

# MALAYSIA LAUNCHES ASEAN STUDY ON THE RIGHT TO ...

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## **MALAYSIA LAUNCHES ASEAN STUDY ON THE RIGHT TO PEACE AND ACTIONABLE PLATFORM TO ADVANCE PATHWAYS TO PEACE IN ASEAN**

**1-2 JULY 2025**

Led by Malaysia's Representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) and AICHR Chair 2025 Edmund Bon Tai Soon, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, AICHR will host two key peace initiatives from 1 to 2 July 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Aimed at advancing ASEAN's regional peace and human rights agenda, AICHR officially launched its Thematic Study on the Right to Peace on 1 July. The study is a significant milestone in ASEAN's move towards implementing a rights-based approach to peace and reaffirms that the right to peace is a fundamental human right, and is essential for sustainable development, human dignity, and the enjoyment of all other human rights. The study also provides important policy recommendations to support ASEAN initiatives to respect human rights and implement practices to secure regional peace and security in line with the ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

On 2 July, AICHR will commence its six-part AICHR Regional Training Programme on Human Rights titled "Workshops on Intersection Between Conflict and Human Rights: Pathways and Approaches to Peace in ASEAN". The first workshop hosted by Malaysia will focus on how stakeholders can build peace through conflict prevention and methods to sustain durable and lasting peace. It aims to build the capacity of ASEAN officials to prevent conflict and promote sustainable peace through the practical application of human rights principles.

This programme seeks to strengthen ASEAN's collective ability to implement proactive peacebuilding strategies. Further, it will provide a platform for the sharing of experiences and to map conflict dynamics at local, national, and regional levels. Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar Tan Sri Othman Hashim will deliver the keynote address. Participants include ASEAN government officials, and representatives from national human rights institutions, civil society organisations, and academia.

Both initiatives demonstrate Malaysia's leadership as the ASEAN Chair in implementing its inclusivity and sustainability agenda while supporting ASEAN strategic priorities to enhance regional peace, strengthen multilateralism, and foster a resilient, active, and people-centred ASEAN Community.

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