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## ISIS Malaysia Annual Report



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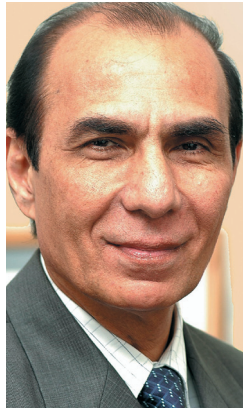
## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we review our performance in the year 2013, we are reminded, with sadness, of the passing away of Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, our Chief Executive, in June 2013 due to illness. The Board would like to record its deepest appreciation for the many important contributions she made to the nation and the Institute.

ISIS Malaysia remained at the forefront of the think tank and 'Track Two' scene in Malaysia with its heavy engagements both on national and international issues. The 27th Asia-Pacific Roundtable was a success, registering its highest number of participants since the first conference was convened in 1987. We have continued to be a major player in the national and regional discourse on key challenges affecting peace and prosperity through other activities as well. Among them are the Roundtable on Future Earth: Pathways to Sustainability; the Second Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue; the Dialogue on Diversity, Diplomacy and Peace; and the Sixth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue.

2013 also marked the 25th anniversary of the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS). As a founding member of the 10-member network, ISIS Malaysia continues to deepen and expand its regional cooperation with ASEAN-ISIS colleagues and collaborators.

Closer to home, ISIS remains actively engaged in a wide spectrum of issues of national importance, ranging from education, the environment, affordable housing, economics and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). I wish to highlight specifically, two major projects led by ISIS. The first is the 'Housing the Nation' project, commissioned by Cagamas Berhad, which resulted in a publication, *Housing the Nation: Policies, Issues and Prospects*. The second is a draft final report of the findings



**Tan Sri Dato' Seri  
Mohamed Jawhar Hassan**  
**Chairman,  
Chief Executive**

*(27 June — 31 December 2013)*

**ISIS Malaysia**

from a study of the National Interest Analysis (NIA) on Malaysia's involvement in the TPP negotiations, which was submitted to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) in December.

We are grateful for the support and friendship of many individuals, organizations and government entities, both Malaysian and global, for their partnership and support. We would like to express our deepest gratitude in particular to the Asia Foundation, AsiaLink (Australia), the Asia New Zealand Foundation, the Australian High Commission, Bank Muamalat, the British High Commission, Cagamas Berhad, the US Department of State, the Embassy of Japan, the Japan Foundation, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Mypower Corporation, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office, the Malaysia Convention and Exhibition Bureau, and all our media partners.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all ISIS staff for their strong dedication and fine work throughout the year. I commend and congratulate Mr Steven CM Wong on being promoted as the Deputy Chief Executive, and Dr Hezri Adnan on being promoted as the Director for Technology, Innovation, Environment and Sustainability.

The Board and I welcome the appointment of Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa as the Chief Executive of ISIS Malaysia with effect from 1 January 2014. We are confident that he and his management team will help lead ISIS Malaysia to new heights in 2014.

February 2014

## FOREWORD

I assumed the post of Chief Executive of ISIS Malaysia on 1 January 2014 and am privileged now to welcome the publishing of the ISIS Annual Report 2013.

The report, as usual, presents the highlights of ISIS events for the year and provides information on the research projects as well as published works of our research staff, particularly works published in the local media.

The report reflects the role of ISIS as an important think tank that aims to contribute policy advice and academic inputs through Track Two conferences, seminars, forums and talks in the various disciplines of its research programmes. These programmes include economics; foreign policy and security studies; technology, innovation, energy and sustainability; and social policy. Through its events, ISIS has established links and worked together with research institutes, such as the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS), and with other international agencies, government bodies, foreign embassies, civil society as well as private and public organizations.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to ISIS friends, supporters and sponsors who have contributed in one way or another to the success of the Institute's activities. I hope they will continue to support us in the coming year.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Board of ISIS Malaysia as well as its Chairman, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, for their guidance and foresight that has helped ISIS remain as a premier think tank in the country.

