

**REPORT ON WORLD SOCIAL WORK DAY 2014 ACTIVITIES
FROM THE MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS**

Members of the Malaysian Association of Social Workers celebrated World Social Work Day 2014 through a number of activities as detailed below:-

1. **Round Table Discussion on Future Directions for MASW** by the Executive Committee held on the 13th & 14th March 2014.
2. **Public Forum on 'Social Work Solutions'** in 4 specific areas of social issues, i.e. Child Protection, Disability, Mental Health and HIV/AIDS, in relation to the 5 sub-themes of i) promoting equality and equity, ii) enabling people to live life sustainably, iii) building participation, iv) facilitating caring communities, v) respecting diversity – connecting people. The Forum was held on 15th March 2014 at Armada Hotel, Petaling Jaya, and was well received by all 83 attendees, which included a contingent of 39 social work undergraduates from Universiti Utara Malaysia, Kedah. The speakers included Dr. Victor Karunan, Deputy Representative of UNICEF Malaysia, Associate Professor Dr. Ling How Kee from the Social Work Programme of University Malaysia Sarawak, Ms Mitze Lau, Social Worker in Mental Health from Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne, Australia, and Professor Dr. Ismail Baba from the Social Work Programme of Universiti Utara Malaysia.
3. **Book Launch** by Associate Professor of Social Work, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Dr. Ling How Kee who co-edited the book '**Cross-Cultural Social Work – Local and Global**' with Associate Professor Dr. Jenny Martin of RMIT, Melbourne, Australia, and Rosalind Ow, Head of Department of Social Work, National University of Singapore. Further information on the book is available in attached flyer.
4. **Buffet Lunch** at Armada Hotel Coffee House.
5. **MASW Newsletter 1/2014** to commemorate World Social Work Day 2014 as attached.
6. **UUM-UKM Mapping Community Asset Workshop** on 13th March 2014 by UKM Lecturer of Social Work, Dr. Mohd Suhaimi Mohamad
7. **Using Art as Therapeutic Tool for Working with Survivors in Community** on 13th March 2014 by UUM Lecturer, Cik Sharima Ruwaida Abbas
8. **Participation of 39 Undergraduate Students of UUM** in MASW's Public Forum & Book Launch on 15th March 2014.
9. **WSWD Events at UUM, Kedah from 18th – 20th March 2014:**
 - Activity 1: Social Work Charity Run
 - Activity 2: 'International Social Work Groupwork Discussion' between social work students of UUM and Prince of Songhla University (PSU), Pattani, Thailand
 - Activity 3: Talk on 'Social Work Community Organising' by Prof. Dr. Ismail Baba
 - Activity 4: UUM-PSU Community Tour to Rumah Sri Kenangan, a welfare home in Perlis
 - Activity 5: International Social Work Cultural Dinner
 - Activity 6: Social Work Mental Health Talk by Prof. Dr. Jonathan Parker and Dr. Sarah Aschencaen

Crabtree of Bournemouth University, Visiting Professors of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia.

10. WSWD Events at USM, Penang on 18th March 2014:

Undergraduate and postgraduate social work students shared WSWD 2014 with exchange students from Universitas Padjadjaran, Bandung, Indonesia, supported by social work academia of USM. Associate Professor Dr. Azlinda Azman, Head of the Social Work Programme, highlighted the theme and sub-themes of WSWD 2014 while the students produced a short video to send greetings of 'Happy WSWD' and ended the event with prayers for the safety and recovery of MAS flight MH370.

11. WSWD Event at General Hospital, Kuching, Sarawak on 10th April 2014:

Ms Naomi Anne Masilmany, Senior Medical Social Worker and her staff are planning to hold a series of talks by members of their multi-disciplinary team, focusing on how illness impacts individuals and their families economically and socially and how the input of various medical personal can assist in providing "solutions" to address their altered social functioning and roles. The talks will highlight 3 of the sub-themes of WSWD 2014, i.e.

- a) Building Participation
- b) Facilitating caring Communities
- d) Respecting Diversity - Connecting People.

Reported by:

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