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REGIONAL DELEGATION KUALA LUMPUR

FACTS & FIGURES - 2016 HIGHLIGHTS



Lili Chin/ICRC



Taping Prison

Having worked in Malaysia since 1972, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) established the Kuala Lumpur regional delegation in 2001, overseeing activities in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei. It works with Governments and National Societies – including through the ICRC Regional Resource Centre supporting delegations across Asia – to promote international humanitarian law (IHL)/humanitarian principles and gain support for the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement’s activities. In Malaysia, ICRC visits detainees, works with authorities to address issues identified during visits and helps detained migrants contact their families. In Sabah, it works with the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) in favor of vulnerable communities in the field of health.

VISITING DETAINEES AND ENGAGING WITH DETAINING AUTHORITIES

CARRIED OUT 50 visits to 8 Prisons, 5 Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs) and 1 Temporary Detention Centre (TDC) in Malaysia

ORGANISED workshops and **information sessions** for prison and immigration staff to enhance the dialogue on welfare of detainees and the management of detention facilities

VISITED 24,314 detainees

DISTRIBUTED soap to 1,172 detainees and **hygiene items** to 80 female detainees

DONATED medical equipment to 6 IDCs and to 1 TDC



MAINTAINING CONTACTS BETWEEN SEPARATED FAMILY MEMBERS

- 3,142** direct phone calls made by 2,165 detained migrants to their relatives
- 468** Red Cross Messages (RCM) and 661 oral “salamat” messages. Among the RCM, 307 were between detainees and their relatives
- 15** streaming/Skype calls, 134 Red Cross Messages and various oral “salamat” messages to help detainees in US Guantanamo Bay detention facility maintain contact with relatives in Malaysia
- 5** ICRC Travel Documents issued, allowing 5 people to travel abroad for resettlement purposes and be reunited with their families
- 1st** Asia Pacific regional meeting on migration themed “Mobilising the Movement: Humanitarian responses to migration in the Asia-Pacific”, with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Asia Pacific Office and Asia Pacific Migration Network (APMN). 18 leaders and migration focal points from national societies across the region attended



PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)

SUPPORTED the participation

of Government representatives from Malaysia at the Universal Meeting of National Committees and similar bodies on IHL in Geneva

ORGANISED seminars on IHL throughout the year, with over 300 students, among them in University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and the National University of Singapore

ORGANISED the 13th session of the National IHL Moot Court **competition** with the University of Malaya (UM) with nine universities participating

HELD the second National IHL Role Play Competition with the National University of Malaysia (UKM) attended by 60 students from 9 public and private universities

SUPPORTED the participation of academics and government representatives from Malaysia and Singapore in the Southeast and Northeast Asia Session on IHL held in Hiroshima, Japan



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WORKING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY



PARTICIPATED in key multilateral fora, including the World Economic Forum on ASEAN, Shangri-La Dialogue and spoke at the Asia Pacific Roundtable on Human Insecurity. Established a regular dialogue with ASEAN desk officials in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei and other ASEAN related entities such as the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR), the ASEAN Foundation and the ASEAN Commission on the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)



BROADENED DIALOGUE with humanitarian actors, including religious NGOs and academics. Hosted an interfaith dialogue on humanitarian principles and action with religious NGOs



STRENGTHENED TIES with key think tanks, such as the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) in Malaysia and in Singapore with the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS) and the Asia Research Institute (ARI). Hosted an IHL Forum with ISIS Malaysia gathering 30 government personnel, academics, diplomats and humanitarian actors



CONTRIBUTED to an increased coverage by media of ICRC news, humanitarian issues and principles as well as IHL. Organised the Young Humanitarian Writers Competition with The National Press Club Malaysia, drawing over 150 entries in English and Bahasa Malaysia from young writers across Malaysia

WORKING WITH THE POLICE AND ARMED FORCES

- Supported the participation of officers from the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) and the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) in the Senior Workshop on International Rules in Military Operations, Regional Law of Armed Conflict at Sea course and Rules of Engagement Workshop
- Participated in 3 major multinational military exercises involving the MAF, SAF and USPACOM
- Conducted briefings on IHL and the ICRC at the SAF Staff College, the Regional Humanitarian Coordination Centre, the Royal Brunei Command and Staff College, MAF Defence College, MAF Staff College, Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM), MAF Joint Warfare Centre and Malaysian Peacekeeping Centre
- Spoke at the annual Asia Pacific Program for Senior Military Officers in Singapore and enhanced the dialogue with Joint Force, Army, Navy and Air Force commanders, advisors and think tanks of USPACOM
- Engaged with the Royal Malaysian Police and conducted regular seminars and training for senior police personnel, including 3 workshops attended by 120 senior officers from the Federal Reserve Unit, Criminal Investigation Department and ESSCOM
- Strengthened ties with ASEANAPOL in Malaysia and discussed with the Singapore Police Force about regular participation in USPACOM-led exercises in Relief and Peace-building Operations



WORKING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR

DEEPENED dialogue with business contacts and broadened the network in Singapore, fostering an increasing interest in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement work and expertise

CONTINUED dialogue with the Singapore Red Cross on joint private sector fundraising strategy

SECURED financial support for the ICRC and Singapore Red Cross from a charity gala dinner organised by a production house in Singapore

STRENGTHENED relationship with CSR Asia and Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN), with a view to increasing interest in the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement work

WORKED with a Corporate Support Group member's staff on refining the private sector fundraising strategy

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT

COOPERATED with the Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS), the Singapore Red Cross (SRC) and the Brunei Darussalam Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) in areas such as the promotion of IHL, Restoring Family Links (RFL), and public communication

TOGETHER with the Sabah branch of the MRCS, conducted first-aid training sessions for 248 villagers and MRCS volunteers as well as health education/hygiene promotion sessions for 1,459 children in 13 schools in Sabah

CO-ORGANISED with the SRC and the IFRC the 2nd Health and Humanitarian Action for Emergencies workshop for humanitarian professionals from Singapore and South East Asia (SEA) as well as supported wider capacity development trainings for SRC's volunteers on their overseas deployments during emergencies

MAINTAINED a close cooperation with the IFRC in order to coordinate the emergency response across the region, including RFL services

ORGANISED a RFL Regional Meeting gathering RFL representatives of 21 National Societies and 19 ICRC Delegations across the region, as well as the participation of 3 IFRC colleagues, to discuss RFL needs and responses for victims and their families



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