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C4 CENTER ANNUAL REPORT

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STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD

2022 – A most memorable and remarkable year for anti corruption and for us at C4 Center.

For the first time ever, a former Malaysian Prime Minister was sent to prison after 7 long difficult years of civil society, journalists and activists pushing against the odds to hold high power to account.

It was a very steep curve — the 1MDB grand corruption scandal compelled us to fight for justice, ensure stolen assets were returned, and demand that the then-Prime Minister and his henchmen do no further harm to our already damaged public institutions.

The former Prime Minister’s wife was also found guilty of corruption in a separate trial, and is now awaiting appeal at the highest courts. 2022 saw the former first couple, found guilty with their hands and feet soaked in grand thievery and power abuse at the expense of the Malaysian people.

As if this wasn't enough for Malaysians, we were suddenly faced with an early General Election, and one that brought an outcome that pushed the country into even more uncertain and uncharted waters. The 15th General Election resulted in a hung Parliament for the first time, and a unity government now in a power-sharing agreement.

The newly-elected Prime Minister has done a constant repeat on fighting corruption in his administration, and C4 Center has its work cut out for it in the coming year, where we will be challenged to ensure the reform agenda is fast-tracked and implemented.

As the country moved through many a challenging terrain in 2022, so did our organization.

After seven strong years of the credible work of C4 Center, the board members had to work to finalize a long haul transition process, where Cynthia Gabriel, Executive Director of C4 Center, had completed her term and expressed intentions to move on.

Her tenure ended with a glorious recognition of being conferred a global anti-corruption champions award by US State Secretary, Anthony Blinken at the close of 2022.

We wish her the best in her next endeavours and trust that the new C4 team will uphold the work of C4 Center.

Onward and upwards!

C4 Center
Board of Directors



**Dr. Edmund Terence Gomez,
Chairman**



**Cynthia Gabriel,
Founding Director**



Dato' Hj. Sutinah binti Sutan



Azrul Mohd Khalib

Major Breakthroughs in 2022

Najib Goes to Jail!



Institusi ketuhanan diyakini rakyat
- Pusat C4



C4: Najib's guilty verdict is a
monumental testament to the
collective efforts of the rakyat

August 23, 2022



C4 Center, together with our organisational partners and members of the public, faced numerous challenges in advocating for justice in this case. The sentencing of Najib Razak has reaffirmed trust in the judicial process and has brought new optimism for a better Malaysia.

As C4 Center continues in our fight against corruption and abuse of power, C4 Center should take heed that victory can only come with the collective effort of the rakyat. The guilty verdict for the former Prime Minister serves as a testament to the efforts of whistleblowers, media workers, investigators, civil society organisations, public officials, and members of the public who spoke up and exposed his crimes for all to see.

C4 Center's fight against corruption and abuse of power continues, but it shall continue in the belief that justice can and will be served.

GE-15 MALAYSIA VOTES

Malaysia conducted its 15th General Election in November after many months of speculation. Although the timing of the elections, which fell within the monsoon period, attracted much protest and criticism, the voting process went ahead and resulted in a hung Parliament with no clear winner. After days of politicking, the royalty finally had to step in to request that parties work together to form a unity government. Pakatan Harapan (PH), the coalition which won the most seats, was tasked to form the government with Anwar Ibrahim as the Prime Minister. The unity government consists of the coalitions Pakatan Harapan (PH), Barisan Nasional (BN), Gabungan Parti Sarawak (GPS) and Gabungan Rakyat Sabah (GRS).

One of the many surprises was the performance of Perikatan Nasional (PN), a coalition of parties from the Malaysian United Indigenous Party (Bersatu), Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS), and Malaysia People's Movement Party (Gerakan), which performed exceptionally well. Some called it the green wave, referring to the colour of one of its component member PAS. Although unable to form the government, PAS won the highest number of seats in Parliament amongst political parties, winning 49 seats. The Democratic Action Party (DAP) which is a coalition member of PH came in second, winning 40 seats.

One of the biggest losers in the election was the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO), the dominant member of BN, the coalition that ruled the country for more than half a century with only 26 seat out 120 contested, while the People's Justice Party (PKR) in which Anwar Ibrahim is the party president won only 31 out of 104 contested. It is believe that many formerly-UMNO and young Malay voters diverted their votes in favour of PN due to the many corruption cases that had engulfed the party, particularly its party president Zahid Hamidi.

The other interesting result of this election is that even though UMNO fared badly with only 26 seats, it managed to secure itself as a part of the government under the unity government arrangement. This uncharted and first-ever unity government where foes become friends, in which the unifying factor is access to power, will face difficult predicaments. There is hope that perhaps the novelty of our political climate will also bring about opportunities for further reforms to emerge.





APPGM on Integrity, Governance and Anti-Corruption

The APPGM on Integrity, Governance and Anti-corruption was established on Aug 23, with eight MPs from the government and opposition blocs, chaired by Tumpat MP Datuk Che Abdullah Mat Nawi.

