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These social media highlights are extracted from data based on Facebook analytics, Twitter analytics, Instagram analytics, and YouTube analytics and metrics (follows, likes, reach, growth, awareness, post-performance, engagements, etc.) over the time frames of January to March 2022.

From January - March 2022, C4 Center has posted 25 content across all our social platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.) C4 Center's followers grew by 22% on Instagram, 13% on Facebook, and 45% on Twitter. YouTube has no changes.

C4 Center plans on improving its social media presence with new strategies and monthly themes for the next quarter. The goal is to not just increase engagement but also spread awareness of anti-corruption activism in Malaysia.

Below are screenshots of some of the best-performing contents from January - March 2022.
Q1. Major Events
WHISTLEBLOWER 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. C4 Center had in 2021 commissioned research titled, “Gaps in the Act: A Legal Analysis of Malaysia’s Current Whistleblower Laws”. The research 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 research report was shared in a closed roundtable discussion with representatives from Bar Council and civil society. The discussion focused on various areas including what sort of assistance could be provided to whistleblowers that are distressed? How could we challenge the current system and hold our institutions accountable? Are there 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. We will continue to pursue longer-term programs on whistleblower protection and mechanisms at the workplace.
INFVESTIGATION CAPACITY
BUILDING WORKSHOP I

C4 Center is organising a closed door 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 1st series of the workshop was about the legal framework relevant to investigative capacities and evidence-based reporting in Malaysia.

The main goal of the 1st session is to get the participants to familiarise themselves with laws critically used to intimidate media organisations, investigation efforts, and hindrances to obtaining information in Malaysia by covering 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 context involving attacks and intimidation against critics and sharing of personal experiences. They also shared media industry strategies when pursuing exposés of public interest cases.
In line with the 4 series workshop, C4 Center organised the 2nd workshop which focused on Investigative Research Methodologies.

This 2nd workshop focused more on practical skills such as how to conduct background searches and why the following sources are key information verification tools on complicit individuals and companies?

The participants also had a fun practical quiz session where they were able to piece together the information obtained from the tools into articles or stories in written or even video format.
In conjunction with International Women's Day, on the 8th of March, C4 Center's Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel was nominated for the 2022 International Women of Courage (IWOC) Award. The IWOC Award honors women who have demonstrated exceptional courage, strength, and leadership in acting to improve the lives of others, from families to communities to countries.
Demanding Answers: Who Owns MySejahtera?

C4 Center released a press statement on the 29th March to calls upon the government to provide satisfactory clarifications on the MySejahtera issue immediately, as well as investigate into the clandestine processes that resulted in the application's acquisition.
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

JAN-MAR 2022
C4 Center’s Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel was one of the panelists who joined the intense ‘SPRM: INTEGRITI YANG HILANG’ live interview session on Astro Awani. She was joined by two other panelists, Dr Muhammad Mohan, President of @ti_malaysia and YB V Ganabatirau, ADUN Kota Kemuning.

C4 Center’s Programme Manager, Sudhagaran Stanley was live on Astro Awani scrutinising the recent controversy surrounding MACC. Aira Azhari from IDEAS Malaysia and Walter Sandosam, MACC Oversight Panel joined him in the discussion.
C4 Center’s Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel went live on Astro Awani’s #ConsiderThis and shared about the immense contributions of whistleblowers and investigative journalists in fighting endemic corruption.

C4 Center’s Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel and the other panellists from various fields came together as they discuss the role of women against corruption.
C4 Center's Legal Researcher, Arief Hamizan went live on Sinar Harian and discussed about the safety of whistleblowers in this country.

C4 Center's Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel and other experts highlighted why the government must tackle transparency & accountability as economic justice issues for Malaysia's short & long term prospects.
C4 Center’s Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel spoke to BFM Radio - The Business Station on the legitimacy of the coalition candidates taking an anti-corruption oath ahead of the Johor state elections.

C4 Center’s Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel chatted with BFM Radio - The Business Station on the importance of transparency among elected representatives and how social media factors into all of this.

C4 Center’s Executive Director, Cynthia Gabriel chatted with BFM Radio - The Business Station on her stand on corruption.
Think tank, NGO propose Independent Anti-Corruption Commission to oversee MACC

Danial Azhar  -  January 13, 2022 3:46 PM

Securities Commission must explain, make public its inquiry into Azam: C4

Inconclusive findings only justify calls for independent probe, says founding director

Updated 2 months ago  ·  Published on 18 Jan 2022 5:20PM  ·  0 Comments

CPI 2021: Make anti-corruption a top priority

"Hold your MPs accountable; make sure they support and implement the National Anti-Corruption Plan" says C4's Sudhagaran Stanley in fight against corruption.

PM must set up independent task force

C4 CENTER IN THE PRESS

C4 Center was featured 20 times in the news media from Jan-Mar 2022. C4 Center's representatives also made five TV appearances and gave three radio interviews this quarter.
C4 CENTER AT OTHER EVENTS
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 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 was invited to take part in the review of the National Anti-Corruption Plan (NACP) and scenario planning organised by GIACC on 3 & 4 Feb 2022.

C4 Center raised the importance of implementing the NACP fully and ensuring that the goals and objectives are met. We also suggested strategies for the coming year and beyond in tackling the serious issue of corruption in the country.
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 everytime a MP hops.
C4 Center team welcomed the Year of Tiger with a mini celebration that was filled with food, laughter, and excitement. This was our first team gathering of the year hence it deserves a special place in the report. We also welcomed a new team member this quarter. Second, from the left, Bryan Cheah is the new Research Associate who joined us back in February. In just a month of joining, Bryan's works shine through and he is certainly a promising addition to the team. C4 Center surely will be doing more team activities in the coming quarters, so stay tuned!
WHAT’S COMING IN THE 2ND QUARTER?

INVESTIGATIVE CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS 3 & 4, PFI REPORT LAUNCH AND MORE.