

Dengan izin, Yang Arif.

1. Saya, Foo Qiao Wei, hadir bagi pihak Jawatankuasa Peguam Negeri Melaka. Puan Karen Cheah Yee Lynn hadir bagi pihak Majlis Peguam Malaysia dalam kapasiti beliau sebagai Presiden Majlis Peguam Malaysia, dan rakan bijaksana saya, Puan Norafiah Binti Saini yang hadir bagi pihak Penasihat Undang-Undang Negeri Melaka dan Yang Berbahagia Peguam Negara.
2. Saya menyambut kehadiran Pengerusi-Pengerusi terdahulu Jawatankuasa Peguam Negeri Melaka, Encik A.C. Vohrah, Encik Ng Kong Peng, Encik Jaspal Singh Gill dan Encik Nitin Kumar a/l Gordhan yang telah meluangkan masa mereka untuk hadir bersama kami dalam prosiding pada hari ini. Saya juga pohon untuk direkodkan bahawa Puan Karen Cheah Yee Lynn turut hadir dalam kapasiti beliau sebagai salah seorang bekas Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Peguam Negeri Melaka.
3. Saya mengucapkan ribuan terima kasih kepada Yang Arif dan pegawai-pegawai Mahkamah Melaka yang telah bersetuju untuk meneruskan dengan tradisi prosiding reference ini dan memberi kerjasama sepenuhnya. Untuk makluman Yang Arif, prosiding reference yang terakhir telah diadakan di Mahkamah ini pada 30 Julai 2015. Prosiding reference adalah suatu upacara yang penting dan penuh bermakna, di mana ketiga-tiga institusi yang berfungsi untuk menegakkan keadilan iaitu Badan Kehakiman, Peguam Negara dan Majlis Peguam, hadir bersama untuk memperingati kehidupan peguam-peguam yang telah memberikan sumbangan yang tidak terhingga dan usaha mantap mereka dalam memperkembangkan alam perundangan negara.
4. Yang Arif, saya pohon kebenaran untuk meneruskan ucapan saya dalam Bahasa Inggeris. Much obliged.
5. My Lord, we are gathered here this morning in solemn assembly to pay tribute to the memory of 6 members of the Melaka Bar who have passed on since 2018, and to express our heartfelt condolences to their bereaved families as we honour their lives,

their beliefs and convictions. It is only apt that we remember them and how they have touched us along the way during their lifetime.

6. My Lord, the families of all our 6 departed brothers and sisters at law have been invited to this ceremony and they are seated in the first 2 rows of the gallery. I wish to let them know that these 6 members were exemplary to the legal profession, and I offer to them the deepest condolences from the Malacca Bar. I also dedicate a poem from Alfred, Lord Tennyson called “Crossing the Bar” in their memory:

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;*

*For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.*

7. My Lord, today we pay our last respects to the late:

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| (i) Mr. Teoh Kim Hong | departed 26 th January 2018 |
| (ii) Dato' Haji Sabarudin bin Haji Othman | departed 3 rd April 2018 |

(iii)	Mr. Thara Singh Sidhu	departed 9 th December 2020
(iv)	Mr. Avatar Singh s/o Ram Singh	departed 6 th August 2021
(v)	Mdm. Tan Chee Lan, Marie	departed 19 th June 2022
(vi)	Mr. Francis Hilary D'Cruz	departed 18 th August 2022

8. I knew the late Mr. Teoh Kim Hong as the loving father to a good friend of mine, Mr. Teoh Keat Wee who was the Honorary Secretary of the Malacca Bar for the term 2021/2022. Keat Wee, who is here in attendance with us together with his family members, is a chip off the old block, having inherited his father's compassion and dedication.
9. It is one of my greatest regrets that I have not had the privilege of having crossed paths with the late Dato' Haji Sabarudin bin Haji Othman, Mr. Thara Singh Sidhu, Mr. Avatar Singh s/o Ram Singh, Mdm. Marie Tan Chee Lan and Mr. Francis Hilary D'Cruz. However, let it be known that I have heard only good things about them.
10. I wish to express my gratitude to the family members, colleagues and friends who have in many ways all contributed to honor the memory of these 6 outstanding members of the Malacca Bar, who have sacrificed much to bring meaning and life to us and the legal profession.
11. With My Lord's leave, I would like to invite my colleagues to move the reference of these 6 remarkable members of the Malacca Bar after the speeches from my learned friends representing the Malaysian Bar and the AGC respectively.
12. I respectfully pray and move that a record of these references be kept in the archives of the Court and a copy be extended to the respective families.
13. I am obliged, My Lord.

Foo Qiao Wei (Amber)
 Chairman of Malacca Bar Committee.