



Newsletter

A Nation without Corruption, a Society with Integrity

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President's Message

Another year has passed by and much has been said and done by Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) in regards to advocating Integrity and tackling corruption. Nonetheless, we are still surrounded by the news of embezzlement, bribery, and nepotism almost every other day.

It can be said that the corruption in Malaysia follows a top-bottom and hierarchical structure, which makes our push for transparency and accountability in all sectors and the fight against corruption a little harder to achieve. Obviously, there is a need for reforms, sincere and strong political will and exemplary leadership, that enables proper distribution and segregation of power and authority at the highest level.

Also, with the economic slowdown, more activities and projects that could have been taken on by TI-M had to be sacrificed. Nevertheless, 2016 has seen TI-M continuing its effort to reach out to more youths, public & private organizations and international entities.

There is only so much TI-M and other likeminded Civil Society Organizations can do to curb corruption. The ability to make a change truly lies in us; as individuals, parents, business owners, employees and civil servants, to ensure that the culture of Integrity is infused in to our society.

Let us remember that it is **not only** the duty of Public Agencies/Officials, private organizations and the Civil Society Organizations to combat corruption and maintain accountability, transparency and Integrity; but it is every individual's responsibility in ensuring that the values mentioned are maintained, practiced and well passed on to our descendants.

In the spirit of transparency and Integrity, I Wish you all a joyful and blissful 2017!

Best wishes,

Dato' Akhbar Satar



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TI-M would like to pay tribute to the late Chief Minister (CM) of Sarawak Tan Sri Adenan Satem by publishing a letter by Exco member, Dr Pola Singh that appeared in the Star. The late CM of Sarawak played a pivotal role in efforts to clean up the Sarawak forestry sector. Since day one of taking office as Chief Minister, he has voiced strongly on the need to get rid of corruption in the logging and timber industry.

Sarawak Government shows the way, Star 14 May 2015

<http://www.thestar.com.my/Opinion/Letters/2015/05/14/Sarawak-Govt-shows-the-way/>

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Sarawak Govt shows the way

KUDOS to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) for freezing 375 accounts totalling over RM560mil in its latest strike against illegal logging and corruption in the timber industry in Sarawak, "MACC's RM560.6mil success" (*The Star*, May 13).

In this regard, the Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Adenan Satem ought to be singled out as he has played a pivotal role in efforts to clean up the Sarawak forestry sector. He is not only doing his best to get rid of illegal logging and its related activities such as over harvesting which has deprived the state of billions of ringgit in revenue but also appears firm in his convictions.

It is only when signals come from the very top that such action can be effective. Full support from the top is the key to the success of any such endeavour. (Sabah and the other states in the peninsula could learn from this).

When policy implementation fails, critics are quick to point out that leaders, including politicians, only know how to talk. Not so in the case of this no-nonsense Chief Minister of Sarawak.

Since day one of taking office as Chief Minister, he has voiced strongly on the need to get rid of corruption in the logging and timber industry.

The latest exposé of RM560mil, I believe, is just the tip of the iceberg.



This action has sent strong signals and shivers to those who have previously benefitted from weak enforcement of the forestry rules and regulations.

In addition to establishing a special task force committee on illegal logging and monitoring enforcement, the Sarawak State Legislative Assembly passed the Forest Bill 2015 to sanction stiffer laws and higher penalties for forest-related offences. This is the way to go, Chief Minister!

The billion-ringgit forestry sector, well known for its illegal logging activities and other disagreeable forest-related activities across the whole supply chain, is a lucrative area for VVIPs to venture into.

To make matters worse, forest resources are often in remote locations. This has a dual impact on their vulnerability to corruption and poor governance. Remote locations also make the monitoring of resource use difficult to undertake.

Rent-seeking behaviour is also prevalent in the forestry sector. VVIPs and their associates use their influence to obtain logging concessions for their family and friends.

We cannot afford to reduce the country's forest cover further. Currently, 53% of Malaysia is covered by forest. Sarawak has the largest forest cover of 8.23 million hectares or 44.5% of total while peninsular Malaysia has 5.79 million hectares (31%) and Sabah 4.4 million or 23.5% of total forest cover.

