



National Child Protection Leadership Conference 2026

PROTECTING CHILDREN, STRENGTHENING MALAYSIA'S FUTURE:
EVERY CHILD SAFE, SUPPORTED AND HEARD.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Bringing together policymakers, educators, healthcare professionals, law enforcement, NGOs, businesses and community leaders to strengthen child protection policies while putting the best interests of the child at the heart of every decision.



14 & 15 October 2026



International Youth Centre

(Jalan Yaacob Latif, Bandar Tun Razak, 56000 Kuala Lumpur)

Day 1 | 14 October 2026

8.30am - 6.00pm | Cempaka Room

National Child Protection Leadership Conference



PROTECT

Protecting Children in a Changing World



EMPOWER

Raising Resilient Children, Strengthening Families & Communities



EDUCATE

Creating Safe Schools and Safe Spaces



REPORT

Breaking the Silence: Reporting, Accountability & Justice

The programme is subject to change without prior notice.

Day 2 | 15 October 2026

9.30am - 6.00pm | Delima Room

National Child Protection Leadership Policy Lab

International keynote and facilitated workshops by:



Alasdair Roy

International Child Rights & Child Protection Advocate; Former Children & Young People Commissioner, Australian Capital Territory.



Aarathi Arumugam

President, AWARE Singapore; Chief Operating Officer, EveryChild.SG.

- International Keynote: **From gaps to guarantees**
- **Workshop 1:** Mapping Malaysia's Child Protection System
- **Workshop 2:** Developing recommendations and presentation of workshop findings
- Best Interests of the Child: **What Malaysia must do next**

Secure Your Spot!



Scan to Register

14 October 2026

- RM 80 per person | Conference
- RM 40 per person | Networking Evening Tea (Cocktail)

15 October 2026

- RM 130 per person | Workshop

14 & 15 October 2026

- RM 250 per person | 2-day pass
- RM 200 per person | **Early bird discount** until 7 September
(2-day pass ticket includes Networking Evening Tea on 14 October 2026)

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Every Child Heard.
Every Child Protected.

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Children's Protection Society Malaysia

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2026
THEME : SAFE CHILD, STRONG NATION
EVERY CHILD SAFE. EVERY CHILD SUPPORTED. EVERY CHILD HEARD.

The conference supports CPSM's National Campaign : Safe Child, Strong Nation
Campaign Pillars : **PROTECT. EMPOWER. EDUCATE. REPORT.**

14th October 2026

08:30 - 10:00

REGISTERING & NETWORKING

10:00 - 11:30

OPENING CEREMONY

KAMPO HALL

Organised by Women Economic Forum

CPSM DAY 1 - Cempaka Room

Expected Attendance : 120 participants

PLENARY 1 : 11:30 - 12:45

EMPOWER : Raising resilient children. Strengthening families and communities. Keeping children safe is about more than protecting them from harm. Children also need families, communities, services and environments that support their development and wellbeing. This part of the conference will consider what children need to grow, learn and thrive in a safe, loving and nurturing environment. There is a shared responsibility of families, communities, schools, services and government to provide the support and opportunities children need - it takes a village to raise a child.

Facilitator :

Liyana Taff

Chief Executive Officer, Makchic: co-author of the children's books What-If? And The Society of Online Superheroes (S.O.S), with experience in parenting advocacy, child well being and raising awareness of issues affecting families.

Speakers :

Madeleine Yong

Founder, P.S. The Children and Play Therapy Malaysia; Child Rights Advocate and play therapy practitioner with extensive experience in child protection, therapeutic intervention and supporting children affected by abuse and trauma.

Najmin Tajudin

Senior Advisor, Makchic

Malaysian parenting advocate bringing a parent-centred perspective to child protection and safeguarding. A mother of three, she writes on child sexual violence, online and digital safety - promoting informed conversations and safer environments for children and families.

12:45 - 13:45

Lunch & Networking

PLENARY 2 : 13:45 - 15:00

PROTECT - Every Child has the right to be safe

Examines what children need to be protected from and how harm can be prevented before it occurs. It will consider the changing nature of risks facing children, the importance of safeguarding and early intervention, and what needs to happen when concerns arise.

Facilitator :

Amnani Abdul Kadir

Executive Director, P.S. The Children

Founder, Child A.C.T.

