



Prof. Datuk Dr. Chiam Heng Keng

Malaysia's Representative to the ACWC for Children's Rights

Dr. Chiam, Ph.D., who is a well-known authority on child and adolescent psychology and early childhood education and was also formerly the Professor of Social Psychology at the Department of Educational Psychology, University of Malaya. Recently appointed to champion the ramping of early childhood care and education in Malaysia, which is one of the initiatives under the Government Transformation Programme. For her contribution to children's development and promotion of children's rights, she was appointed as Malaysia's Representative for Children to the ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) in 2010. She holds a Ph.D. in Education and has authored several books, chapters in books, and numerous peer-reviewed articles in her field of specialization, social issues and education and a columnist for the Sunday Star. She was one of the three longest serving Human Rights Commissioners in the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM), with her 5th term ended in April 2010. She sits on a number of Advisory Councils and on numerous committees as Chairperson, Consultant/ Advisor or Committee Member; to name a few: the National Coordination Council for the Protection of Children, the National Science Centre Advisory Council, the National Children's Council of Advisors and Consultants, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development and Children under Remand Committee.