We have made it known and declared to the international community that we aim to maintain 50% of our land area as forest.

Conserving this 50% and managing it on a sustainable basis will mean that there is a need for forest policy reform and restoration of degraded forest land.

In addition to the economic loss of forest revenue and the loss of forest land in an unsustainable manner, rapid forest cover loss

has contributed to deforestation, forest degradation, endangered biodiversity and affected indigenous peoples' livelihood and other forest communities.

It is gratifying to learn that Sarawak has now taken the lead in terms of working towards a society where corruption-free forest governance and sustainable management will enable increased economic development, poverty reduction and environmental protection.

The adaptation of better governance and accountability in forestry will surely have a greater impact on the legality of Malaysian timber products overseas.

I suggest the way forward is to scale down on new forest conversion. More importantly, I would like to recommend that all logging and timber concession developments (agreements, contracts, royalties paid, penalties, fines etc) be mapped out on a map in real time (a kind of forest atlas) where information is uploaded to this platform/website for all to see.

This practice - through improved transparency and accountability - if it were to materialise, will surely contribute to curbing corruption and strengthening the forest governance system in Malaysia and make us one of the "champions" in the world in addressing corruption in the forestry sector.

DR POLA SINGH
Kuala Lumpur



The 9th Business Integrity Best Practice Sharing Session

By Chin Fang Pang

Transparency International-Malaysia's (TI-M) 9th Business Integrity Best Practice Sharing Session was successfully held at the Telekom Malaysia (TM) Convention Centre on 19th October 2016. The session was attended by 83 delegates from 28 companies and relevant agencies, departments and statutory bodies such as the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, Companies Commission of Malaysia, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, Malaysian Institute of Integrity, High Commission of Canada, PEMANDU and representatives from the Prime Minister's Office. TI-M wishes to extend its highest gratitude and appreciation to TM in hosting the session. The collaboration between TELEKOM and TI-M is significant as both parties share the same mission to foster a culture of integrity among the business community in Malaysia.

In the past four years, TI-M has organized and facilitated best practice visits and sharing sessions with companies displaying impressive levels of dedication towards transparency, integrity and corporate governance. The host companies in the past were TOP GLOVES SDN BHD, THUMBPRINTS UTD SDN BHD, PKNS, SIEMENS MALAYSIA, MERCEDES BENZ MALAYSIA SDN BHD, SIME DARBY, PETRONAS and NESTLE. TI-M believes that participants not only gained the essence of integrity initiatives that had been implemented by host companies, but also took back useful ideas and practical solutions for their respective organization.

The session started with welcoming remarks from Dato' Akhbar Satar, President of TI-M and followed by Mr. Idrus bin Ismail, TM's Chief Legal, Compliance & Companies who emphasized their ongoing commitment and impactful strategy to uphold TM's KRISTSAL value "**Uncompromising Integrity**". After a networking break, Mr. Hazimi bin Kassim, Chief

Internal Auditor delivered a special speech on the topic titled “Spreading Values to Enhance Integrity and Governance Towards Digital Environments”. He shared TM’s corporate governance framework, internal control and risk management policies, fraud management and also emphasized how TM manages the emerging risks on cybersecurity and privacy in digital business.

In strengthening its internal integrity and compliance framework, we are pleased to see TM also adopting the ‘Integrity Pact’ concept introduced by Transparency International in the tendering process. The pact is a legally binding precondition to TM bidders and contractors and it is best described as a preventative mechanism against corruption to raise the awareness in the industry.

The session continued with the Introduction of ISO 37001 Anti-bribery Management System by Dr. KM Loi, Vice President of TI-M. This newly published Standard is gaining its momentum to be appraised. Public-listed companies, state-owned enterprises, multinationals and small and medium enterprises are welcomed to adopt and implement this standard to convince stakeholders and gain a competitive edge over their peers.

It is our belief that best practice sharing sessions could uplift the level of integrity, transparency and good governance among businesses in Malaysia. TI-M calls on for companies to join our business integrity community and showcase anti-corruption and anti-bribery control measures to others as part of their Integrity Strategy. TI-M would be most pleased to facilitate this platform to embrace greater transparency in the business setting using international methodologies combined with local best practices.