I look forward to ISIS Malaysia achieving greater heights in 2014 given the continued commitment and dedication of ISIS staff.



**Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa**  
**Chief Executive**  
**ISIS Malaysia**

February 2014

## THE BOARD



**Tan Sri Dato'  
Seri Mohamed  
Jawhar Hassan**

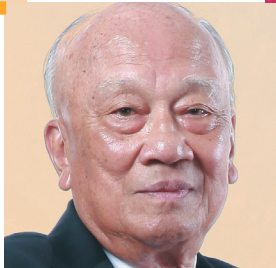
Chairman



**The late  
Dato' Dr Mahani  
Zainal Abidin**

Chief Executive  
(until 22 June 2013)

**General (R) Tan Sri  
(Dr) Mohd Hashim**



**Datuk Rohana Tan  
Sri Mahmood**



**Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman  
Mahbob**



**Tunku Tan Sri Imran  
Ibni Tuanku Ja'afar**

**Tan Sri Dr Khoo  
Kay Kim**



**Tan Sri Haji Shukry  
Mohd Salleh**

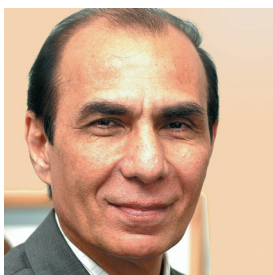


**Mr Lim Seng Gim**





## WHO'S WHO IN ISIS



**Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan**  
Chairman,  
Chief Executive (27  
June–31 December 2013)



**The late Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin**  
Chief Executive (until 22  
June 2013)  
*Research interests:*  
Development economics,  
trade and regional  
integration, and  
macroeconomic policy

**Mr Steven CM Wong**

Deputy Chief Executive  
*Research interests:*  
Macroeconomic policy,  
international economics,  
banking and finance



**Dr Tang Siew Mun**

Director (Foreign Policy  
and Security Studies)  
*Research interests:*  
East Asia security,  
Japan's foreign  
relations and regional  
security architecture



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Director (Technology,  
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Environmental policy,  
green economy,  
public policy analysis,  
sustainable development  
and energy policy



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US-Malaysia relations,  
cyber warfare and  
security, radicalization  
and terrorism, and  
major power relations



**Dr Larry CY Wong**  
Senior Fellow  
*Research interests:*  
Agri-food supply  
networks, food-  
water-energy security  
nexus, and sustainable  
development



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Senior Fellow  
*Research interests:*  
Environmental security,  
security implications of  
climate change, energy  
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Senior Fellow  
*Research Interests:*  
Basic and higher  
education, English  
language teaching  
and learning, unity  
and multiculturalism  
in education







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Senior Fellow  
Research interests:  
ASEAN, East Asian  
integration and global  
power relations



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*Research interests:*  
International  
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policy



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Lockman**  
Senior Analyst  
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Malaysian foreign policy,  
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relations and Southeast  
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**Ms Natalie Shobana  
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Asean, human rights,  
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international law and  
economics, negotiation  
and mediation practices



**Mr Ahmad Rafdi Endut**  
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Energy economics,  
economics of trade and  
environment, applied  
econometrics



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Senior Analyst  
Research interests:  
Environmental movements  
in Malaysia, social media  
and trust, socio-political  
blogging and freedom of  
expression in Malaysia



**Mr Shahnaz  
Sharifuddin**  
Analyst  
*Research interests:*  
Energy-water-food  
security nexus



**Mr Woo Hon Weng**  
Researcher  
*Research interests:*  
East Asia geopolitics  
and East Asian history



**Ms Zarina Zainuddin**  
Analyst  
*Research interests:*  
Malaysia-Japan relations



**Mr Alizan Mahadi**  
Analyst (until 12  
May 2013)  
*Research interests:*  
Sustainable  
development, green  
economy and security  
of natural resources



**Mr Kamal Zharif  
Jauhari**  
Researcher  
*Research interests:*  
Financial economics,  
economics and financial  
development and  
risks management



