International Symposium on Community-led Social Work Intervention for Sustainable Development

MASW EX-COs and members were involved in International Symposium on Community-Led Social Work Interventions for Sustainable Development on 6-7 January at Universiti Malaya. Community development is one of the most important approaches in social work that marks as a process where community members come together to take collective actions to generate solutions to common problems. Thank you Department of Social Administration of Justice, Universiti Malaya for this opportunity.
Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding Children Project gathered child care providers, kindergarten teacher and important person in the child care industry. First gathering and discussion was held on 7 to 12 of January at Crystal Crown Hotel. Thank you MBPJ for funding this project.

The Capacity Building Workshop on School Social Work

A capacity building workshop on school social work was held on 16 January at Universiti Malaya. It is organized by Lincoln University College & supported by the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW), Asia Pacific Association of Social Work Educators (APASWE) & the Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW). The Workshop features several renowned social work educators across the globe.
Rethinking Drug Policy with The Global Commission on Drug Policy

MASW representatives were invited to the Rethinking Drug Policy Program. The program gathered researchers, medical officers, policy makers, government officers, non-governmental organizations and social activists who involve in drug prevention or treatment program for the sake of community well-being. It is time to rethink and review the drug policy in Malaysia based on research findings, effectiveness of current programs for drug treatment and current society problems. Malaysia Ministry of Health and important key person in Global Commission on Drug Policy were there too. Hoping for a better tomorrow.

SUPPORT STATEMENT ON EFFORT TO TABLE THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION BILL

The Malaysian Association of Social Workers fully support the Government’s effort and determination in tabling the Social Work Profession Bill to the Parliament by end of December.

The Social Work Profession Bill is imperative not merely giving recognition to social work as a profession, but it provides a framework and mechanism to develop a strong profession of social work as well as competent social workers based on knowledge, skills, values and code of ethics, standards of competence and standards in national and global social work education. Hence, this Social Work Profession Bill, when enacted later will be the first step as well as the Government’s commitment to develop competent and adequate human capital of social workers in resolving increasingly complex social issues, in which threatening the safety and well-being of society, especially the vulnerable groups such as the children, women, elderly, disabled, homeless, drug addicts, victims of human trafficking, refugees and others.

It is our hope that all parties, especially the members of the Dewan Rakyat and Dewan Negara, will support the Social Work Profession Bill when it is tabled later.