‘Integrity and Good Governance in Defence Procurement’ Workshop

By Maya Banks

Transparency International – Malaysia (TI-M) and Transparency International - Defence & Security (TI-DS) held a joint workshop on integrity and good governance in defence procurement on 23rd of August 2016.

Dato Akhbar Sata, president of TI – M, opened with a welcome address. This was followed by the keynote address by Tuan Haji Samat, from the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC). He explained how defence is tricky because it involves both high spending and high secrecy for national security reasons, thus ethics are needed and complacency must be avoided.

The first speaker was Mr Agus Rahardjo, Chairman of the Corruption Eradication Commission of the KPK. He explained that all of Indonesia’s defence equipment is imported

from other countries, which is a problem since the government generally does not contact the producer, and is instead always worked through a third party with very little checks and balances. Planning and budgeting are also not transparent or clear, and though there is an electronic program, the military generally tries to procure without it. He suggests getting rid of the middle man, improving payment systems, and increasing price transparency.

The next speaker was Attorney Maria Teresa Lee-Rafois, Director of the Fact Finding and Investigation in the Office of the Deputy Ombudsman. She explained how in the Philippines, strong progress is being made in comparison to other countries in the region, given that the law to prosecute corruption and bribery is actually there, and their President is being strong against corruption and bidding.

However, despite the law, when bad people are in command in the military or businesses, the law won't work. Her Bureau also has only 20 investigators, and the amount to investigate is beyond their ability at the moment. She also talked through a few cases of corruption in procurement she had investigated, explaining their origins and what was done to charge the offenders.



L-R, top-bottom: Mr Agus Rahardjo (Chairman, KPK) & Dato' Akhbar (President, TI-M).

Ms Cynthia Gabriel, founder and director of the Centre to Combat Corruption and Cronyism (C4), spoke on transparency in the Malaysian military. She explained that Malaysia's defence budget could soon see a steep increase due to China's aggressive claims on the South China Seas, as well as the possibility of ISIS becoming an imminent threat. This would be worrisome, however, because Malaysia has no defence white paper in Parliament, nor a committee to discuss defence budgets, policies, or increases. Members of Parliament themselves do not even know how much or what exactly has been spent. She went on to explain how the prevalence of bribery in the military causes a multitude of problems,

including a risk to national security through the shoddy equipment purchased, as well as the economic problem from the huge loss of money. She summarized that Malaysia needs have open tender contracts and a clear defence policy.

We then had a riveting Q&A session, followed by Ms Michelle Man and Mr Tobias Bock from the TI Defence and Security Programme presenting on the corruption risks around the use of agents in defence procurement. Michelle explained that risks of utilizing agents include them working with little oversight, despite working on behalf of their companies, while having very close interactions with governments. They are paid on commission, so want to make a deal no matter the cost, they don't care about ruining relationships as would in-office people when offered a bribe, and their after-sales contracts are subject to much less scrutiny. Tobias brought up the good point that a way to ensure that a growing defence budget does not simply end up causing more conflicts with regional neighbours is to actually be more transparent so that they know the money is focused on defence, not offensive weaponry. Both also explained Transparency International's Government Defence Index, and how countries receive their ratings.

Another Q&A was put to our panel again with interesting discussions, and then Mr Tobias Block closed out the workshop. It was a greatly thought-provoking and illuminating workshop, and a big thank you is due to everyone who could participate!



TI-M employees & members with some of the Participants at the Defence Workshop

PETRONAS: Introduction to ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery Management Systems Standard Training Workshop

By Chin Fang Pang

In conjunction with the official release of ISO 37001:2016 ABMS on 14th October 2016, Office of Chief Integrity Officer has initiated the introduction programme for internal stakeholders to increase their understanding on this globally accepted anti-bribery compliance standard at Impiana Hotel KLCC four days after the standard release.

Dr. KM Loi, Deputy President of TI Malaysia and Vice Chair of ISO/PC 278 (Anti-Bribery Management System) was the lead trainer in the workshop. He highlighted the importance of the anti-bribery management system framework in sustaining a culture of integrity, transparency, governance and compliance and discussed the roadmap of implementation and certification process of ISO 37001:2016.

