard

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2:00pm - 5:00pm	<p>Teach-ins</p> <p>GROUP THEMES – to be led by speakers and FORSEA organizers</p> <p>1) Inequality, Corruption and Un-Representative Governments - <b>Myanmar Rep.</b></p> <p>2) Human Rights, Gender and Marginalised Community, heteronormativity - <b>Prof. Saskia E. Wieringa, Tian Chua</b></p> <p>3) The Health of the Environment in Southeast Asia - <b>Sharmila</b> of Sahabat Alam Malaysia</p> <p>4) The roles of YOUTH AND WOMEN in PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS - <b>Quratul Ain</b> (Malaysia) and <b>Febriana Firdaus</b>(Indonesia)</p> <p>5) Why People’s Movement failed - <b>Hishamuddin Rais</b></p>	Whitebox
5:00pm - 5:15pm	Closing Remarks by <b>Hishamudin Rais</b> , Conference Host and Master of Ceremony	Whitebox
8:20pm - 11:00pm	<p><b>CULTURAL NIGHT PERFORMANCE AND DANCE</b> featuring</p> <p>Kachin Lady Traditional Dance</p> <p>Pak Samad</p> <p>Yudi Yap</p> <p>Ramlan Koyok Nyata</p> <p>Mun Awng</p> <p>Dendang Kampungan</p> <p>Man Iblis &amp; Malaikats</p>	The Square



