

**PROGRAMME**

**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON URBAN POOR & LOW INCOME FAMILIES:  
TOWARDS THE NINTH MALAYSIA PLAN**

19 April 2005 ❖ Pan Pacific Hotel Kuala Lumpur

8:00 am	Arrival and Registration of Participants	
9:15 am	<b>Welcome Addresses:</b> <b>Dato' Dr Michael Yeoh</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer, Asian Strategy &amp; Leadership Institute (ASLI)</i> <b>Dr Denison Jayasooria</b> <i>Executive Director, Yayasan Strategik Sosial.</i>	
9:30 am	<b>Opening Keynote Address:</b>  Speaker: <b>Y.A.B. Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi</b> <i>Prime Minister of Malaysia</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How can the search for and refinement of such processes become tools which help develop strength, capacity, and understanding in communities of the poor, so that they can become key actors in a process of change?</li><li>○ What kind of mechanisms could be designed to assist these new development processes and to link together a wide range of groups, operating at different levels of capacity and at different levels of authority?</li><li>○ How are the states governments addressing these issues and what are their strategies?</li></ul>
10:10 am	Networking / Refreshment Break	
10:35 am	Introduction by Session Chair <b>YB Dato' Seri S. Samy Vellu</b> <i>Minister of Works Malaysia</i>	Speakers: <b>**YB Dato' Seri Shahrizat binti Abdul Jalil</b> <i>Minister of Women, Family and Community Development</i> <b>YB Datuk Dr. Maximus Ongkili</b> <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Department</i> <b>**YB Dato' Mustapa Mohamed</b> <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Department</i> <b>**YAB Dato' Haji A Ghani bin Othman</b> <i>Menteri Besar Johor</i> <b>**YAB Dato' Seri Dr Mohamed Khir Toyo</b> <i>Menteri Besar Selangor</i> <b>**YB Datuk Dr Chua Soi Lek</b> <i>Minister of Health</i> <b>**YB Tan Sri Mohamad Isa bin Dato' Haji Abdul Samad</b> <i>Minister of the Federal Territories</i>
10:40 am	<b>Ministerial Panel:</b> <b>Strategies to Overcome Problems of Urban Poor &amp; Low Income Families</b> The question of how to effectively address poverty in rural and urban areas has been at the top of international and national agendas for several decades now, as governments, professional organisations and community groups have searched for "how to" ways of addressing poverty with enough scale, strength and continuity to be effective. It is now clear that the present systems of economic development and increasing rate of urbanization will lead to more and more income disparity and greater and greater problems in cities unless urban poverty is addressed properly. This brings up several important questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ How can effective, self-perpetuating development processes be found which will not only deal with the symptoms of poverty but with its root causes?</li></ul>	
12.30 pm	Lunch	
2.00 pm	Introduction by Session Chair <b>Prof Dato' Dr. Mohd Razali b. Agus</b> <i>Deputy Vice Chancellor (Student Affairs), University of Malaya</i>	
2.05 pm	<b>Access &amp; Service Delivery</b> This session will discuss the current trends, knowledge and the issues in	

providing services for the urban poor and low income families. It will also seek to identify problems or challenges, and draw up a strategy for addressing these challenges caused by:

- Rapid urbanization & globalisation
- Growing level of poverty
- Increasing number of informal settlements
- Deteriorating public and environmental health
- Declining utility performance
- Decentralization of responsibility of managing the urban poor & development
- Lack of private sector participation

Speakers:

**Raja Dato' Zaharaton R. Zainal Abidin**  
*Director-General, Economic Planning Unit (EPU)*

**Tuan Haji Ahmad b. Said**  
*Deputy Director-General (Operation), Implementation Coordination Unit (ICU)*

**Dr Denison Jayasooria**  
*Executive Director, Yayasan Strategik Sosial.*

3.20 pm Introduction by Session Chair  
**Datin Professor Roziah Omar**  
*Director, Institut Sosial Malaysia*

3.25 pm **Social Development & Complexities of Urban Poverty**

This session seeks to discuss the issues of social development and complexities of urban poverty with particular attention on how to address the basic needs and to engage in productive activities. Poverty and social decay in urban communities continue to undermine social sustainability in the country. The spread of urban poverty fosters the growth of crime and violence, drug abuse, gangsterism, women issues and other types of activities that disintegrate social cohesion.

Speakers

**Representative**  
*Royal Malaysian Police*

**Ms Ivy Josiah**  
*Executive Director, Women's Aid Organisation, Malaysia*

**En. Mohd Yunus Pathi, CSAC**  
*President, Persatuan PENGASIH Malaysia*

**Datuk Eddy Chen**  
*Managing Director, Metro Kajang Holdings Berhad*

4. 30 pm Introduction by Session Chair  
**\*\*Assoc. Prof. Norani Othman**  
*Senior Research Fellow, IKMAS*

4.35 pm **Capacity Building for the Low Income Families - Key to Poverty Alleviation**

This session will focus on importance and how improving and building up the capacities of the poor and low income families can help to alleviate their poverty. What are the issues and strategies with particular attention to housing and public amenities, education and training, income generating opportunities, bridging the digital divide and also focus on the role of the relevant authorities such as the local governments and local council.

Speakers:

**\*\*Datuk Hj. Ruslin bin Hj. Hasan**  
*Datuk Bandar Kuala Lumpur*

**Datuk David Chua**  
*Deputy Secretary-General, Associated Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry Malaysia (ACCCIM)*

**Prof Dr. Goh Ban Lee**  
*School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia*

5.30 pm Networking & Refreshment Break

End of Seminar

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