

20 February 2023 | Pullman Hotel Kuching

Malaysia Interfaith Harmony Week Forum 2023's theme is in line with World Interfaith Harmony Week 2023 theme "Love of God and Love of the Neighbour; Love of the Good and Love of the Neighbour". The forum showcased one (1) moderator and seven (7) panelists from the Bahá'í, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, and Taoism faiths sharing the importance of love based on their own faith's perspectives, messages of goodwill, acceptance of religions, cultural diversity as well as steps taken to enhance this love among our multi-racial and religious society. The Malaysian panel members, all experts in their own right, gave an insightful presentation of the religions they represent, impressing the attendees.

It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR) under the Sarawak Government has organized this forum since year 2019 and 2020. This year this common platform of harmony, unity and peace for all religions is celebrated at a bigger and grander scale. The forum was attended by 1,100 audiences in a local renowned hotel consisting of government officials, policy makers, members of houses of worship, community leaders, students as well public who were also able to view the forum via social media (UKAS or TVS - Facebook/YouTube/TikTok) live online or live tv broadcasting (TVS) based on the following links.





UKAS Facebook <a href="https://fb.watch/iOzyyylYc\_/?mibextid=tejx2t">https://fb.watch/iOzyyylYc\_/?mibextid=tejx2t</a>

**UKAS** Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/live/sAEzYIS32Fk?feature=share

### TVS Facebook

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\_fbid=6072809542770681&id=768435539896684&mibextid=NnVzG8

# TVS Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/live/d-hg7RIijkk?feature=share

# FORUM'S OBJECTIVES:

- a. To uphold the first Malaysia National Principles: Belief in God in line with the forum's theme;
- b. To promote the value of respect, appreciation and acceptance in religious and cultural diversity through dialogues, education and public awareness;
- c. To create a platform for sharing experiences, knowledge and good practices to promote and enhance harmonious relationships and acceptance in the community; and
- d. To increase understanding and harmony between members of multi religions through effective interaction and emphasis on the practice of universal virtues especially the values of goodwill.

### **FORUM'S PANELISTS:**

- Moderator Professor Datuk ChM. Ts. Dr. Taufiq Yap Yun Hin
- Baha'i Ms Wua Ming Hui
- Buddhism Venerable Sing Kan
- Christianity Most Rev Archbishop Dr. Simon Poh
- Hinduism Thondar Mamani Dr. Balachandran Annamalai
- Islam Ustaz Suharman Edward
- Sikhism Associate Professor Sandar Dr. Harwindar Singh
- Taoism Dr. Elena Chai

# **ORGANISER:**

Unit for Other Religions (UNIFOR), Department of Premier of Sarawak (UNIFOR is the first government agency established in Malaysia in year 2017 to manage the needs of the Other Religious Institutions in Sarawak, Malaysia.)

# **FORUM PICTURE**

