**Ms Mazlena Mazlan**  
Researcher  
*Research interests:*  
Technical and  
vocational education  
and training, human  
capital development  
and labour economics



## HIGHLIGHTS OF ISIS ACTIVITIES

### Conferences

#### **System Approach for Better Education Results-Workforce Development (SABER-WfD) Workshop on the Assessment of Malaysia's Workforce Development System: Validation and Priorities** 27 February 2013, Kuala Lumpur

Organized by ISIS Malaysia in collaboration with The World Bank and the Ministry of Human Resources, the programme included an overview of the SABER-WfD methodology, a report on Malaysia's SABER-WfD and a session on SABER-WfD findings for Malaysia — validation and implications. Topics for the plenary discussion that followed included:

- Reflections on the SABER-WfD findings;
- Priorities for enhancing WfD.

*Dr Lee Kiong Hock*



*From left: Dr Abdullah Nor and Dr Lee Hwok Aun*



*Dr Cheong Kee-Cheok*



*Participants at the SABER-WfD Workshop*



## **27th Asia-Pacific Roundtable**

### **3–5 June 2013, Hilton Kuala Lumpur**

The 27th Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) was organized by ISIS Malaysia, on behalf of the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS). The event brought together 395 security experts, policymakers, journalists and business leaders from 28 countries of the Asia Pacific, Europe and the Middle East. Themed 'Strategising Change in Asia', the Roundtable comprised ten plenary sessions, two distinguished luncheon addresses, a dinner talk and a tête-à-tête session. Discussions covered a wide gamut of issues, ranging from ways to build strategic trust in Asia, the South China Sea dispute, to the Mindanao peace process.

The Hon Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, delivered the Keynote Address during the Welcoming Dinner on 3 June 2013. High level role players in attendance included the Hon Dr RM Marty M

Natalegawa, the Indonesian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng, Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Brunei Darussalam, the Hon Mdm Fu Ying, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee at The National People's Congress (NPC) in China, the Hon Mr Igor V Morgulov, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of The Russian Federation, Amb Christopher R Hill, Dean of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver as well as former Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Dr Akihiko Tanaka, President of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The main sponsors were Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, the Japan Foundation, the United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

*Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak  
delivering the Keynote Address*



## 27th Asia-Pacific Roundtable 3–5 June 2013, Hilton Kuala Lumpur

*From left: Amb Christopher Hill and  
Dr Carolina Hernandez*



*From left: Mdm Fu Ying and Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak*



*Dr Marty M Natalegawa*

*Admiral Samuel  
J Locklear III*



*From left: Dr Michael Vatikiotis, Tengku Dato'  
Abdul Ghafar Tengku Mohamed, Secretary Teresita  
Quintos Deles and Al Haj Murad Ebrahim*

*From left: Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng and Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa*



*Dr Akihiko Tanaka*

*Mr Igor V Morgulov*



## Roundtable on Future Earth: Pathways to Sustainability

### 21 August 2013, Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentral Kuala Lumpur

*Prof Robert Wasson*



The Roundtable, co-organized by The International Council for Science Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (ICSU-ROAP) and ISIS Malaysia, sought to learn about the emerging international research programme on global sustainability called 'Future Earth' and identify potential gaps in current research on global environmental change as well as opportunities to address within the 'Future Earth' framework. Lessons learnt on the science-policy interface were debated and how science can inform policy processes for sustainability in the future was also identified. Additionally, strategies to enhance co-design and co-production of knowledge by building new or strengthening existing networks on sustainability research and advocacy in Malaysia were identified.

The one-day programme was divided into five sessions, and the themes were:

- Overview of the Future Earth Agenda;
- Dynamic Planet;
- Global Development;
- Transformation Towards Sustainability;
- Building a Future Earth Community.



