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Dear Members,

The National Union of Journalists Malaysia (NUJM) would like to share some exciting news with our members.

The NUJM is working with the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) and a range of media organisations and civil society groups in Malaysia on a *Strengthening Malaysia's Media for Change* project, supported by the European Union.

The multi-year project will support media CSOs, journalists and media organisations to take a strategic role in promoting and advancing a strong, independent and diverse media in Malaysia.

There are two broad outputs for the project:

**Output 1:** Stronger media CSOs with a capacity to monitor media, defend and advocate on media issues, and lead legislative and institutional reform.

**Output 2:** The development of a skilled and diverse media community with improved capacity to develop quality, sustainable journalism and organise on critical professional issues.

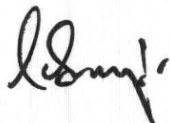
The main activities include:

- Assessment of reporting standards and trust in the media
- Capacity building of journalist unions and CSOs
- National consultations on establishing a media council
- Establishment of media reform network
- Develop digital code of conduct strategy
- Right to association strengthening and campaigning
- Media literacy and law reform outreach
- National media mapping and monitoring
- Training and strengthening for professional journalism
- Gender and diversity strengthening
- Journalism award and innovation program

During the course of the project we will be seeking input from our members. On Monday, 18 May we will launch the project through a #MYMediaMatters social media campaign which features interviews with journalists about what it means to be a journalist in Malaysia and challenges that journalists face.

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On Behalf of the Executive Council



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