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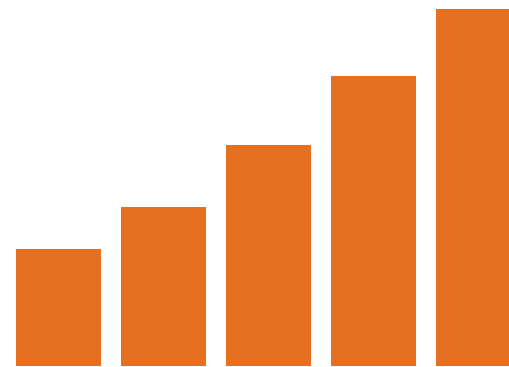
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Change of Guard: C4 New Leadership

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We trust the new leadership will uphold the credibility and reputation that C4 Center has been built over the last seven years and will seek to raise anti-corruption efforts in Malaysia in the coming years.

On to a productive 2023.



CHANGE OF GUARD: C4 CENTER, NEW LEADERSHIP

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

New year greetings from us at C4 Center.

As the new year beckons, and with a new government in place for more than a month now, C4 Center is focused and pursuing much-needed reforms to combat corruption with strength, perseverance and good

Malaysia looks forward with new hope, the Board of Directors of C4 Center would like to announce

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C4 Center Strategic Planning Meeting 2023



The team went for a 2-day meeting to discuss C4 Center's new plans of action for the year 2023.

C4's new acting CEO Pushpan Murugiah briefed the team on his new ideas for the organisation while recently appointed Deputy CEO Stanley Sudhagaran was the event facilitator. Each officer shared their goals and projects for the year with the rest of the team.

C4 Center's esteemed board members like Prof Terence Gomez, and Dato' Hjh. Sutinah and Cynthia Gabriel shared their experiences and the history of C4 Center. It was an uplifting two days filled with knowledge, memories and positivity.

Key Meetings in the 1st Quarter

Meeting with a few MPs on the Effectiveness of Covid Austerity Measures in Reaching the General Public



C4 Center team were at the Parliament to do a briefing on the effectiveness of covid austerity measures in reaching the general public to a few MPs. This was in relation to our COVID-19 and Governance: A Qualitative Study on Government Aid with Communities from Bentong, Pahang and Selayang, Selangor report.

The MPs who were presented are:

- Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly bin Ahmad, MP Kuala Selangor, Selangor and former Minister of Health
- Yang Berhormat Kelvin Yii, MP Bandar Kuching, Kuching
- Yang Berhormat Syed Ibrahim Syed Noh, MP Ledang, Johor
- Yang Berhormat Young Syefura Othman, MP Bentong, Pahang
- Yang Berhormat Syahredzan Johan, MP Bangi, Selangor

The discussion was fruitful. This report can be used to contribute actual ground data on readiness preparation for future crises. This includes the governance structure and the delivery mechanism.

Group Discussion on Budgeting with the Ministry of Finance



C4 in its quest for good governance suggested the following budget considerations;

1. To increase allocation to realise the implementation of the NACP due this year.
2. Sufficient funds must be made available in line with the proposal to separate the AG and PP functions.
3. Consideration for further allocation on MACC reforms in terms of increased funding for staff and the short-term measure to place MACC under the preview of Parliament.
4. Funds to streamline the procurement proses with technology and the passing of a procurement act to regulate public procurement.
5. To seek clarification on government policy on Private finance Initiatives (PFI), as PFIs do not fall under public procurement or treasury directives and will have a significant economic impact in terms of debt in the long run. We request more transparency in reporting this.
6. We also seek more transparency in the valuation process of assets of 1MDB that is being repatriated back to Malaysia. We do not wish to be short-changed in regards to the value due to collusion or weak negotiations.

Meeting at Parliament with RasuahBusters

C4 Center's Board of Directors, Dr Terence Gomez and Cynthia Gabriel were at the Parliament with RasuahBusters. They provided an overview of the areas of anti-corruption reforms they are championing to emphasise the importance of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Malaysia structure.

The Parliament Speaker supported our efforts and assured us that he would work with us to get this moving. He will assign a staff for us to deal with on all matters.

The creation of APPGM defines the function of the APPG as a forum or platform for MPs of the Dewan Rakyat and Senators of the Dewan Negara and also includes external partners such as academics, NGOs (Non-Government Organisations), professionals and specialists to discuss, research and present a report of recommendations on various themes and issues to parliament and its committees.



