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DRAFT PROGRAM

Conference in Malaysia: “Social Cohesion and Progress”

30 – 31 August 2019, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

29 August 2019

13.30 – 17.00 hrs

Please note:

SocDem Asia Conference on the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the Network for Social Democracy in Asia, “Breaking Through: A Decade of Social Democratic Struggles and Victories”

Venue: Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur, 50000 Kuala Lumpur

30 August 2019

08.00 hrs **Registration**

09.00 hrs **Meeting of the Steering Committee** (not open to the press)

All parties and associated organisations of the Progressive Alliance are entitled to send delegates to the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee prepares the conference, discusses resolutions and the upcoming activities of the Progressive Alliance.

Chaired by **Konstantin Woinoff**, Coordinator, Progressive Alliance



Welcome

Teo Nie Ching, International Secretary, Democratic Action Party (DAP), Malaysia

Machris Cabrerros, Coordinator, Network of Social Democracy in Asia

Discussion and Adoption of Resolutions

10.00 hrs

Coffee Break

10.15 hrs

Recent Developments in Asia (not open to the press)

Wan Hamidi bin Wan Hamid

Media Advisor, Democratic Action Party (DAP), Malaysia

Thanatorn Juangroongruangkit, Leader, Future Forward Party, Thailand

Dr. Narayan Khadka, Nepali Congress Party

Martin Manurung, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance, International Secretary, National Democratic Party (NasDem), Indonesia

Moderator: **Lim Yi Wei**, Member of the Selangor State Assembly, Democratic Action Party (DAP), Malaysia

11.15 hrs

Working Group on Gender (not open to the press)

Chaired by **Bahia Amra**, Palestinian National Initiative (PNI), Palestine

Combatting Women Income Inequality in Malaysia

Chong Eng, Chairwoman of DAP Women's Wing Democratic Action Party (DAP), Malaysia

Safe Spaces for Women and Girls in the Philippines

Rafaela David, International Secretary, Citizens' Action Party (Akbayan), Philippines



The Continuing Fight for Gender Justice

Ruth Manorama, Janata Dal (Secular), India, President of the National Dalit Women Federation, Laureate of the Right Livelihood Award

Narrowing the gender inequality in New Zealand

Antonia Verstappen, New Zealand Labour Party (NZLP), New Zealand

12.15 hrs

Lunch

14.00 hrs

Plenary Session (open to the press)

Opening and Welcome

Lim Guan Eng, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance, General Secretary and Finance Minister, Democratic Action Party (DAP), Malaysia

14.20 hrs

Introductions into the topic Progress and Social Cohesion

Speech

Maria João Rodrigues, President, European Foundation of Progressive Studies (FEPS)

14.35 hrs

Leaders' Debate: Progress and Social Cohesion

Antonio Bonfatti, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance, President, Socialist Party (PS), Argentina

Yeo Bee Yin, Minister for Energy, Science and Technology, Environment, and Climate Change Democratic Action Party (DAP), Malaysia

Elke Ferner, Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD), Germany

Christopher Ng, Regional Secretary, Asia and Pacific, UNI Global Union



Moderator: **Teo Nie Ching**, Deputy Minister for Education, Democratic Action Party (DAP), Malaysia

15.45 hrs **Family Photo**

16.00 hrs **Introductions into the second topic Decent Work, Growth and Human Development**

Speech

Liew Chin Tong, Deputy Minister for Defense, Democratic Action Party (DAP), Malaysia

Speech

16.15 hrs **Key Debate on Decent Work, Growth and Human Development**

Margarita Bolaños Arquín, Member of the Board of the Progressive Alliance, Citizens' Action Party (PAC), Costa Rica

Sandeep Dixit, Indian National Congress (INC), India

Ana Pirtskhalava, General Secretary, International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY)

Budiman Sudjatmiko, Member of the House of Representatives, Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle (PDI-Perjuangan), Indonesia

Dimitri Tskitishvili, Member of Parliament, Georgian Dream Party, Georgia

Moderator: **Conny Reuter**, General Secretary, SOLIDAR

17.30 hrs **Closing Remarks and Outlook**

Machris Cabrerros, **Konstantin Woinoff** and **Johan Hassel**, International Secretary, Swedish Social Democratic Party (SAP), Sweden



17.45 hrs **Closure**

19.30 hrs **Reception**

Restaurant Precious Old China
Central Market

31 August 2019

06.30 hrs **Transfer to the Celebrations of the Independence Day**

Venue: Lobby of the hotel

10.00 hrs **Participation on the Celebrations of the
Independence Day „Hari Merdeka”**

13.00 hrs **End of the day**