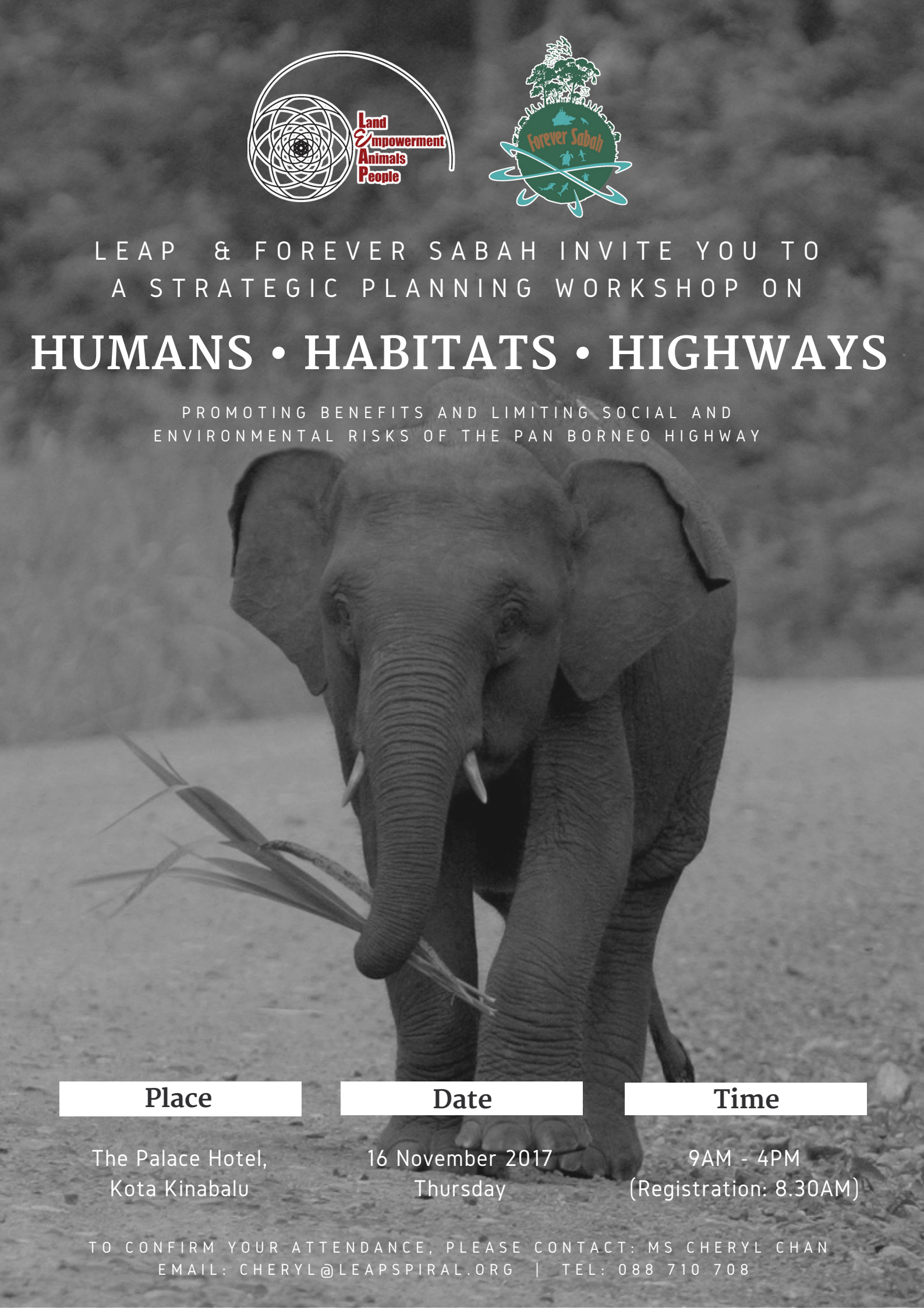




LEAP & FOREVER SABAH INVITE YOU TO
A STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP ON
HUMANS • HABITATS • HIGHWAYS

PROMOTING BENEFITS AND LIMITING SOCIAL AND
ENVIRONMENTAL RISKS OF THE PAN BORNEO HIGHWAY



Place	Date	Time
The Palace Hotel, Kota Kinabalu	16 November 2017 Thursday	9AM - 4PM (Registration: 8.30AM)

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About the workshop

By 2050, an estimated 25 million km of new roads will be built around the world, 90% of which will be in the Global South. For each new road, a planning process should strike a balance between potential benefits and potential risks, including social, environmental, economic, legal and political.

Here in Malaysian Borneo, it is crucial to identify where roads would avoid negative impacts such as investment risk, deforestation and wildlife poaching, and would also be the most beneficial for the public good. Benefits could include, for example, enabling local farmers to access urban markets and the latest agricultural technologies, providing better access to health care, schools and employment opportunities, and encouraging public and private investment in a sustainable and equitable economy.

To explore these issues in more detail, Prof. William Laurance and his team at the Centre for Tropical Environmental and Sustainability Science at James Cooke University (JCU), Australia, are leading a three-year research project (2017-2019) called "Limiting Environmental Impacts While Optimising Benefits of Rapid Road Expansion in the Asia-Pacific Region". In tandem, Land Empowerment Animals People (LEAP Spiral) and Forever Sabah are carrying out the advocacy component for Malaysia, with an initial focus on the Pan Borneo Highway in Sabah and Sarawak.

LEAP and Forever Sabah are working with the JCU Research Team to organise a stakeholder web, gathering key government, civil society, science and industry actors across Sabah and Sarawak to receive and ground the research work in the local contexts. Our approach is aimed at enhancing the relevance and impact of JCU's research findings by building engagement and agency within the relevant social, political and legal processes for infrastructure development.

This participatory workshop will provide an open space to begin building mutual understanding about road development in Malaysia and to jointly develop strategies to maximise benefits and minimise risks of the Pan Borneo Highway. It will consider questions such as:

- What is the current policy and decision-making framework for infrastructure development in Malaysia?
- How can science and civil society forge a new path for constructive collaboration with the public and private sectors?
- How can we bring collective skills, expertise and resources to fill the gaps in process and critical assessments?