Meeting with British High Commission



A good meeting with the British High Commission. We shared some of our focus areas moving forward and our perspective on how we could engage the unity government. There were also discussions on areas where we could work together to strengthen our institutions and reform agenda.

Meeting with YB Syerleena Abdul Rashid



A great meeting with YB Syerleena Abdul Rashid as we discussed important issues on reforms. We also spoke at length about youth engagements and how we could engage them on institutional reforms, we further touched on how our card game, Build-My-Town can play an important role in bridging the gap between young voters and understanding the role of an MP and reforms in affecting change.

Build MY-Town Play Sessions



Build MY-Town Play Session at Polytechnic Port Dickson



In conjunction with World Radio Day, C4 Center and our collaborative partner Rasuah Busters were given the opportunity to host gameplay of our latest release 'Build MY-Town' at Port Dickson Polytechnic on Wednesday.

'Build My Town' is a card game designed to use as a method of learning good governance, rejecting elements of corruption and raising awareness among young voters in a fun and entertaining way on the work done by a Member of Parliament (MP). Through the gameplay sessions, the students were all seen to be very happy, and slightly competitive in wanting to build the best constituency and ultimately win the game.

Overall it was a lively event and our team had a great time being present there. Thank you Rasuah Busters and Politeknik Port Dickson, Negeri Sembilan for having us.

Build MY-Town Play Session with Pusat Komas



Fun time playing Build MY-Town with Pusat Komas. If you're interested in joining us in the next play session, do contact us. Optionally you can also get a deck for yourself and play it with your circle.

To make a purchase or learn more about the game, click here
-> <https://c4center.org/c4center-build-my-town/>

Build MY-Town Play Session with Penggerak Belia Selangor DUN Bandar Utama



C4 Center hosted a Build MY-Town play session with Penggerak Belia Selangor DUN Bandar Utama. YB Jamaliah Jamaluddin made the event merrier by participating and giving a speech on the importance of young people's participation in politics.

C4 Center's Acting CEO, Pushpan guided the participants on the guidelines of the game while educating the crowd on the key reforms C4 Center is pushing for.

Overall, it was a jubilant session with a free flow of ice cream and a latte for the whole 2 hours.



On-Ground Participations

The 2nd Summit for Democracy

C4 Center's Founding Director, Cynthia Gabriel was invited to attend and speak at the esteemed Summit For Democracy in South Korea from 29- 30th March.

It is a high-level summit hosted by the South Korean government and C4 Center is extremely proud of Cynthia representing us on a panel that looked into financial integrity, both from a national and global perspective.

Some of the key points that were highlighted are the 1MDB case study on financial integrity, IFF and asset recovery.



CSO Platform's 100 Days of the Unity Government of Malaysia Report Launch



The CSO Platform for Reform, a collective of 60 civil society organisations (CSOs) in Malaysia, released its report on the first 100 days of the "unity government". C4 Center is a member of the platform and C4 Center was represented by our Acting CEO, Pushpan Murugiah.

The report looks into the Malaysian political landscape in recent years and stresses the need for serious institutional reform. The aim of the report is to propel both the people and the government towards a nation that embodies sustainability, stability and good governance.

C4 Center remains committed to engaging with the government towards achieving meaningful reforms and changes that will benefit the people.



'Corruption as an Economic Problem' Forum



C4 Center team attended the 'Corruption as an Economic Problem' forum hosted by Agora Society Malaysia, Universiti Malaya Students' Union and RasuahBusters.

It is the first public lecture series of the Corruption-Free Generation with renowned speakers such as C4 Center's Chairman **Dr. Edmund Terence Gomez**, **Dr. Michael Jeyakumar Devaraj**, **Mr. Adrian Pereira**, and **Dr. Melati Nungsari**.

It was an interesting session as a wide range of topics were covered and discussed in particular on the different aspects corruption play in our society.

