

#ASEAN: ASEAN Community : Malaysia Needs To Strengthen Domestic Laws
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 25 (Bernama) -- Malaysia needs to ensure that its domestic laws are in place, strengthened and relevant in order to tackle and safeguard the nation and its interest as the country, together with the other Asean member states steer towards realizing the ASEAN Community.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Nancy Shukri said Malaysia must be ready to accept numerous challenges that would arise in realizing the ASEAN community integration, envisioned by the 10-member states grouping.

"As we are all aware, with additional windows of opportunity, there are increased risks.

"Therefore, the key players are none other than lawyers and legal practitioners as well as law experts and academicians who would be the advisors, strategists and administrators," she said here when commenting on legislation challenges for Malaysia with the establishment of the ASEAN Community.

Established in 1967, ASEAN comprises 10 countries, namely Brunei Darussalam, the Philippines, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

The Asean Community, which was set for establishment by the end of 2015, would among others result in a deeper and wider regional integration that would enable Asean to be more competitive globally.

Malaysia, which is currently holding the chairmanship, is hosting the 26th ASEAN Summit on 26-27 in Kuala Lumpur and Langkawi.

Commenting further, Nancy said although the ASEAN Charter would serve as a solid foundation in achieving the ASEAN Community by providing legal status and institutional framework, there were still numerous challenges that must be addressed by the grouping.

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