Segambut MP Hannah Yeoh is deputy chairman, while Fuziah Salleh (Kuantan MP) is secretary and Datuk Amiruddin Hamzah (Kubang Pasu MP) is the treasurer.

The group also features members of civil society groups including Rasuah Busters, Transparency International Malaysia, the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) and the Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4).

It also includes a group of experts such as political figure Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar and Karangraf Group chairman Datuk Hussamuddin Yaacub.

The aim of this APPG is to push for the independence of institutions such as the Judiciary, the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) and the Election Commission (EC); as well as to separate the powers of the Attorney General and the Public Prosecutor.

It also focused on improving the Whistleblower Protection Act 2010 and has proposed the establishment of Parliamentary Select Committees for the MACC and Election Commission.

This APPG was dissolved when the Parliament was dissolved in November. C4 Center looks forward to the formation of the APPGM in the new administration.

APPGM on Political Financing



The All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia (APPGM) on Political Financing was approved by the Dewan Rakyat on 20 April 2022.

The formation of the APPGM on Political Financing was an unprecedented feat in Malaysian history. It was supported by Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), civil society organisations (CSOs) and members of Parliament (MPs) from across the political divide — C4 Center is also part of the APPGM.

The main objective of the APPGM is to establish a platform where MPs, Senators and CSOs can deliberate, discuss, and advocate for the importance of political financing reforms in Malaysia.

This APPG was dissolved when the Parliament was dissolved in November. C4 Center looks forward to the formation of the APPGM in the new administration.

APPGM on Political Financing Members

Members of Parliament

1. YB Tuan Ahmad Fadhli bin Saari (PAS -Pasir Mas) Chairman
2. YB Tuan Ahmad Fahmi bin Mohamed Fadzil (PKR – Lembah Pantai) Deputy Chairman
3. YB Puan Wong Shu Qi (DAP – Kluang)Secretary
4. YB Datuk Seri Panglima Wilfred Madius Tangau (UPKO – Tuaran) Treasurer
5. YB Dato’ Sri Saifuddin bin Abdullah (PPBM – Indera Mahkota)
6. YB Dato’ Seri Utama Mukhriz bin Tun Dr. Mahathir (Pejuang – Jerlun)
7. YB Datuk Seri Haji Ahmad bin Haji Maslan (UMNO – Pontian)
8. YB Tuan Syed Saddiq bin Syed Abdul Rahman (MUDA – Muar)
9. YB Tuan Larry Soon@Larry Sng (Parti Bangsa Malaysia – Julau)

Senator

YB Puan Fadhlina binti Dato’ Sidek, Pulau Pinang (PKR)

CSO Members

1. Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) (Secretariat)
2. Agora Society
3. Bait Al-Amanah
4. Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4)
5. Engage Network
6. G25 Malaysia
7. Gabungan Pilihanraya Bersih dan Adil (BERSIH)
8. Rasuah Busters
9. Transparency International-Malaysia (TI-M)
10. Malaysian Bar Council
11. Puan Maha Balakrishnan (Expert)
12. Prof. Wong Chin Huat (Expert)



MEETING WITH CSO PARTNERS FOR AN ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP (APPG) ON POLITICAL FINANCING.

C4 Center's Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel, Legal Researcher, Arief Hamizan, and our civil society partners met at the IDEAS Malaysia's office to discuss the next steps for the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Political Financing. This APPG will bring together civil society and MPs from various parties to enact much-needed reforms on political financing in Malaysia, including the introduction of a Political Financing Act.

BUILD MY-TOWN LAUNCH (C4 Center PRE GE-15 initiative)

With our collaborative partner Rasuah Busters, C4 Center officially launched our satirical political card game. Designed to educate the public on good governance and anti-corruption in an entertaining way, the card game allows each player to roleplay as an MP.

In Build My-Town, every player acts as a Member of Parliament (MP) in charge of a constituency. The goal of each player is to improve your constituency by building developments, ranging from small amenities to high-value mega projects. Besides the primary purpose of building developments, another main mechanic of the game is in its Reform Cards. Players can choose to table Reforms, much like real-life Parliamentary voting, and these Reforms have significant impacts on gameplay.

In playing the role of MPs, players will be able to develop an understanding of the important role MPs have in passing reforms in Parliament, and hopefully carrying that knowledge in speaking to their MPs to push for important reforms.





BUILD MY-TOWN ON-GROUND ACTIVITIES

C4 Center team C4 Center on-ground at few election rallies promoting our Build MY-Town card game and educating the public on the roles of MPs in preparation for the coming General Election.



CYNTHIA GABRIEL RECEIVED THE ANTI- CORRUPTION CHAMPIONS AWARD 2022

C4 Center congratulates our Founding Director, Cynthia Gabriel, for receiving the Anti-Corruption Champions Award 2022 and being recognised as an Anti-Corruption Champion by the United States State Department!

The award this year was given to eight honorees who have demonstrated “leadership, courage and impact in preventing, exposing and combating corruption”.

