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To all editors.

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE


Place: NSTP Training Room
Date: March 3, 2012 (Saturday)
Time: 9 am.

The National Union of Journalists, the oldest media organisation in the country to represent the interest of working journalists, will turn 50 on Aug 30, 2012.

We are planning several activities from now until September to commemorate the event.

This includes holding tea party in conjunction with Workers' Day and Press Freedom Day, both in May.

The celebration will culminate with a gala dinner to be held at a leading hotel in Kuala Lumpur on Sept 8 (Saturday).

To kick off the event, we will unveil our golden jubilee logo, followed by the launch of the Safety Handbook for Journalists.

This book, in English, Bahasa Malaysia and Mandarin seeks to provide a guide to reporters, photographers and cameramen the preparation needed in a natural disaster, conflict or war zones.

Incidents are unpredictable and journalists must get to the scene at the earliest time to file reports, pictures and footages.

It took us time to finally come up with the book and fulfill one of the objectives, to publish literature in order to promote the interest of members and the media fraternity.

The NUJ is also holding an extraordinary delegates’ conference where delegates would debate two resolutions.
One, that members on duty during the general election will subscribe to fair reporting and endeavour to ensure balanced reporting.

Two, calling on the government, after obtaining mandate from voters, to appoint a Parliamentary Select Committee to review all existing legislation and give effect to freedom of speech, expression and assembly.

A Press conference will be held about 1pm.

Much obliged if a reporter and photographer are sent to cover the event.

Thank You

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