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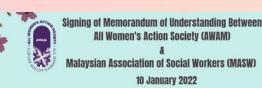
Wishing everyone a Happy New Year. May 2022 be a bet<mark>ter year and wi</mark>sh all of you good health and greater success.

On behalf of MASW, I would like to extend my appreciation to each and everyone of you for your continued support. May this year be a good year for all social workers and together we make an impact in serving those who are in need. Thank you!.

MASW PRESIDENT

Prof. Dr Azlinda Azman













AWAM JOINS FORCES WITH MASW TO BETTER SUPPORT SURVIVORS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

All Women's Action Society (AWAM) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW) on 10 January 2022 to better support survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). This agreement formalizes processes of exchange mutual in expertise,

manpower and information between AWAM and MASW to help survivors who reach out to AWAM's Telenita helpline. Whilst MASW will provide volunteer social workers who will accompany and link clients to relevant service providers such as hospitals, shelters and police stations, AWAM will facilitate this process by providing the necessary legal information to these volunteer social workers and arranging for counseling sessions for clients if needed.

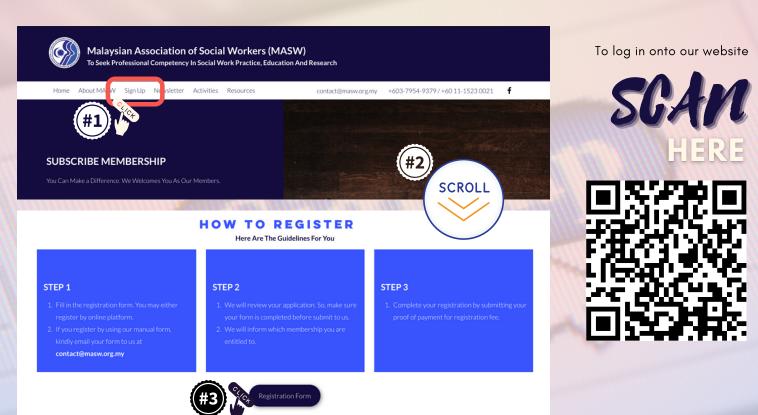
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MENTAL HEALTH WEBINAR SERIES 2021

Organized by:

Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW) & Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM)



Balai Ikhtisas Malaysia (BIM) was set up with the assistance of the Commonwealth Foundation in the year 1973 to serve as the umbrella body for all professions recognized by legislative Acts of Parliament in Malaysia. It is a non-discriminatory, non-political, non-religious, and non-profit organization that

encourages the promotion of integrity, accountability, transparency, and good governance in the professions. This organization brings together professionals from different fields to consult and consider the common problems as well as the interchange of information or ideas between different professions. MASW is a member of BIM since July 1975.

The Government of Malaysia enforced a Movement Control Order starting on March 18, 2020, to break the chain of COVID-19. Many individuals and families are facing difficulties, be it, financially, emotionally, socially, and mentally.

BIM was keen to organize a series of webinars for their members and the public to discuss social issues and find solutions They approached MASW to jointly organize a series of webinars that focused on mental health issues or relate to current issues related to Covid-19. Four webinars were planned and the webinars aimed to:

- 1. Provide a platform for a better understanding of mental health issues in current and post-covid perspectives in Malaysia.
- 2. Provide a platform for discussing effective approaches that can be used by the public to overcome mental health issues throughout this pandemic.
- 3. The importance of disseminating mental health awareness to break the stigma that leaves so many people suffering in secret.

THE WEBINAR SERIES

The webinars were conducted as from September 2021 until November 2021. Speakers were invited based on their expertise and experiences and the moderators were from BIM. The first webinar held on 25th September 2021, focused on how the pandemic Covid-19 affects the elderly. Speaker was Associate Professor Dr. Khatijah Alavi, a senior lecturer from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and moderated by Ir. Gunasagaran Kristnan, BIM's vice-president. The webinar started at 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm with an attendance of 46 participants.





The second webinar took place on 16th October 2021 with the title, "Working from Home: How Does It Impact on Mental Health". Mr. Lim Yeong Yeong, a lecturer from the Department of Early Childhood, UTAR was the speaker for the webinar. The webinar was moderated by BIM's exco member, Ir. Dr.

Bhuvendhraa Rudrusamy, and attended with 35 participants.

The next webinar which focused on deaths and trauma in the family, was held on 6th November 2021. Dr. Salina Nen, a senior lecturer at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, also a registered counsellor and provides counselling services regularly at the UKM Psychology and Counselling Specialist Service



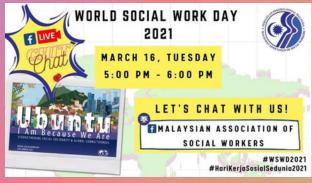
Centre (PKPK) was the speaker. This webinar was moderated by Sr. Lim Kok Sang, BIM's honorary treasurer. This webinar was attended by 26 participants.



The last webinar for the series was held on 27th November 2021. This webinar focused on strengthening couple relationships. The speaker was Dr. Anjli Doshi, a former Deputy Director General (Policy) of the National Population and Family Development Board Malaysia, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Malaysia (LPPKN) and was moderated by Dr. Rosazlin Abdullah, BIM's exco member. This webinar was attended by 40 participants.



WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY













WEBINAR HERE & THERE SEPT-DEC 2021







SOCIAL WORK QUOTE

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

Helen Keller, U.S. author, educator, and disability rights advocate

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY 15TH MARCH 2022 WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY 15TH MARCH 2022 WWW.ifaw.org

English version World Social Work 2022 poster



Bahasa Malaysia version World Social Work 2022 poster

SOCIAL WORK DAY 2022

The next World Social Work Day takes place on the 15th March 2022. The theme: Co-building New Eco-Social World: Behind Leaving No One coincides with the theme of the people's summit that will take place on the 29th June to the 2nd July.The theme presents a vision and action plan to create new global values, policies and practices that develop trust, security and confidence for all people and the sustainability of the planet.