This award ceremony also coincided with the celebration of International Anti-Corruption Day which falls on 9 December every year.



The COVID-19 and Governance Research Project

This project aims to collect the stories of disadvantaged communities such as women, indigenous people, and the B-40 group with regard to their experiences of applying for and receiving government financial aid throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The study also seeks to assess the delivery of financial aid from a governance perspective and to identify the challenges that came with it. Information has been collated regarding all the different forms of financial aid that the government has issued.

Meetings have also been held with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Sustainable Development Goals (APPG-SDG) to lend their aid and expertise to the project in reaching out to the communities on the ground that will serve as the subjects of the study.



2022 REPORT LAUNCHES

PFI Report Launch

C4 Center launched our PFI Report with the presence of some of the renowned media houses in Malaysia in August. The report has produced shocking revelations about the creative abuse of a public policy initiative. Some of the key revelations that you can find in the report are the act of using pension funds to finance infrastructure projects, and putting pensioners' money at risk is something the public must be made aware of.

Another critical revelation is the surfacing of a new player, the Federal Lands Commissioner (FLC). Ordinarily overlooked, the FLC's role in the PFI scheme has shed light on how statutory bodies can be utilized beyond their original purpose to fund the government covertly and also provide gifts to former prime ministers.

The full report is available on C4 Center's website. <https://c4center.org/wp-content/uploads/C4-Center-Quarterly-Report-May-August.pdf>



BUSINESS IN POLITICS REPORT LAUNCH

As part of the preparation to face the 15th General Election, C4 Center prepared "Business in Politics: Seeking Control of Malaysia's Political System" Report that draws attention to unnoted connections between some of the country's top politicians and businesses.

This report underscores the critical point about candidate selection by parties. Party leaders should be aware that since the problem of money in politics is a growing concern, they are duty-bound to nominate candidates with an unblemished corruption record. The report also serves to show the different method and trends where politics and business are fused and the need to limit the influence of business in the sphere of politics.

This is fundamental towards ensuring transparency and accountability in the governance and administration of the country when the next government is formed.

Full report available here: <https://c4center.org/business-in-politics/>





MGRT REPORT LAUNCH

C4 Center tracked the developments of a selected 11 out of the NACP's 115 initiatives through our MyGovt Reform Tracker (MGRT). C4 Center launched the full report in late September.

The MyGovt Reform Tracker (MGRT) demonstrated how all three governments since the 2018 General Elections have failed in different ways and times to implement the NACP.

As the country headed towards its 15th General Election, the constant sidelining of Malaysia's reforms should catalyze the Rakyat to seriously consider their choice of election candidate and the parties that deserve to be in government and protect their interests.

Full report available here: <https://c4center.org/mygovt-reform-tracker-report/>

2022 KEY FOCUS AREAS

- WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION
- ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE
- ANTI-PARTY HOPPING
- PROCUREMENT

WHISTLEBLOWER REFORM ROUNDTABLE

More than ten years after the introduction of the Whistleblower Protection Act 2010, major concerns still exist regarding the protection of whistleblowers in our country. In 2021, C4 Center commissioned a research report titled, **“Gaps in the Act: A Legal Analysis of Malaysia’s Current Whistleblowers Laws”**. This report is a comprehensive overview of the Whistleblower Protection Act 2010, its gaps, and includes several case studies that illustrate the problems with the current legislation.

The report was shared in a closed roundtable discussion with representatives from the Bar Council and civil society organisations. The discussion focused on various areas including the sort of assistance that could be provided to whistleblowers in distress, how C4 Center could challenge the current system and hold our institutions accountable, and if there are ways in which civil society can cooperate to provide immediate solutions and support to whistleblowers.

