

HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT IN MALAYSIA: A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

The sustainable management of solid wastes is a major environmental challenge for most countries, particularly developing countries. The generation of solid waste worldwide including in Malaysia, has been increasing every year. The World Bank in 2012 reported that municipal solid waste generation levels worldwide are approximately 1.3 billion tonnes per year and increases in generation levels are estimated to reach 2.2 billion tonnes by 2025. This will have adverse impacts on the environment, including air, water and soil pollution. The main contributor to solid wastes in Malaysia is Household solid waste. It is essential that the generation of solid wastes be reduced, and the wastes be properly managed. For Malaysia, the main problems lie with low recycling rates and poor management of landfills. The continued increase in the generation of solid waste shows that waste minimization in Malaysia is yet to be successfully implemented. This presentation will evaluate the laws that relate to household solid wastes in Malaysia. Reference will also be made to relevant legislation in several countries. The findings indicate that while Malaysia shows some commitment to effectively manage solid waste through the enactment of the relevant laws, it is timely to review these laws in order to enhance the practice of sustainable solid waste management in Malaysia.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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Intan Nadia obtained her LLB (Hons) and her second degree LLB (Shariah) (Hons) from the International Islamic University Malaysia (2005). Intan Nadia holds her Master of Comparative Law from the International Islamic University Malaysia (2006). She has published several articles, chapters in books and presented papers in international conferences.

Her research interests include the legal study of solid waste management in Malaysia. Her Ph.D research is supervised by Associate Professor Dr. Wan Siti Adibah Wan Dahalan and Associate Professor Dr. Zulkifli Mohd Nopiah. She will work on her Ph.D thesis while at the Asia-Pacific Centre for Environmental Law, National University of Singapore focusing on a comparative study of the law in Malaysia and Singapore, specifically on household solid waste management.

REGISTRATION

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