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Malaysian Mothers Handover Petition With Over 51 000 Signatures in support of the Malaysian mothers amendment to the Minister of Women, Family and Community Development

*Hati ini membara, semangat takkan pudar,
Bersama kita berjuang, hingga impian terjalat,
Setiap ibu di sini, mencurahkan kasih sayang,
Untuk anak-anak kami, kami akan terus berjuang.*

In a profound display of solidarity, Family Frontiers, alongside representatives from the Malaysian Mothers' Network, delivered the [#SayaJugaAnakMalaysia](#) petition, endorsed by over 51,415 signatories of Malaysians and the diaspora across the world, was delivered to the Minister of Women, Family, and Community Development YB Dato Sri Hajah Nancy Binti Shukri. Family Frontiers first launched the [#SayaJugaAnakMalaysia petition](#) in 2021 on Change.org, urging the Government to withdraw its appeal against the Suriani Kempe & Ors vs Government of Malaysia case. **The petition urged the Government to uphold equal citizenship rights for Malaysian mothers.** The petition has now garnered up to 51,415 signatures, calling for the government to also amend Part II, Sections 1(b) and 1(c) of the Second Schedule of the Federal Constitution retroactively.

The change.org petition is a powerful cry for equality and justice. It calls on the Malaysian government to act swiftly in amending the law to grant Malaysian mothers the right to confer citizenship on their overseas-born children—without delay and most importantly, **retroactively.**

Following the petition handover it was a touching moment when Malaysian mothers and their overseas-born children presented a rose to the Minister—each rose symbolic of the hope and trust placed in the MADANI government's promise to uphold equal rights for all citizens. This gesture represented not just gratitude, but also a message of expectation. The mothers stood firm in their faith that the government will deliver on its commitments and that no mother's plea for her child's future will go unheard.

It was an adorable sight when the younger children stepped forward to give YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy binti Shukri roses as a sign of thank you, their dreams and anticipation for their future. Each rose stalk had a note attached to it, one of them reading, **“Saya Anak Malaysia. Thank you MALAYSIA for giving citizenship. I am happy to be a Malaysian because now I can go to different places in Malaysia and stay here with my mommy,”**

As she received each rose, the Minister stopped to speak to every mother and the child about the issues they were facing, listening with compassion.

Earlier, the Minister welcomed everyone present at the Ministry of Women and Community Development for this handover event, reiterating that the MADANI government is supportive and committed to ensuring that the equality for Malaysian women will become a reality.

Family Frontiers President, Adlyn Adam Teoh, took the opportunity to express her heartfelt gratitude, acknowledging the unrelenting dedication of the Malaysian mothers. “This milestone we’ve reached today would not have been possible without the tireless perseverance, patience, and sacrifices of the mothers standing here. These women have fought battles for their children that most cannot imagine. Their love and strength have never wavered,” Adlyn stated, her voice echoing the pride and resilience felt by every mother in the room.

The Minister, visibly moved, took the time to listen carefully to each mother’s story, hearing firsthand the immense challenges they continue to face. Her officers also committed to assist some of the mothers. Her compassion was clear, as the mothers conveyed to her of the deep emotional and psychological toll this campaign has taken on them and their families.

For the mothers, the event stirred a whirlwind of complex emotions—gratitude for the progress made, hope ignited by the Minister’s encouraging words, and yet, an unshakable sense of urgency to ensure no other woman endures the same struggles. As they gathered together after the event, there was a quiet, solemn solidarity among them, their faces reflecting both the weight of their shared experiences and the determination to keep pushing forward.

Suri, who has three non-Malaysian children, reflected on the importance of this moment: “This gathering today is only a small fraction of the mothers affected. There are many more out there who are suffering in silence, with no one to turn to. We need the government to act swiftly and decisively.”

Another mother, Haliza, echoed the sentiments of many others. “When children are segregated by law, their mother’s soul is shattered. But today, I see a new light—justice is

within reach. I will not stop fighting until every child born abroad to a Malaysian mother is given their rightful citizenship. This is not just about us; it's about future generations of Malaysian women and their children.”

The significance of the moment was not lost on Esther, whose daughter had recently been granted Malaysian citizenship. “Both my daughters are now Malaysians, but the amendment must be passed retroactively to ensure no Malaysian mother is left behind. No mother should ever have to choose between her safety and her child’s citizenship. This issue is bigger than one family; it’s about justice for all.”

Though their journey is far from over, the support they received from the Minister infused them with renewed confidence. With hearts full of hope, they resolved to continue their fight—not just for themselves, but for all Malaysian mothers and their children, so that future generations will never have to face such an uphill battle for their basic rights.

Family Frontiers and the Malaysian Mothers’ Network thank YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Binti Shukri and the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, for taking the time to listen to the needs and concerns of Malaysian mothers and their overseas-born children.

While we are grateful for the support and commitments from the MADANI government towards the constitutional amendment to allow Malaysian mothers the right to confer citizenship to their overseas-born children, we remain steadfast in urging the government to pass the mothers’ amendment retroactively and to drop the three regressive amendments. Only then can all Malaysian women and their overseas-born children truly enjoy the equality they deserve under the law. The time is now for the government to act and ensure that no Malaysian child is left behind.

Photos from the event can be accessed [here](#).

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