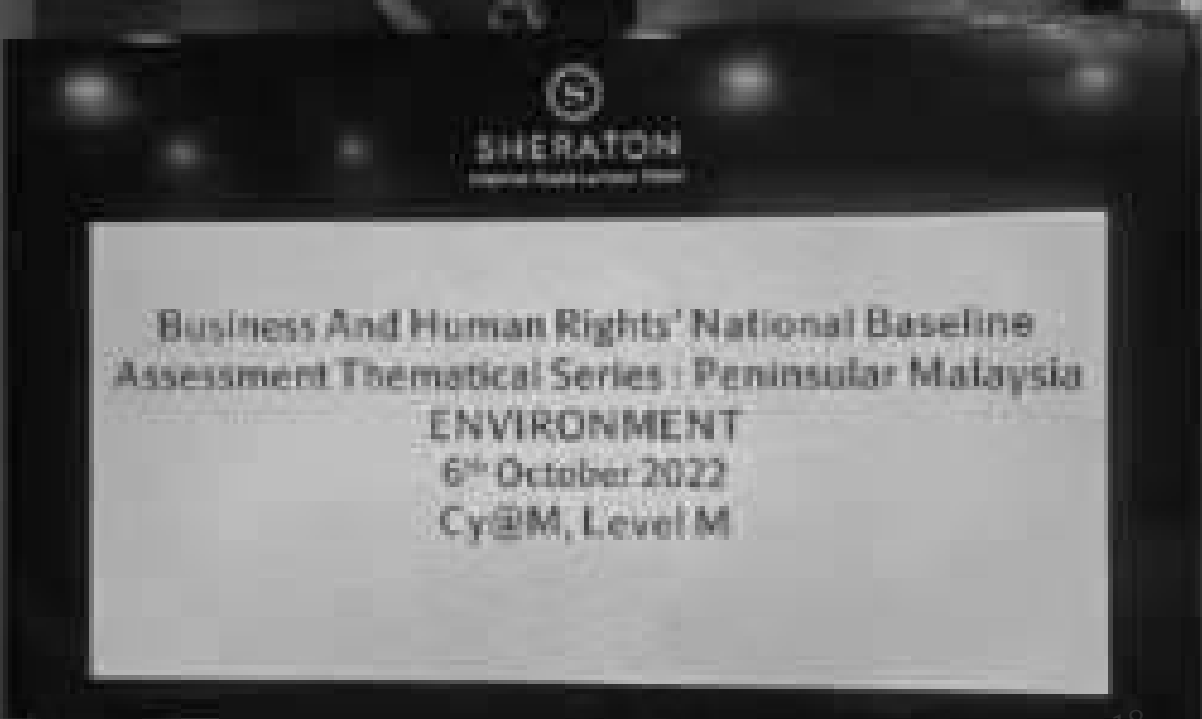
C4 Center hopes this discussion will lead to the establishment of a joint Whistleblower Support Service, and deliberate the use of s.17A of the MACC Act 2009 to replicate mechanisms for a safe and secure complaints mechanism in the workplace. C4 Center continues to pursue longer-term programmes on whistleblower protection and mechanisms at the workplace.



CONSULTATION ON THE NATIONAL BASELINE ASSESSMENT (NBA) FOR THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

On 6 Oct 2022, the Collective of Applied Law and Legal Realism (CALR) and SUHAKAM partnered up to host the Consultation on National Baseline Assessment (NBA) for the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights with civil society, Peninsular Malaysian chapter.

C4 Center had consultants spearheading the three priority areas: governance, labour and environment — leading their respective discussions with civil society representatives. C4 Center participated in the environment track.



Party-Hopping

Projected timeline for anti-hopping bill

July 18	Testing of Constitutional Amendment Bill (No. 10 2021)
July 25	Reading for government MPs
July 26	Reading for opposition MPs
July 28 - July 29	Committee for MPs debate
August 8	Reading for Government Members
August 9	Committee for MPs debate
August 11 - August 16	Debate and voting in the House of Representatives
August 20 - September 1	Parliamentary session

Party hopping has become common practice in the Malaysian political system. Election seasons are notorious for rumours of MPs being offered positions in government, millions of ringgit, and more, to switch political allegiances. These corrupt practices are endemic and must be curbed.

Waiting for the government to pass the Anti-Hopping Law like...



Party Hopping

C4 ANALYSIS: Malaysia's democracy embattled by Anti-Hop Law on tenterhooks

By Sherilyn Pang

JULY 8 2022



Anti-Party Hopping Bill

C4 Center pushed for the enactment of the anti-party hopping legislation which C4 Center believes would serve as a much-needed solution for Malaysians who were frustrated and angry with Members of Parliament switching alliances and forming backdoor governments. The anti-party hopping law formed one of C4's main areas of focus due to the prevalence of money politics, the buying of MPs and its overlap with corruption.

C4's significant contributions in this area culminated in the Bill being passed. This enactment is an important achievement as it was enacted through a bipartisan effort of parliamentarians. It provides a glimpse of how reforms can be pushed through if there is the political will to pass Acts that will benefit the nation. This historical move has the potential to restore the people's confidence in the electoral and democratic system of our country.

There was a significant turnout of voters during GE-15 — the passing of this Act has played a part in the voters' confidence in coming out and casting their votes.

LCS SCANDAL CONFERENCE

During this press conference, C4 Center demanded the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) to explain its continued silence and refusal to initiate a probe into key figures in the Scorpene and LCS scandals.

C4's research found that individuals involved in the LCS scandal were allegedly linked to the Scorpene project, a bribery scandal arising from the procurement of submarines by the government from France in 2002. There were key individuals who were present in both scandals and occupy high positions in these companies.

C4 Center demands that MACC to release all its findings to date pertaining to its investigations into the LCS scandal.



Key Meetings in 2022

MEET-UP WITH KOREAN EMBASSY



The C4 Center team met with Minister-Counsellor Dong Jo Kim from the Korea Embassy Malaysia to discuss and share insights on transparent and accountable institutions, as well as best practices in procurement and how to better provide oversight on governance issues.