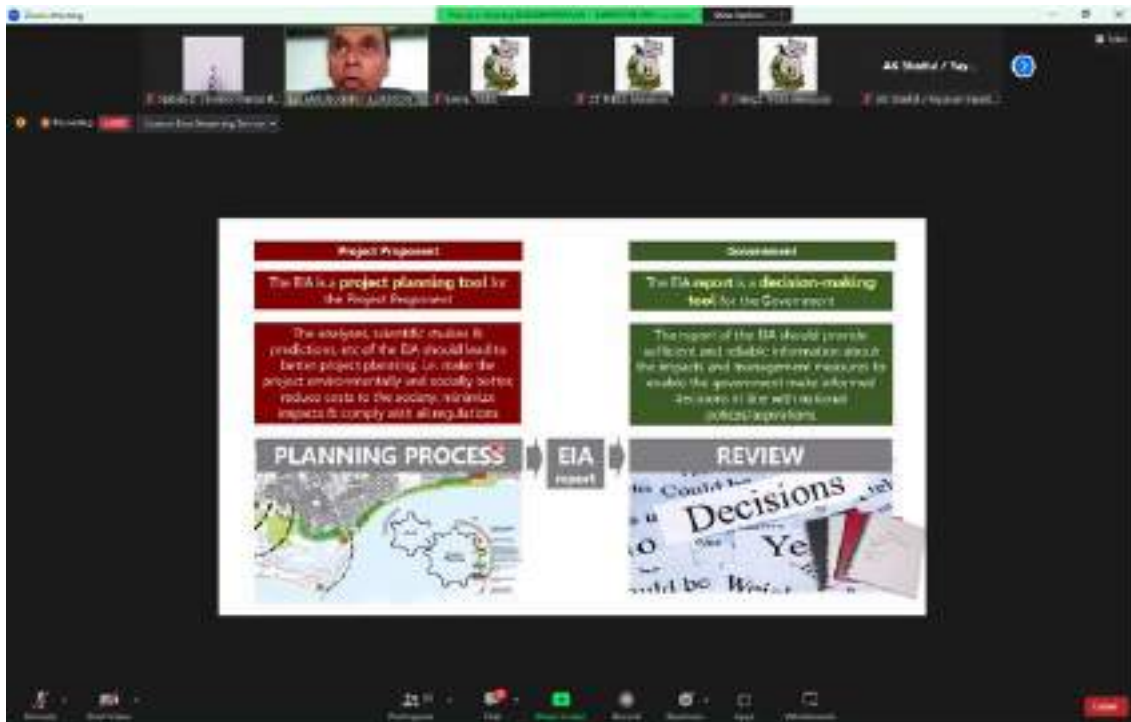
The Launch of Malaysia Racism Report 2022



C4 Center's Acting CEO Pusphan Murugiah attended the launch of the Malaysia Racism Report 2022 by Pusat Kommas.

He articulated that racism within affirmative policy could also be a prelude to corrupt practices. The implementation of the affirmative policy should also be transparent to promote accountability.

35 Years of EIA in MY, WHAT IS NEXT Forum



C4 Center's environmental researchers attended an EIA webinar titled "35 Years of EIA in Malaysia, What Is Next" on March 21, 2023. The webinar highlighted the EIA process and its significant changes over the past 35 years.

This is part of our research into EIA legal and environmental governance projects. The significance of a functioning legal structure that allows public participation in the decision-making process is important to reduce and manage environmental damage.

Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering Course for Civil Society in Malaysia



C4 Center Environmental Researcher attended the “Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering Course for Civil Society in Malaysia” workshop hosted by IDEAS Malaysia, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), and CEELI Institute.

This is a 101 Course for Civil Society Course Introduction in which civil society actors in Malaysia gain foundational knowledge on how to effectively advance greater integrity and accountability in anti-corruption and anti-money laundering structures within government, judicial, civic, and private sector structures.

It was a very knowledgeable workshop with renowned speakers such as Karen A. Greenaway (ex-FBI), Alissa Rode (Research Manager from Ideas), Rahayu Mumazaini (Legal Expert), Cynthia Gabriel (C4 Center Founding Director), and many more on anti-corruption issues both in Malaysia and internationally.

Social Media Updates

Facebook



C4 Center Facebook Page saw an uphill growth from Jan to March 2023
We have a 265 growth in terms of followers.