Child Rights Advocate

Speakers :

SAC Siti Kamsiah Hassan

Chief Assistant Director, Sexual, Women and Child Crime

Investigate Division (D11), Criminal Investigation Department, Bukit Aman, Royal Malaysia Police (PDRM); with extensive law-enforcement experience in crimes involving women and children, including investigation, prevention and emerging threats to child safety.

Dr Haezreena Abdul Hamid

Criminologist and Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Universiti Malaya; specialising in criminology, criminal justice, victimology and issues affecting vulnerable and marginalised communities.

Datuk Syed Kamarulzaman Syed Kabeer

Chairman of the Federal Territories Islamic Religious Council (MAIWP)

He is also a respected Islamic intellectual and scholar of Islamic astronomy (falak), and has served as a thinker and adviser to organisations including JAKIM and the Faculty of Syariah and Law at Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM). In recognition of his contribution to Islamic astronomy in Malaysia, he received the 2023 Maulidur Rasul Award.

As Chairman of MAIWP, his work has a strong emphasis on uplifting asnaf and vulnerable families through education, welfare, housing, healthcare, protection, skills development and economic empowerment—making his involvement particularly meaningful to CPSM's Safe Child, Strong Nation campaign.

15:00 - 15:15

Networking Refreshment Break

PLENARY 3 : 15:15 - 16:30

EDUCATE : Creating safe schools and safe spaces

This plenary will explore how schools can create safe, inclusive and supportive environments where every child feels protected, respected and heard. The discussion will focus on strengthening safeguarding practices, preventing bullying and peer violence, and ensuring children have meaningful opportunities to participate and express their views. Ultimately, it looks at how educators and school communities can work together to make schools places where children feel secure, valued and able to learn and thrive.

Facilitator :

Filominna Richard
Senior Executive, Schools Partnership & Events

Filo is an accomplished soft skills trainer and facilitator. Blending her technical expertise with a bubbly persona, Filo has been involved with various training, empowering primary, secondary and varsity students nationwide. Notably, she was selected as one of the few trainers for the Khazanah Youth Development Programme (K-Youth) under the Global Initiative for Future Talent (GIFT) programme, where she was also recognised as one of the top trainers

Speakers :

Nazira Roslee

Special Officer to the Minister of Education, Ministry of Education Malaysia.

Contributing an education policy perspective on safeguarding, student well being and the creations of safe and supportive learning environments.

Samuel Isaiah

Executive Director of PEMIMPIN, award-winning educator and education reform advocate, recognised for his work in educational equity, teacher and school leadership, and creating inclusive, child-centered learning environments.

A TOP 10 Finalist for the 2020 Global Teacher Prize and recipient of the 2022 Anugerah Harapan Merdeka.

The Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC)

MCMC or Suruhanjaya Komunikasi dan Multimedia Malaysia (SKMM), is Malaysia's regulatory authority for the communications and multimedia industry. It oversees areas including telecommunications, broadcasting, internet and digital services, while promoting responsible use of communications platforms and protecting consumers.

In the context of child protection, MCMC plays an important role in promoting a safer digital environment for children, particularly in addressing online risks and encouraging responsible digital behaviour. Its regulatory role makes MCMC an important stakeholder in conversations around online safety, harmful content and protecting children in the digital space.

PLENARY 4 - 16:30 - 17:20

REPORT - Breaking the Silence Reporting, Accountability and Justice

This session explores why child protection cases remain underreported and the barriers that prevent children from seeking help. It focuses on safe reporting, stronger accountability and multi-agency collaboration, while ensuring children are genuinely heard and involved in decisions that affect their lives.

Facilitator :

Tehmina Kaoosji

Independent Broadcast Journalist, Partner & Communications Director, The Big Picture (TBP) Communications.

Speakers :

Dr Farah Nini Dusuki

Child's Rights Commissioner, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), and Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, Universiti Malay; a leading child rights and child law expert with over 30 years' experience in child protection, child justice, legislative and policy reform, and advancing children's rights in Malaysia.

Emellia Shariff

Group CEO, Malaysian Institute for Development of Professionals (MIDP)

Emellia was a corporate advisory and litigation lawyer turned compliance executive for a multinational GLC in Malaysia. Throughout this time, she was entrusted with Corporate Governance matters, particularly to design, operationalise and culturalise policies through training and employee engagement campaigns. She was also entrusted to manage Whistleblowing cases and investigations.