Thank you so much Mr Kim and the Embassy of the ROK for meeting with us! C4 Center look forward to further fruitful engagements.

MEETING WITH THE FORMER LAW MINISTER



C4 Center's Acting CEO, Pushpan Murugiah represented C4 Center at a dynamic discussion between the CSO Platform for Reform and the former Law Minister Dato Sri Dr Haji Wan Junaidi Bin Tuanku Jaafar.

The 1.5-hour discussion covered a wide range of law reforms such as the Whistleblower Protection Act, MACC reform, access to information and the right to information, the recommendations of the Indigenous Peoples' National Inquiry, police accountability, harassment of human rights defenders, the Peaceful Assembly Act, and the harmonization of civil and Syariah law.

It was encouraging to hear the Minister already took note of some reforms like abolishing the death penalty, reforming the Insolvency Act, political funding, and Parliamentary reform under his pipeline.

Attended by,

- 1. Faribel Maglin Fernandez, Pusat Komas*
- 2. Kenneth Cheng, Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM)*
- 3. Shook Fong, Centre for Independent Journalism*
- 4. Tijah and Mazerol, Jaringan Kampung Orang Asli Semenanjung Malaysia*
- 5. Firdaus Husni, MCCHR Pusat Rakyat LB*
- 6. Adam, Sisters In Islam*
- 7. Pushpan, C4 Center*
- 8. Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission*
- 9. Parliament*



C4 Center Meets the Public Private Partnership Unit (UKAS), Prime Minister's Department.

As part of our investigation and research into the private finance initiative (PFI) report, a meeting was held with UKAS to further understand their role in the implementation of the PFI as a policy and thier relationship with PFI Sdn Bhd. The discussion provided important insights on how the policy is implemented.

MEETING WITH SABAH AND SARAWAK CSO COORDINATORS

Collective anti-graft efforts from both C4 Center & East Malaysia, will potentially lead us towards much-needed political stability, economic prosperity and social harmony.



On-Ground Participation

#RUUAntiLompat PartiSekarang

C4 Center's Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel joined Syed Saddiq Syed Abdul Rahman, Bersih and other NGOs in handing over a memo to the respective MPs on the delay in tabling the anti-party hopping bill.

C4 Center endorsed the memo and attended the memo handover to express deep concerns that corruption is likely to fester every time an MP switches parties.



WALK FOR JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE



The Walk for Judicial Independence took place on 17 June 2022. It was a “black and white” march from Padang Merbok to Parliament, and a peaceful protest against interference with the independence of the Judiciary, and breaches of the fundamental principle of separation of powers. This was in reference to MACC investigations on Judge Mohd Nazlan Ghazali.

The plan was to hand over the Malaysian Bar’s memorandum to YB Datuk Wira Mas Ermieyati binti Samsudin, Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department (Parliament and Law), who would receive the memorandum at Parliament on behalf of the Prime Minister.

However, the police blockade prevented everyone from leaving and participants were essentially physically confined to the car park at Padang Merbok. In the end, the memorandum was handed over by the President to the Deputy Minister who made her way to Padang Merbok.

C4 Center stood in solidarity for the independence of the judiciary and the protection of the basic structure doctrine.

Speaking Engagements

National Scenario Planning



C4 Center was invited to take part in the review of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP) and scenario planning organised by National Centre for Governance, Integrity and Anti-Corruption (GIACC) on 3 & 4 Feb 2022.

C4 Center also suggested strategies for the coming year and beyond in tackling the serious issue of corruption in the country.

The NACP provides an important road map in fighting corruption and it is critical that the measures and strategies listed in the NACP are diligently carried out in ensuring that the goals and objectives are met.

C4 Center, as part of its own initiative to monitor and review the implementation of the NACP, has established a tracking mechanism to track the implementation of the NACP reforms in 11 key areas. The task was to monitor the government's actions towards legislative reforms and provide a platform for the public to observe these implementations.



Governance, Integrity, and Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC)'s Town Hall



C4 Center attended the Governance, Integrity, and Anti-Corruption Centre (GIACC)'s Town Hall on 11 March aimed at collecting youth perspectives on combating corruption and further engaging the wider youth group in this effort. The event was attended by youth groups and NGOs.

At the discussion, C4 Center raised the issue of intimidation of youth activists by state actors as a significant barrier that needed to be overcome with regard to increasing youth participation in these efforts.



C4 CENTER AT THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REPORT LAUNCH BY SINAR PROJECT AND THE CENTRE FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM (CIJ) MALAYSIA

C4 Center has long advocated for a Federal Freedom of Information (FoI) Law, especially under the oppressive conditions of the Official Secrets Act, which, either by design or implementation, was anathema to the spirit of Freedom of Information.

C4 Center members shared some of their insights on some of the best practices necessary to prevent such loopholes from denying citizens their right to information at this report launch.

It is our hope that the eventual FOI Law is sufficiently robust to pre-emptively keep kleptocratic tendencies in check, and together with the efforts from like-minded CSOs, push for strong and effective FOI laws.