ISO 37001 is the first-ever management standard to address bribery developed by International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It is a flexible tool, which can be adapted according to the size and nature of the organization in any country. It is designed to aid compliance by the organization both with international good practice and with the relevant anti-bribery legal requirements in all countries in which the organization operates. The standard helps provide assurance to the management and owners of an organization, and to its funders, customers and other business associates, that the organization has implemented internationally recognized good practice anti-bribery controls. It assists an organization in implementing an anti-bribery management system, or in enhancing its existing controls. In the event of an investigation, it helps provide evidence to the prosecutors or courts that the organization had taken reasonable steps and adequate procedures to detect, prevent and respond to bribery.

The programme managed to provide a platform to close the gap between the current measures and controls that have put in place in PETRONAS and the international best practices outlined in the standard.

Towards the end of the programme, Dr. KM Loi reiterated that ISO 37001:2016 is a living document required continual improvements to ensure its suitability, adequacy and effectiveness. Transparency International Malaysia is pleased to see the interest and commitment of PETRONAS to ISO 37001 to ensure their anti-corruption and anti-bribery efforts are up to or exceeding par of the global standard.



TI-M with the team at PETRONAS

TI-M Launches its First 'Integrity Club' in SMK Damansara Damai 1

By Bavani Jayadevan. R

As promised earlier in 2016, Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) has taken its first steps towards reaching out to the youth group from the Malaysian secondary schools.

TI-M ran a series of activities in relation to Integrity and Anti-Corruption in a three-day programme with SMK Damansara Damai 1 (SMKDD1).

The school had 40 of their students; comprising prefects and librarians, participate in the programme which was held 9th – 11th November 2016.



The first day of the programme kicked off with an interesting ice-breaking game that tested the integrity of the students. With this, the topic of Integrity was smoothly introduced to them. The day went on with presentations on topics such as 'TI-M as an NGO', 'Ethics & Integrity'

and 'Corruption'. Short games were played and activities were given in between presentations, keeping the students well engaged. The final part of the first day programme involved having the students break in to groups and inventing their own projects that could promote integrity or combat corruption. Students were then asked to present their ideas.



Students presented their own group projects: Pic 1, creation of t-shirt, Pic 2, creation of game using waze to promote anti-corruption, Pic 3, a group presenting their case studies that could be used to test students' level of Integrity

On the second day, TI-M organized a field-trip for the participating students. The first trip was made to the Kuala Lumpur Legal Aid Centre (KLLAC). Students were greeted with a short ice-breaking game and were introduced to the works of KLLAC by the employees of KLLAC. The introduction was then joined by the KLLAC Chairman, Mr. Shukor Tokachil, who briefed the students on the job of lawyers, crime, rights of individuals who are accused of crime, and the Malaysian court and arrest systems.

The second trip was made to the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA). At MACA, students and TI-M staffs were welcomed by the Head of Excellency, Tuan Encik Azlan Aziz and MACA Officers. After the welcoming speech, the team at MACA showed students the Video Recording Room and the famous 'Kevin Morais Moot Court'. Through the excursion in MACA, students learnt the process of investigating corruption cases, the process of prosecution and charging and the punishments for the offence of corruption.

The field trip ended with its final visit to the Malaysian Parliament. Students gained some knowledge on how issues are debated at the Parliament and how bills get passed by the lawmakers.

The final day of the programme marked the launch of the 'Integrity Club' at SMKDD1. The event launch



Launching the 'Integrity Club' of SMKDD1 - From left; Dato Akhbar Satar, Than Chew Keok & A. Talib Ismail

was officiated by Dato' Akhbar Satar, TI-M President and A.Talib Ismail, Principal of SMKDD1. Joining them for the launch was Ms. Than Chew Keok, Principal Assistant Director from the Community Education Division of Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC).

The 'Integrity Club' has been set up to promote the topic of Integrity among the students of SMKDD1. Year 2017 will see TI-M providing the students with guidelines and materials that allow the members of the club to conduct their own integrity awareness campaigns and events within their school, enabling their schoolmates to also have an understanding on integrity and corruption.



