



Democracy in Southeast Asia

ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES, PROSPECTS

2 – 3 September 2017, Kuala Lumpur

DAY 1 : 2 September 2017

9:00AM – 9:30AM

REGISTRATION

OPENING CEREMONY

9:30AM – 9:40AM

Welcoming Remarks by Tan Sri Razali Ismail, Chairman, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM)

9:40AM - 10.00AM

“Malaysia’s Democratic Experience, Development & Human Rights”

YB Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department, Malaysia

10:00AM – 10.15AM

“Democracy and the Global Challenge of Electoral Integrity”

Prime Minister Yves Leterme, Secretary-General of The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) and former Prime Minister of Belgium.

10.15AM – 10.45AM

“Democracy in Southeast Asia: Achievements, Challenges, Prospects”

Keynote Statement by President Dr Haji Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, The Sixth President of The Republic of Indonesia

Launch of Conference by President Dr Haji Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, The Sixth President of The Republic of Indonesia

10.45AM - 11:15AM

COFFEE BREAK/GROUP PHOTO

11.30AM – 12.00PM

PRESS BRIEFING

PANEL I
11:15AM – 1.00PM

“DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOCRATIZATION: FRIENDS OR FOES?”

Moderated by: Dr. Noeleen Heyzer, Former United Nations Under-Secretary-General, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)

Speaker 1: Bilahari Kausikan, Ambassador-At-Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Singapore

Speaker 2: Heru Prasetyo, Former Deputy Minister in President’s Delivery Unit, Indonesia

Speaker 3: Sebastian F. Brack, Senior Political Officer and Coordinator of the Electoral Integrity Initiative, Kofi Annan Foundation, Geneva

1:00PM - 2:15PM

LUNCH

PANEL II
2:15PM - 4:00PM

“HOW CAN ELECTION MANAGEMENT BODIES BUILD TRUST AND LEGITIMACY IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS?”

Moderated by: Beverly G. Hagerdon, Senior international election expert, International Foundation Electoral Systems (IFES)

Speaker 1: Prof. Dato’ Dr Aishah Bidin, Commissioner SUHAKAM

Speaker 2: Damaso Magbual, National Citizens’ Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) Philippines

Speaker 3: Commissioner Mr. Hasyim Asy’ari, Election Commission, Indonesia

4:00PM - 4:20PM

TEA BREAK

PANEL III
4:20PM - 6:00PM

“FINANCING ELECTIONS WITHOUT UNDERMINING LEGITIMACY”

Moderated by: Leena Rikkila Tamang, Asia Director, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)

Speaker 1: Luie Tito F. Guia, Commissioner from the Commission on Elections, Philippines

Speaker 2: Datuk Latifah Merican, G25 & Deputy President of the Malaysian Economic Association (MEA)

Speaker 3: Koul Panha, Executive Director, The Committee of Free and Fair Elections (COMFREL), Cambodia

7:00PM – 10.30PM

Welcome Dinner

Hosted by YB Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Malaysia

DAY 2 : 3 September 2017

PANEL IV
9:00AM-10:45AM

"SECURING ELECTIONS: CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT"

Moderated by: Ketut Putra Erawan, Executive Director of the Institute of Peace and Democracy, Indonesia

Speaker 1: Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Malaysia

Speaker 2: Jerald Joseph, Commissioner SUHAKAM

Speaker 3: Elijah Lewien, Senior Expert, the Carter Centre

10:45AM – 11.15AM

COFFEE BREAK

PANEL V
11.15AM – 1.00PM

"HOW TO MANAGE PLURALISM AND IDENTITY POLITICS IN DEMOCRACIES"

Moderated by: Surin Pitsuwan, Former Foreign Minister of Thailand and Secretary General of ASEAN

Speaker 1: Alissa Wahid, Gusdurian Institute, Indonesia

Speaker 2: Michael Vatikiotis, Asia Director, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)

Speaker 3: YM Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS)

1.00PM to 2.15PM

LUNCH

PANEL VI
2.15PM to 4:00PM

"KEY ROLE OF CSO's IN ENSURING RESPECT FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS INCLUDING ELECTIONS"

Moderated by: Dr Kyaw Yin Hliang, Center for Diversity and National Harmony, Yangon, Myanmar

Speaker 1: Datuk Dr. Anis Yusal Yusoff, President of the Malaysian Institute of Integrity (IIM)

Speaker 2: Chito Gascon, Chairperson, Commission on Human Rights (CHRP) Philippines

Speaker 3: Shahrul Aman Mohd. Saari, Deputy Chairperson BERSIH 2.0

Closing Statement

4:00PM to 4:30PM

Closing Statement by Surin Pitsuwan, Former Foreign Minister of Thailand and Secretary General of ASEAN / Advisor to Kofi Annan Foundation