VISIT TO FAIRVIEW INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



C4 Center's Researcher, Bryan Cheah was invited to Fairview International School to give a talk on human rights values to a group of students.

The objective was to introduce the idea of human rights to children and relate a little on how corruption has an effect on human rights. Many of the universal rights listed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights were understood by the children.

As part of the longer-term advocacy and awareness on human rights issue and fighting corruption, there is a need to encourage a different attitude towards corruption from the younger generation. Future leaders with integrity and who will stand-up and speak out against corruption are needed.

C4 Center will continue to engage youths and children in promoting the idea of human rights and fighting corruption as part of our advocacy activities.

LCS SCANDAL INTERVIEW WITH PARTI SOSIALIS MALAYSIA (PSM)



C4 Center's Researcher, Pushpan Murugiah went live on #TerusTerang with PSM to discuss the systematic problems behind defence procurement.

Watch the full interview on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/live/byNi3qlt9mg?feature=share>

Capacity Building Workshops



INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

C4 Center organised a series of 4 workshops to increase capacity and train civil society members, young and emerging journalists, independent activists, and students from colleges and universities, on investigative work related to anti-corruption and good governance publication and exposés.

The workshops were about the legal framework relevant to investigative capacities and evidence-based reporting in Malaysia.

The main goal of the each session is to allow participants to familiarise themselves with laws used to intimidate media organisations, hinder investigation efforts, and prevent information from being obtained in Malaysia. The workshops also covered laws related to human rights and their impact on the safety of journalists, researchers, and protection for human rights defenders.

The speakers also shared case studies in the local and regional level involving attacks and intimidation against critics and sharing of personal experiences. They also shared media industry strategies when pursuing exposés of public interest cases.



C4 Center with RasuahBusters



C4 Center Collaboration with UNI-MLC and Rasuah Busters

C4 Center hosted a forum alongside UNI Malaysia Labour Centre (UNI-MLC) and RasuahBusters to underline the importance of whistleblowing in the workplace and covered the legal protections under the Whistleblower Protection Act 2010 (WPA) at the “Ketirisan Pemusnah Kesejahteraan Pekerja” Forum.

C4 Center's Legal Researcher, Arief Hamzan, elaborated on C4 Center's upcoming efforts in protecting whistleblowers' rights. The key objective was to introduce the concept of whistleblowing to the union group and call for unions to seek employers to include whistleblower mechanisms in the workplace. Whistleblowers are key actors in the fight against corruption and are an important component for providing a safe and conducive environment for concerned individuals to expose corruption.

Key elements of corruption were also discussed, including the religious aspect as to why corruption is wrong and must be immediately addressed.



Launch of the “Ketirisan Pemusnah Kesejahteraan " Poster by Zunar Cartoonist

Zunar Cartoonist illustrated a poster in line with the theme of “Ketirisan Pemusnah Kesejahteraan Pekerja”.

The poster carries the message of how corruption in the workplace can destroy an employee's morale, ultimately affecting an employees' productivity.

This is why having anti-bribery and corruption audits in the workplace are vital in identifying corruption.



#MalaysiaTanpaRasuah Demands

The C4 Center team, Rasuah Busters and other coalition partners once again came forward to insist that the Six Political Demands of #MalaysiaTanpaRusuah presented last September are immediately placed as the main agenda presented in Parliament.

The six demands were;

- The implementation and full support of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP);
- To accelerate the tabling and implementation of Political Funding law;
- To ensure institutional freedom and independence of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC);
- The independence of the Attorney General's Chambers (AGC);
- To introduce a recall law to deal with party-hopping among elected representatives, implement and empower Undi18;
- Conduct Parliamentary reform.

C4 Center with the Bar Council

Anti-Corruption Forum 2022 by C4 Center and the Bar Council.

On 19 August 2022, C4 Center co-organised a one-day forum with the Bar Council.

This forum featured three panel sessions covering the following topics:

- Climate Crisis, Journalism, and the Need for Greater Access to Information
- Utilising Suspicious Transaction Reports and Tip-Offs Under AMLA for the Predicate Offence of Corruption — An Alternative?
- Reforming the MACC: the Need for New Efforts

The forum was organised as a hybrid event, with some attending physically at the Malaysian Bar's Raja Aziz Addruse Auditorium and some participating via Zoom.