Dato' Akhbar presenting the signed banner for the 'Integrity Club' of SMKDD1

In the long run, TI-M aims to conduct more events as such, reaching out to more schools in various parts of Malaysia.

2016 Basic Compliance & Ethics Academy at SCCE, Singapore

By Chin Fang Pang

The Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics (SCCE) is an association for the professionals in the Compliance field. Established in 2004, it is headquartered in Minneapolis MN, United State of America. The **Basic Compliance and Ethics Academy** is a three-and-a-half-day intensive program focusing on subject areas that are at the heart of compliance practice. The Academy addresses methods for implementing and managing compliance programs based on the 'Seven Element Approach'.

Ms. Pang from Transparency International-Malaysia (TI-M) and Mr. Ferdian Yazid from TI-Indonesia were sponsored by TI-Secretariat to attend SCCE's Basic Compliance & Ethics Academy in Singapore from 11 to 14 July 2016. 65 participants from 16 countries; including 8 from Malaysia, attended the conference. The conference provided a great exposure to practical compliance and ethics management.

Many valuable topics were included in the academy, i.e. Organizational Ethics, Education & training, Compliance infrastructure, Creating & reviewing compliance policies & procedures, Compliance & Ethics Risk Assessment Auditing & monitoring, Privacy, Investigations, Effectiveness & Evaluation, Conflict of interest and Anti-corruption & bribery.

Besides gaining knowledge from the professional speakers, another remarkable experience was the opportunity to interact with Compliance & Ethics practitioners from different industries such as the aerospace & defense, healthcare, medical & pharmaceutical, consumer goods manufacturer, restaurant, banking & finance, chemicals, business advisory, semiconductor and electronic manufacturing.



Group photo of delegates and speakers in SCCE's Basic Compliance & Ethics

Editorial

“As we cross the dateline into 2017, let’s continue our march in fighting corruption and step up our personal integrity”

I shall begin this Editorial with sincere wishes to TI-M Members and all readers of this Newsletter ‘Happy New Year’ and also, ‘A Prosperous Lunar Year of the Rooster’.

In the old fashioned way, I take the opportunity of the four main ‘new year’ celebrations in Malaysia - Chinese New Year, Hari Raya, Deepavali and Christmas - to express good wishes, shake hands, give bear hugs and wish my friends the best of health and continued good fortune. So, I wish all readers of this Newsletter, the same.

Congratulations would be in order for Dato Akhbar Satar, TI-M President and Dr. Pola Singh, TI-M Exco Member, for the launch of their respective books.

We also congratulate and thank the dedicated Staff of TI Malaysia for the launch of the first “Integrity Club” – a collaborative effort between TI Malaysia and secondary schools. The idea of “Integrity Club” was founded with the purpose of educating our youths at secondary school level on the subject of ‘integrity’ – what ‘integrity’ really means and how it applies in our daily lives. We plan to extend this collaboration with many more secondary schools in the Klang Valley. Keep it up Team! (*Full story on Pg. 9-11*).

TI-M participated in several successful ‘Best Practice Sessions’ with some of Malaysia’s most prominent organizations such as Telekom Malaysia (TM) and PETRONAS. This effort will continue throughout 2017.

On the issue of corruption, Malaysia is once again under international scrutiny. Many of the questions and issues raised over missing funds are still left unanswered.

As conscientious citizens step up their efforts in urging the government to hold itself to higher ethical standards, the nation mourns the sudden loss of one of the most distinguished members of the cabinet. The late Chief Minister of Sarawak, Tan Sri Adenan Satem was known for having the courage and fortitude to spearhead the anti-corruption campaign in Sarawak soon after assuming the office of Chief Minister. It is now crucial for his successor to continue his unprecedented efforts to put a stop to illegal logging. In his own words,



Adenan declared: “Don’t mess with me”. TI Malaysia extends our condolences to the family of the late Tan Sri Adenan Satem and to all *anak Sarawak*. Tan Sri Adenan Satem’s shoes will be hard for anyone to fit but soldier on... we must.

And so, as we cross the dateline into 2017, let’s continue our march in fighting corruption and step up our personal integrity.

