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"Press Freedom and Professional  
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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  
Group Executive Chairman  
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UNESCO Regional Communication Adviser for Asia

**Inaugural Address:**

Y.B Dato' Shafie Apdal  
Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Information Malaysia

**Keynote Address:**

**"Press Freedom and Professional Standards in Asia"**

T.J.S. George  
Editorial Consultant Indian Express

10.00 - 10.30 Tea Break

10.30 - 12.30 **Press Freedom: Asian Perspectives**

Chair: Prof. Abu Bakar Hamid  
Chairman, BERNAMA

Mahfuz Anam  
Editor, The Star, Bangladesh

R. Srinivasan  
Editor, Indian Express, India

Susanto Pudjomartono  
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Paisal Sricharatchanya  
Managing Director  
Siam Post, Thailand

Prof. Syed Arabi Idid  
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

12.30 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 **The Role of Media Monitoring Mechanisms**

Chair: Justice Michael Kirby  
High Court of Australia

Dr. Usha Vyasulu Reddi  
Osmania University, India

Jalaluddin Ahmed  
Joint-Secretary  
Ministry of Information , Bangladesh

Gamini Weerackoon  
Editor, Island Newspaper  
Sri Lanka

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  
Chairman, Malaysian Press Institute

Vergel Santos  
Associate Director  
Philippine Press Institute

G.D. Shrestha  
Chairman, Nepal Press Council

~~B.N. Gangopadhaya  
Vice-Chairman,  
SAARC Journalists Forum~~

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  
Sri Lanka

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Thammasat University, Thailand

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11.00-1230 **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  
Gemini News Agency, UK

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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

**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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