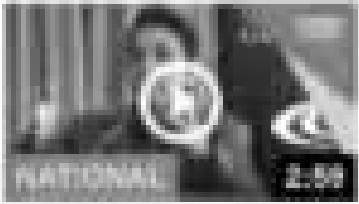
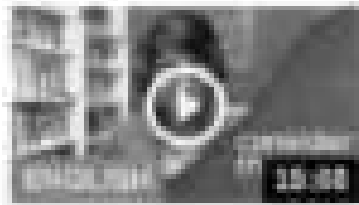
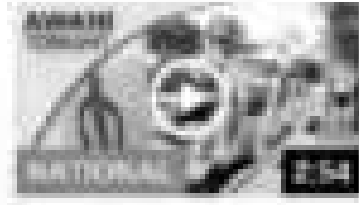
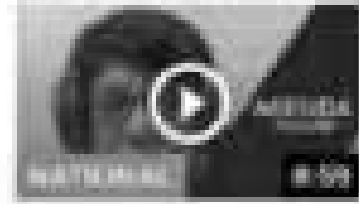
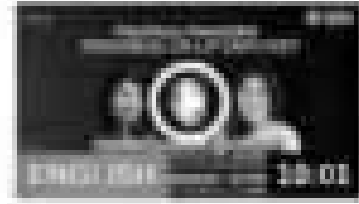

Date	Programmes	Podcast Title
23-Dec-22	Morning Brief (8:30 AM)	Fortify Anti-Corruption Institutions, Including And Beyond MACE Cynthia Gabriel, Executive Director, C4 - Center to Combat Corruption and Crime
21-Sep-22	Morning Brief (7:30 AM)	Double Standards In Asset Disclosure? Cynthia Gabriel, Executive Director, C4 - Center to Combat Corruption and Crime
20-Aug-22	Evening Edition (7:00 PM)	Najib Verdict: One Small Step For Anti-Corruption Cynthia Gabriel, Center to Combat Corruption and Crime (C4)
20-Aug-22	Today I Learned (1:00 PM)	4th on the RM 9 Billion Littoral Coastal Ship Scandal Cynthia Gabriel, Human Rights Advocate, Center to Combat Corruption and Crime (C4)
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17-Feb-22	Evening Edition (7:00 PM)	Purification National Pledges Not To Be Corrupt Cynthia Gabriel, Human Rights Advocate, Center to Combat Corruption and Crime (C4)
03-Feb-22	Inside Story (8:00 PM)	Of Allegations And Upcoming Elections By James Chen, Professor of Asian Studies, University of Toronto Shamsun Nusrata Kamal, Associate Director, Voices & Partners Cynthia Gabriel, Human Rights Advocate, Center to Combat Corruption and Crime (C4)
17-Jan-22	Good Things (1:00 PM)	Cynthia Gabriel on Fighting Corruption! Cynthia Gabriel, Human Rights Advocate, Center to Combat Corruption and Crime (C4)

C4 Center on BFM

C4 Center participated in 10 radio interviews in total with BFM Radio in the year 2022.

C4 Center on Astro Awani

C4 Center spoke to Astro Awani 11 times throughout 2022 on various topics, ranging from the Azam Baki scandal to NACP.

	<p>Pelan Antirasuah PH, PN, BN, semuanya gagal laksanakan sepenuhnya NACP</p> <p>October 01, 2022</p>
	<p>AWANI Tonight: C4 calls for further probe into Pembinaan PFI</p> <p>August 18, 2022</p>
	<p>Consider This: Corruption (Part 1) — Perils Of Exposing Graft, Abuse</p> <p>January 11, 2022</p>
	<p>Penjelasan Azam Baki, LPPR tidak memadai - Cynthia Gabriel</p> <p>January 04, 2022</p>
	<p>Azam Baki: how is MACC integrity impacted?</p> <p>January 05, 2022</p>
	<p>AWANI Tonight: GE15: Missed opportunity on political financing bill</p> <p>October 27, 2022</p>
	<p>Kes SRC: Tutup 'loophole' perkasakan undang-undang</p> <p>June 28, 2022</p>
	<p>Kes SRC: Bukti perasuah tiada tempat dalam masyarakat</p> <p>June 23, 2022</p>
	<p>Consider This: Political Financing (Part 1) — All-Party Parliamentary Group</p> <p>May 30, 2022</p>
	<p>Isu pendanaan politik perlu segera diselesaikan sebelum PRU15 - Cynthia Gabriel</p> <p>February 19, 2022</p>



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'Victory for Malaysia' – verdict on Najib gets roar of approval

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C4: Najib's guilty verdict is a monumental testament to the collective efforts of the rakyat

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Malaysia's Najib Razak begins 12-year jail term after apex court upholds guilty verdict in 1MDB-linked case



PEF Policy Scandal: An Abuse of Govt System With Penetration PFI, Federal Lands Commissioner As Enabling Tools – C4 Report



Where's the report on probe into GLC from 2018, C4 asks MACC

C4 CENTER IN THE PRESS

C4 Center was featured a whopping 120 times in the news media from Jan-Dec 2022.

I A C D D A Y



International Anti-Corruption Day (IACD) 2022 was celebrated across the world with the theme “UNCAC at 20: Uniting the World Against Corruption” on December 9.

C4 Center, organized a Build MY-Town play session to educate young people on their role in combatin corruption. In line with the theme of the year, C4 Center had a big group of young people from different universities, student councils, and youth wings of political parties joining us on the occasion. It was a full day of not just fun gameplay but also informative discussion on anti-corruption reform.