In the name of Transparency, I remain...

Faridah Rohani

EDITOR

TI-M Celebrates the International Anti-Corruption Day 2016

By Bavani Jayadevan. R

Transparency International-Malaysia (TI-M) was called upon by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC), Prasarana Malaysia and Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) to collaborate in a two-day programme (9th-10th December) in conjunction with the International Anti-Corruption Day, which falls every year on 9th December.

The first day of the programme allowed for all of the participating partners, including TI-M, to open a booth for the purpose of raising Integrity and Anti-Corruption awareness at the MARA Digital Mall in Kuala Lumpur. With the booth, TI-M had the opportunity to showcase and distribute its informative reading materials.

*TI-M Employees
at MARA Digital
Mall.*

*L-R: Bavani
(Senior
Executive), Pang
Chin Fang
(Project
Executive) &
Chak Tze Chin
(Manager)*



Besides that, TI-M also took the opportunity of conducting a minor poll that looks in to the attitudes of people in reporting incidences of corruption and if they have ever encountered corruption themselves. TI-M also distributed goodie bags to some members of the public who had managed to answer questions accurately regarding TI-M and its objective in a session at the mall where TI-M was invited to interact with the crowd. On the second day, TI-M along with the participating partners and volunteers took part in the LRT Walkabout 2016. Participating members visited several train stations raising awareness through distributing brochures on corruption and methods to report corruption. TI-M employees and volunteers were positioned in two major train stations; K.L Sentral and KLCC. TI-M continued conducting the polls and distributing materials to the general public at the stations.

It is our hopes that programmes as such are organized more frequently as it increases the level of awareness on Integrity, TI-M and its objectives among the people from all walks of life.



Above picture: A 10 year-old boy who was explaining to TI-M employees what corruption is. Impressive!



Employees from TI-M, MACC & MARA on their way to KLCC for the Walkabout



Above picture, L-R: Dato' Akhbar Satar (President, TI-M) & Datuk Dzulkifli Ahmad (Chief Commissioner, MACC)

17th International Anti-Corruption Conference

The 17th Global Anti-Corruption Conference was held in Panama City, Panama from 1st - 4th December 2016 with the theme of: "Time for Justice: Equity, Security and Trust. It was hosted by the Panamanian Government and jointly organized by the International Anti-Corruption Conference Council (IACC) and Transparency International with the participation of Transparency International Panama.

Transparency International Malaysia (TI-M) was represented by Dato Akhbar Satar, President and M.Kanakaraja, Treasurer of TI-M as participants at the conference.

The conference was officiated by the Panama's President, Juan Carlos Varela. In his welcoming speech, he thanked the media for exposing the Panama's Paper even though the scandal has tarnished Panama's image.



L - R: Dato'Akhbar & Mr. Kanakaraja

During the 4 days conference there were over 20 workshops and panels, four film screenings and two plenaries. The topics covered among others were the Panama Paper, Human Trafficking, Government Corruption, Anti-Corruption and Open Government Partnership and Money Laundering.

While attending the conference, TI-M representatives took the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas, fostering working relationship with other TI Chapter members. Area that were discussed include fund raising activities, anti-corruption activities and working together with government enforcement agencies in fighting corruption. Discussion was also held with TI Secretariat members on possible projects which can be funded by TI Berlin.

Another important outcome from the meeting with various TI chapters was that 5 chapter members from Asia Pacific namely Mongolia, New Zealand, Taiwan, Australia, and Malaysia have agreed in principle to form a group to work together. The first meeting is expected to be held in New Zealand in the 3rd quarter of the year.

The conference ended with The Panama Declaration: Time for Justice, Equity, Security and Trust. The closing ceremony was officiated by her Excellency Isabel Saint Malo de Alvarado, Vice President of Panama with a message that transparency and acting in rule of law are the basis for sustainable development.

The next 18th IACC will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark in 2018.

