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PROGRAMME
Day I, May 16, Thursday

08.30 - 09.00  Registration

09.00 - 10.00  Opening Session

Welcome Remarks

Tan Sri Kamarul Ariffin
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Inaugural Address:

Y.B Dato' Shafie Apdal
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Keynote Address:
"Press Freedom and Professional Standards in Asia"

T.J.S. George
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10.00 - 10.30  Tea Break
10.30 - 12.30  Press Freedom: Asian Perspectives

Chair:  Prof. Abu Bakar Hamid
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Siam Post, Thailand

Prof. Syed Arabi Idid
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12.30 - 14.00  Lunch
14.00 - 15.30  The Role of Media Monitoring Mechanisms

Chair: Justice Michael Kirby
High Court of Australia

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Osmania University, India

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Joint-Secretary
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Gamini Weerackoon
Editor, Island Newspaper
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15.30 - 16.00  Tea Break

16.00 - 17.30  Press Freedom and Professional Standards: The Role of Press Councils and Journalists' Unions

Chair: Dato' Mazlan Nordin
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Philippine Press Institute

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Oon Ee Seng
Secretary-General
Confederation of ASEAN Journalists

19:00-20:30 Dinner hosted by the Parliamentary Secretary,
Ministry of Information
Malaysia

Day II, May 17, Friday

09.00 - 11.00 Social and Cultural Factors Affecting Press Freedom

Chair: Dr. Shirani Bandaranayake
University of Colombo
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Thammasat University, Thailand

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Ramon Tuazon
Associate Director
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11.00 - 12.30 Press Freedom: Commonwealth Perspectives

Chair: Dr. Rex Nettleford
University of the West Indies

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 The New Multimedia Environment and Its Impact on the Press

Chair: Derek Ingram
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Managing Director
Fourth Dimension, Malaysia

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15.30 - 16.00 Tea Break
16:00 - 17:30 Working Groups

**Working Group I: Preserving and Promoting Press Freedom**
Chair: George Verghese

**Working Group II: Mechanisms for Strengthening Professional Standards**
Chair: Jalaluddin Ahmed

20:00-22:30 Dinner hosted by the New Straits Times

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**Day III, May 18, Saturday**

09.00 - 12:00 **Presentation of Working Groups' Reports & Discussion of Seminar Recommendations**
Chair: Sunanda Datta-Ray, Straits Times, Singapore

**Closing**

12.00-14.00 Lunch
14:00-15:00 CAEJAC AGM
15:00-15:30 Tea Break
15:30-17:30 CAEJAC Seminar
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