The 2022 IACD seeks to highlight the crucial link between anti-corruption and peace, security, and development. At its core is the notion that tackling this crime is the right and responsibility of everyone, and that only through cooperation and the involvement of each and every person and institution can the negative impacts of this crime be overcome. States, government officials, civil servants, law enforcement officers, media representatives, the private sector, civil society, academia, the public and youth alike all have a role to play in uniting the world against corruption.





HUMAN RIGHTS DAY FESTIVAL

Every year on 10 December, the world celebrates Human Rights Day, the very day when, in 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The 2022 Theme of Human Rights Day is Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All.

In the spirit of togetherness, C4 Center team joined hands with other NGOs across Malaysia in a Human Rights Festival event held at Lalaport Bukit Bintang City Centre. C4 Center had our booth set up selling our Build MY-Town card game. The team celebrated International Human Rights Day playing Build MY-Town with other festival attendees and advocating C4 Center's causes.

C4 Center met lots of like-minded people fighting for various calls of human rights, and it was a pleasure to be on-ground advocating for anti-corruption efforts which is a key element of human rights justice.

Meet Our Interns



Chong Zhi Shin

Zhi Shin is a recent LLB graduate from Queen's University Belfast. She researched whistleblower protection laws, and created presentation slides regarding Whistleblower Protection Act 2010. She also assisted an investigative researcher and academician on their research topic.



Sangeetha Niscinta Nandini

Sangeetha is a First Year Law Student at the University of London. Currently working on the Business in Politics Project, she also provided assistance researching the environmental impact assessment process in Malaysia and assisted in the initial stages of creating the Build MY-Town card game, and spoke on a podcast on police accountability for C4.



Kieran Dass

Kieran is an LLB graduate from Queens University, Belfast. He researched the LCS scandal, gathering information about the key players involved, did a podcast on police accountability for C4, and also conducted research into public procurement processes.



Nicole Sarah Appukuttan

Nicole is a year law student at Cardiff University. She conducted desk research into government financial aid packages under the Covid-19 and Governance Project, and also assisted with the creation of the Build MY-Town card game. She was also tasked with other research or with promotional activities.



Keziah Lau Sing Ning

Keziah is a law student at the University of Malaya. During her internship, her main focus of work was research relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process in Malaysia. She also helped with the Build MY-Town card game project and made a poster for social media.



Benjamin Tiong

Benjamin is a broadcast communication student from UCSI University. Benjamin assisted in multiple graphic design work and has also worked on drafting press statements. His existing knowledge in local politics allowed him to make significant contributions to internal discussions across all C4 Center's areas of advocacy.

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DONORS & OTHER INCOME

Source	Duration	Amount (MYR)
Open Society Foundation (OSF)	2022-2023	466,300
National Endowment for Democracy (NED)	2022-2023	409,035
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)	2022	125,670
East-West Management Institute (EWMI)	2022	39,704
Donations and Local Fund Raising	2022	3,867
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Projects & Programmes by Project Funding

Project & Programmes	Amount (MYR)
Capacity Building Campaign	125,000
Whistleblower Campaign	25,000
Private Finance Initiative	22,500
Anti-corruption Forum 2022	19,800
Public Procurement	16,500
Institutional Reform	28,000
Business in Politics	35,900
Good Governance Campaign	41,000
C4 Center General Operations	672,500
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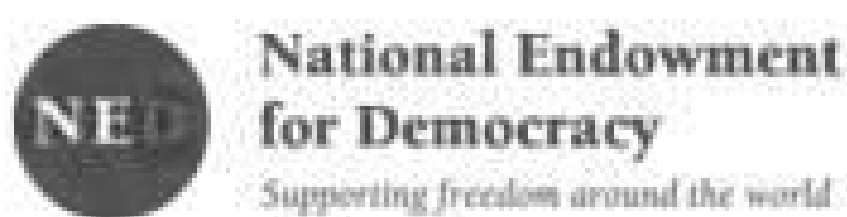
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Additionally, C4 Center team members' hard work and dedication must be given due acknowledgement. It took our combined efforts to deliver concrete outcomes to the public.

Lastly, C4 Center thanks Malaysians and members of the public for your continued support in our programmes!



SUPPORT C4 CENTER

C4 Center is committed to propagating good governance across the various levels of administrative institutions of Malaysia.

As C4 Center continues dedicating our efforts to combating corruption, the work that goes into it demands extensive labour.

These activities range from policy recommendations to pursuing in-depth investigations and engaging with anti-corruption stakeholders, including campaigning with grassroots communities.

For this reason, C4 Center hope you will join us in this cause and donate any amount to our work. Your financial contribution will be channeled into the following activities:



Most importantly, funding from the people also helps to safeguard C4's independence so that C4 Center can keep delivering critical information that seeks to keep our public institutions corrupt-free and accountable.

Our work is inspired by like-minded Malaysians who still believe in a brighter future for our nation. Any contribution, no matter how small or big, is significant for us.

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