Instagram

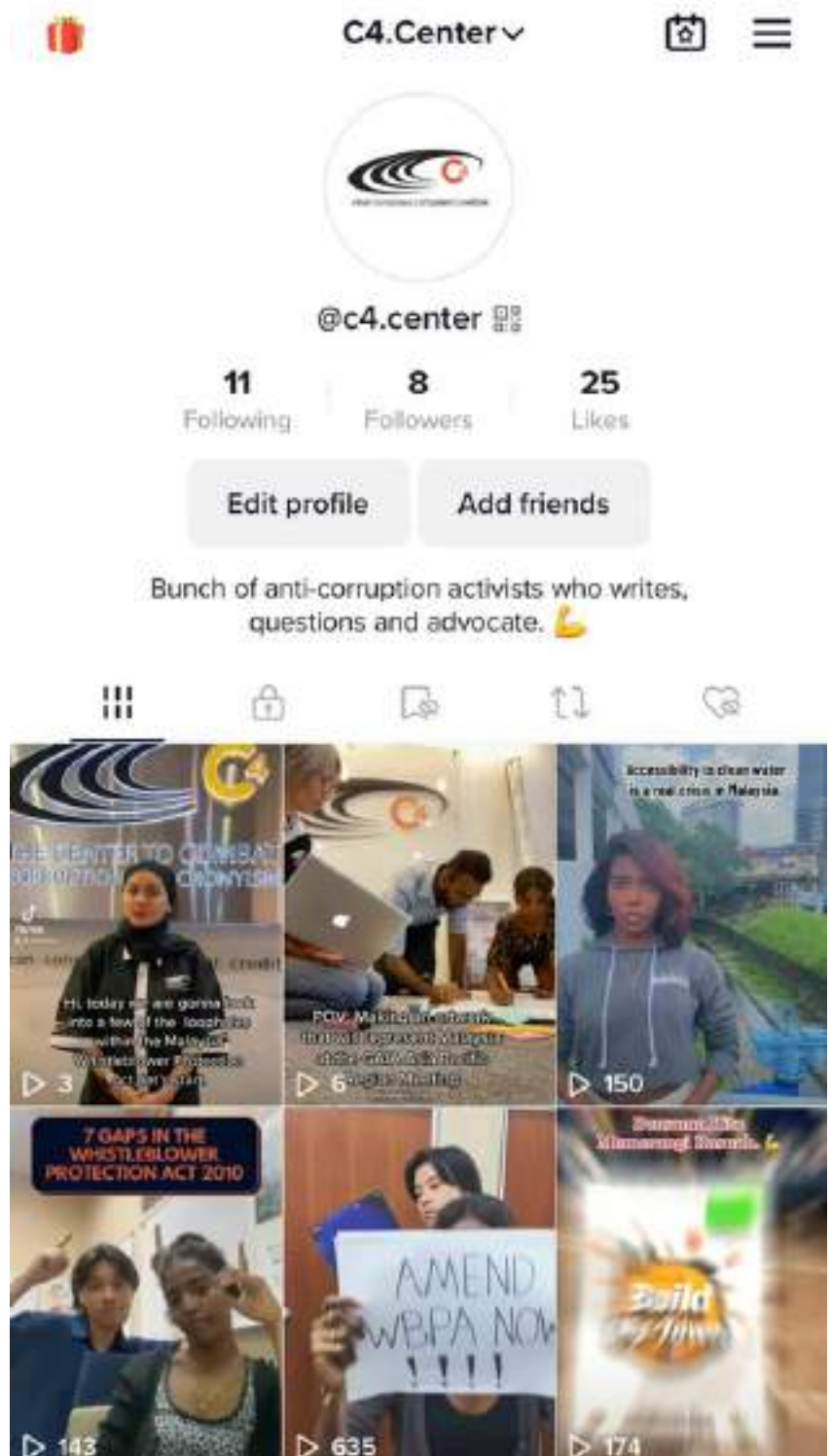


C4 Center Instagram Page saw an uphill growth from Jan to March 2023. We have 41 more new followers in the first quarter and our posts has gotten good engagements too.

TikTok

C4 Center joined TikTok community in early January. Plenty of contents of various topics has been posted up.

The views and number of followers are still small but we are aiming for a bigger growth in the coming quarters.





Govt urged to park oversight body under parliament

March 29, 2023



MACC needs new chief to restore public confidence, says group

March 29, 2023



Independent body probing enforcement agencies must be free of political interference, say observers

March 29, 2023



Didn't PH accuse MACC of being a political tool, C4 asks Anwar

March 29, 2023



C4 urges govt to stop political appointments in GLCs

March 27, 2023



Didik masyarakat tolak rasuah, amal tadbir urus baik menerusi permainan kad interaktif

March 16, 2023



Rujuk individu berunding dengan Goldman Sachs ke PAC, kata C4

March 1, 2023



Haul IMDB- Goldman Sachs settlement negotiators before PAC, says C4

March 1, 2023



Emergency procurement flaws root of defective ventilators supply says C4

February 22, 2023



MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

C4 Center was featured 24 times in the news media from Jan-Mar 2023.



WHAT'S COMING IN THE 2ND QUARTER?

EXCITING REPORT LAUNCHES, ENVIRONMENTAL
ISSUES, AND KEY MEETINGS. STAY TUNED!

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