



**MEDIA STATEMENT
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PRESS STATEMENT

KUALA LUMPUR (3 OCTOBER 2020) - The Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) is deeply saddened at the loss of one of its strongest allies in pushing for the necessary human rights reforms in the country, YB Datuk Liew Vui Keong, who was the former Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Law and Parliamentary Affairs).

He was highly committed to realising human rights for all by pushing for various legal reforms, including the abolition of the mandatory death penalty, introduction of a law on the right to information, establishment of an Independent Police Complaints and Misconduct Commission (IPCMC), among others. In this regard, SUHAKAM had the honour of working closely with him on the aforementioned matters.

He was also cognizant of the need for human rights awareness especially in Parliament. In 2019, he realised SUHAKAM's 20-year hope for its annual report to be debated in Parliament. SUHAKAM's 2018 Annual Report was debated in Parliament on 5 December 2019 for the first time since 1999 and this has been heralded as a major breakthrough in SUHAKAM's continuous efforts to highlight pressing human rights issues in the country.

SUHAKAM extends its heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones. At the same time, SUHAKAM also reaffirms its commitment to continue to push for the human rights reforms he had started.

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