

**HAWANA 2026 MEDIA FORUM
PROGRAMME
7 MAY 2026
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON KUALA LUMPUR**

- 0830 : Registration of participants
- 0850 : Arrival of invited guests
- 0900 : Arrival of YBr. Encik Nik Kamaruzaman Nik Husin,
Deputy Secretary-General (Strategic Communications and Creative Industry),
Ministry of Communications
- 0905 : Arrival of YBhg. Datuk Abdul Halim Hamzah,
Secretary-General, Ministry of Communications
- 0910 : Arrival of YB Teo Nie Ching,
Deputy Minister of Communications
- : National Anthem, 'Negaraku'
- : Welcome Address by YBhg. Datin Paduka Nur-ul Afida Kamaludin,
Chief Executive Officer, BERNAMA, and
Chairman, HAWANA 2026 Working Committee
- : Opening Address by YB Teo Nie Ching,
Deputy Minister of Communications
- : Official Launch of the HAWANA 2026 Media Forum
- : Photo Session
- 0945 : Tea Break
- 1000 : **Session 1:
Sustaining Media in Times of Crisis: Challenges and Revenue Realities**

Moderator:

YBhg. Datuk Seri Wong Chun Wai
Chairman, BERNAMA

Speakers:

- 1) YBhg. Datin Paduka Esther Ng**
Chief Content Officer, Star Media Group Berhad / Board Member, Malaysian
Media Council
- 2) YBr. Cik Farrah Naz Abd Karim**
Deputy Group Managing Editor, News & Current Affairs, Media Prima
Berhad / Group Editor, New Straits Times / Board Member,
Malaysian Media Council
- 3) YBr. Encik Ashwad Ismail**
Director-General of Broadcasting, Radio Televisyen Malaysia/
Board Member, Malaysian Media Council

1200 : Lunch Break

1400 : **Session 2:
How Journalists Navigate the Evolving Media Landscape**

Moderator:

Puan Jessy Chahal

Senior TV Anchor, BERNAMA TV & Industry Advisor

Speakers:

1) YBhg. Datuk Suhaimi Sulaiman

Inspirer Extraordinaire

2) YBhg. Dato' Kuik Cheng Kang

Group Editor-in-Chief, Sin Chew Media Corporation Berhad /
MPI Council Member

3) YBrs. Encik Ronnie Teo Teck Wei

President, Kuching Division Journalists Association (KDJA) /
MPI Council Member

4) YBrs. Puan Mariah Doksil

President, Sabah Journalists Association (SJA) / MPI Council Member

1530 : **Session 3:
Shaping the Future of Malaysian Media in the Digital and AI Era**

Moderator:

Puan Jessy Chahal

Senior TV Anchor, BERNAMA TV & Industry Advisor

Speakers:

1) YBrs. Encik Azeem Abu Bakar

Managing Director, Free Malaysia Today

2) YBrs. Encik Cheah Chern Eu

Cloud Solution Architect, Huawei Malaysia

3) YBrs. Encik Charles Gregory

AI & Digital Transformation Specialist

1700 : Refreshments / End of Programme

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