The Malaysian Association of Social Workers in celebration of World Social Work Day 2016 is organising a Public Forum on the theme:

**Dignity and Worth of Peoples: No One Will Be Left Behind**

Saturday 19 March 2016  
9.00am—12.00pm  
Brickfields Asia College PJ Campus  
Jalan Utara, Section 14,  
Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Admission is free but registration is required to cater for refreshments and seating arrangements.

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World Social Work Day 2016 (WSWD) is celebrated across the globe on March 15th with the theme ‘Promoting the Dignity and Worth of Peoples’. In conjunction with World Social Workers Day celebration, the Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW) is hosting a public forum on Saturday March 19th on the theme of “Dignity and Worth of Peoples: No One Will Be Left Behind”.

While the discourse is guided by the global theme which came from the Global Agenda for Social Work and Social Development driven by the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW), International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and International Council of Social Welfare (ICSW), both the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Eleventh Malaysia Plan (11MP) will be highlighted in the forum with the emphasis on inclusive development for all, especially the Bottom 40 Per Cent (B40).

In this context we recognise that Malaysia has formulated many policies and programs for the equitable access of all communities who are citizens of Malaysia. While all citizens of Malaysia are included in the policies, there might be still some issues when it comes to effective delivery and access.

However, there are sizable sections of people living in Malaysia who are non-citizens and who are part of the B40 community facing major socio-economic as well as human rights exclusion in modern Malaysia. They are the undocumented people, refugees, migrant workers and illegal migrants. Among these people are women and children. A majority are from ASEAN countries but there are people from other parts of the world too. They face social exclusion, abuse and neglect.

Malaysian social workers and their organisations face major dilemmas in extending humanitarian aid and assistance to them. Medical social workers meet these excluded communities in hospitals when they come for treatment; some NGOs are running educational and community based programs including day care and counselling support for the children of refugees and undocumented young people, including those on the streets.

As Malaysia has now adopted the UN–SDG Agenda 2030 and has ratified the Convention on Rights of the Child as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), Malaysia is now obligated by international human rights standards not to neglect non-citizens but to provide them basic human needs as a humanitarian response.