Emellia is also a consultant for various Ministries, working hand-in-hand with the Government to create policies, procedures, mechanisms and cultures that promote safe spaces for Malaysian students and workforces, while developing the core competencies to elevate the workforce in Malaysia to realise the dream towards becoming a high-income nation.

FIRE CHAT - 17:25-17:45

Facilitator :

Tehmina Kaoosji

Independent Broadcast Journalist, Partner & Communications Director, The Big Picture (TBP) Communications.

YB Khairy Jamaluddin

Widely known as KJ, is a prominent Malaysian public figure, former Cabinet minister and former Member of Parliament for Rembau. He has served as Minister of Youth and Sports (2013–2018), Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (2020–2021), and Minister of Health (2021–2022).

Ambassador of Safe Child Strong Nation Campaign for Children's Protection Society Malaysia

15th October 2026

CPSM - DAY 2

National Child Protection Leadership Policy Lab

Delima Room

FROM PRIORITIES to ACTION

Building from Day 1 panels, participants will examine the current state of child protection systems in Malaysia, identify gaps and opportunities and work towards developing practical recommendations towards a policy proposal.

- What are the most important issues we have heard today?
- Where are children currently most at risk of being left behind?
- What is already working well that we should build on?
- What are the biggest gaps in protecting, providing for and listening to children?
- What needs to change most urgently?

09:30 - 10:00 : Registration

10:00 - 10:30 :

Welcome Speech by President of Children's Protection Society Malaysia

Royal Patron to officiate the event

Tengku Asra to officiate our National Campaign - Safe Child, Strong Nation video

10:30 - 11:00 : Opening Remarks

- Policy Lab Review
- Objectives and methodology
- Expected outputs and next steps

Policy Lab Facilitator :

Aarathi Arumugam

Chief Operations Officer - EveryChild.SG

Child protection practitioner with experience in strengthening safeguarding systems, organisational practise and cross sector approaches to child protection, with a focus on translating safeguarding principles into practical systems and implementation.

11:00 - 12:00

International Keynote

From Gaps to Guarantees:

What Does an Effective Child Protection System Look Like?

The keynote will provide a practical framework for thinking about child protection as a connected system, rather than a collection of individual agencies, services, laws and programs. This will provide the foundation for the workshops that follow.

Keynote Speaker:

Alasdair Roy OAM

Australian Consultant Psychologist and Child Rights Specialist

Over 30 years experience working with Children and young people. Former Children and Young People Commissioner, he specialises in creating child-safe and child-friendly organisations, child participation and practitioner with experience in child safeguarding, child participation, care and protection, youth justice and mental health. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in recognition of his service to children and young people.

12:00 - 12:15

Question & Answer Session

Facilitator :

Tehmina Kaoosji

Independent Broadcast Journalist, Communications Consultant and Gender Equity Advocate; experienced in moderating public-interest conversations on human rights, social justice, policy and accountability.

12:15 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 15:15

Workshop Session 1

Mapping Malaysia's child protection system

Participants will then work together to map Malaysia's existing child protection system.

The purpose is not to produce an exhaustive description of every agency or service, but to understand how the system currently works in practice: what exists, how the different parts connect, where the gaps are, and where children may be falling through those gaps.

This will provide a shared picture of the current system, including what is working well and where change is needed.

15:15-15:30

Tea Break

15:30 - 17:15

Workshop Session 2

What needs to change?

Building on the mapping exercise, participants will identify practical priorities and recommendations for strengthening Malaysia's child protection system.

The focus will be on moving from identifying problems to identifying solutions: what needs to change, what should be prioritised, and what could make the greatest difference to children.

17:15 - 17:45

Presentation of Workshop Findings

What happens next?

The final session will bring together the priorities and recommendations developed during the day and consider what needs to happen next.

It will identify how the work of the conference can be taken forward, including how the recommendations will be developed, shared and used to support future action.

The conference will close by returning to the central question:

What must Malaysia do to ensure every child is safe, supported and heard?

17:45 - 18:00

Closing Session

Rapporteur

Khardeeja Sapora

Student of Monash University