ASEAN ‘Sustainable Development Goal’ Strategy Setting Workshop

On 25 September 2015, The UN General Assembly adopted new global goals, the “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” as the drivers of policies, programmes and projects for national and multilateral institutions of government to 2030, to focus actions across the globe to bring the core strengths of our civilisation to its real potential. Goal 16 focuses on peace, justice and strong institutions, among the targets under goal 16 are:

- By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime
- Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms
- Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels
- Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements

To achieve peace, justice and inclusion common goal together, a group of South East Asia’s civil societies including some of the national chapter of Transparency International together with Transparency International Secretariat were gathered at Siem Reap Cambodia (2nd-3rd November 2016), to have a greater understanding on ASEAN’s governments’ national level commitment under the SDG Goal 16, exploring possible avenues to hold ASEAN government accountable for their SDG commitment through ASEAN anti-corruption framework, working together to build a common advocacy strategy to campaign for ASEAN level monitoring mechanism for SDG monitoring. The civil societies who participated in these workshop are from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand. These civil societies including: Asian Democracy Network, Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development, Centre to Combat Corruption & Cronyism (C4), Cooperation Committee for Cambodia, Luta Hamutuk and TI Focal Point, East Timor, Indonesia Global Compact Network, Myanmar Alliance for Transparency and Accountability, Proright Foundation, Thailand, The NGO Forum, Cambodia, TI- Cambodia, TI- Indonesia, TI- Malaysia, TI- Secretariat, Towards Transparency Vietnam and Yone Kyi Yar, Myanmar.

The group has identified some national and regional work together to implement solutions to deliver justice and combat corruption and ensure inclusive participation at all times. It was stressed during the workshop that freedom to express views in private and in public must be guaranteed by the ASEAN government respectively while laws and policies must be applied without any form of discrimination. National and local institutions must be accountable and need to be in place to deliver basic services to families and communities equitably and without the need for bribes.

The ASEAN Vision 2025 emphasizes strengthening democracy, good governance, and the rule of law, promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms as well as combating corruption to uplift people's standard of living in the ASEAN region. The group has formed a regional coalition and to call on ASEAN to incorporate the relevant SDG anti-corruption and good governance targets as key indicators in constructing the ASEAN Integrity Dialogue, the mechanism to promote anti-corruption work proposed in the ASEAN 2016-2025 work plan. This should specifically include targets related to tackling corruption and bribery, stopping illegal financial flows within and out of the region, the enactment and implementation of right to information laws realizing peoples' right to search, receive and impart information, and building strong institutions, including a network of strong anti-corruption commissions in the ASEAN region.

 *TI-M's Intern*

Maya Banks (July-October 2016)

Maya graduated last year from University of California, Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in Political Economy, with a focus on Chinese Political Economics. While at university, she completed a few internships in public relations and business administration, and also aided a PHD student with her research on Ghanaian fisheries for over a year and a half. After graduation, she worked as an accountant for a venture capital firm for nearly a year. Maya has chosen to join Transparency International Malaysia for a three month internship stint beginning in July 2016. She is excited to utilize her past experiences to aid TI-M, learn new skills, and to be a part of making a difference in the Malaysian anti-corruption campaign.



Executive Committee Members Representing TI-M at Events



Dato' Akhbar Satar at the Integrity Forum on FELDA Group Integrity Day - 1st November 2016



Dr. Muhammad Mohan talked about business integrity to the team of Koperasi Kakitangan Bank Rakyat Berhad



Mr. Yunus Yusop presenting at the 4th Anti-Corruption Compliance Asia Pacific Summit 2016 (6th-9th Dec, 2016) in Hong Kong



Dr Pola Singh gave a talk on "Corruption, Transparency, Integrity, and Good Governance" to the staff of SUHAKAM

Get Involved – Report Corruption!

TI-M aims to encourage people to speak up against corruption and therefore contribute to a nation with Integrity and free of corruption. TI-M can guide you through the redress mechanisms available, the process of submitting a complaint, and information about the Protection Act 2010 for Whistleblowers.

Report Corruption! Call Hotline **1800-220122**, Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm

LET'S STAND FIRM AGAINST CORRUPTION!

Do you believe in the values that uphold **GOOD GOVERNANCE**?

Do you believe that **COLLECTIVE ACTION** could bring about a positive change to the nation?

Do you wish to be a part of **THE VOICE** against corruption?

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