



Majlis Perundingan Malaysia Agama Buddha, Kristian, Hindu, Sikh dan Tao

Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism
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MCCBCHST PRESS STATEMENT:

ATTEMPT TO PROSCRIBE THE USE OF THE TERM "ALLAH" IS UNTENABLE

MCCBCHST (Malaysian Consultative Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism & Taoism) views any attempt to proscribe the use of the term "ALLAH" in any way to any religion as untenable from the standpoint of language, theology or history.

No religion can claim exclusive possession or use of this term.

Historically, the common use of the term predated the Holy Koran and Islam.

The government must therefore cease its periodic attempts to issue orders prohibiting its usage by religions other than Islam. Leave the respective religions if they deem it necessary to explain to their respective communities any difference in theology arising from the use of the common term.

As a consultative council of five major religions in Malaysia, MCCBCHST calls on all concerned to always be careful to treat each religion and its practices and beliefs with deep respect.

We urge all concerned to respect religious freedom as a fundamental human right.

In its twenty-six year history, MCCBCHST has actively promoted respect for every religion as envisioned in our vision statement:

MANY FAITHS, ONE NATION
Our Vision for Malaysia

Dated: Thursday 5 March 2009
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