*Dr Nordin Hasan*



*Participants at the Roundtable on Future Earth*



*From left: Dr Hezri Adnan, Dato' Shaharuddin Ismail and Dato' Dr James Dawos Mamit*



*From left: Dr Rozali Ali, Prof Robert Wasson and Dr Larry Wong*

**The 11th Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT)  
Annual Conference: Moving East Asia Forward  
27 August 2013, Le Méridien Hotel  
Kuala Lumpur**

The 11th NEAT Annual Conference had the theme 'Moving East Asia Forward'.

The conference focused on the following topics:

- Moving East Asia Forward: Turning Ideas Into Actions;
- Beyond the Chiang Mai Initiative: What's Next?;
- Connectivity and Inclusiveness in the ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Region;
- The Road to East Asian Community 2020.

*From left: Prof Sato Teiichi, Amb Hirabayashi Hiroshi and Amb Ishikawa Kaoru*



*From left: Dr Nam Duong Nguyen, Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin and Mr Cheth Naren*



*From left: Prof Zhu Caihua, Prof Wei Ling and Mr Yerima Lalasang*



*From left: Prof Wang Gungwu and Prof John Wong*



## **Closed-Door Discussion on Turkey: An Update on Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy 7 October 2013, Kuala Lumpur**

The closed-door discussion was organized by ISIS Malaysia and funded by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. The event provided an update on:

- Domestic Developments and Politics in Turkey;
- Turkey's Foreign Policy;
- Turkey's Desired Accession to the European Union.

*Prof İler Turan*



*Mr Ercan Çittioğlu*



*From left: Dr Edip Başer and Dr Mitat Çelikpala*

## **The Second Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue**

### **8–9 October 2013, Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur**

The Second Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue, organized by ISIS Malaysia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, received senior participation from Germany, Malaysia as well as Turkey. The two-day programme covered the following issues:

- Reassessing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO's) Role in a Changing World;
- The ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting-Plus: Pathway to ASEAN-Europe Defence Cooperation?;
- Between Rhetoric and Reality: Countering Extremism in Europe and Southeast Asia;
- The Gulf of Aden: A Model for Maritime Security Cooperation?;
- Shale Gas and Energy Security: Redefining the Global Geo-strategic Balance;
- Cyberwarfare: Implications, Opportunities and Challenges for Nations;
- Is There Light at the End of the Syrian Tunnel?



*Participants of the Second Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue*



## **Realtime Cybersecurity Incident Simulation for Decision-Makers**

**10 October 2013, Impiana Hotel KLCC  
Kuala Lumpur**

In an effort to strengthen the nation's capacity on cybersecurity and cybercrime, ISIS Malaysia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung co-organized a half-day simulation event for decision-makers on cybersecurity. The programme featured the following:

- Safety Briefing;
- Introduction of Simulation;
- Realtime Cybersecurity Incident Simulation;
- De-briefing and Discussion.

*Prof Marco Gercke*



*Mr Knut Schoenfelder*



*Participants at the Realtime Cybersecurity Incident Simulation for Decision-Makers event*

## Public Forum on Reforms in Peninsular Malaysia's Electricity Sector

7 November 2013, Hilton Petaling Jaya Selangor

The Public Forum was convened by ISIS Malaysia and MyPower Corporation. It brought together representatives of Malaysian society to discuss plans to reform Malaysia's electricity sector that are put forward for consideration by the government of Malaysia. Representatives were chosen from government bodies, energy suppliers as well as consumers, and regional figures with expertise in the relevant areas.

The sessions revolved around four main themes:

- Energy Market Outlook and Regional Experience in Sectorial Reform;
- Increasing Competition in Malaysia's Electricity Sector;
- The Need for Electricity Tariff Review and Its Impact;
- Transition and Adaptation.

From left: Dr Pallapa Ruangrong, Mr Shahnaz Sharifuddin, Datuk Loo Took Gee, Dr Maxensius Tri Sambodo and Prof Darryl Jarvis



From left: Datuk Ahmad Fauzi Hassan, Datuk Shahrol Azral, Dr Rozali Ali and Dato' Zulkifli Ibrahim



From left: Prof Soontorn Boonyatikarn and Tan Sri Dr Fong Chan Onn



From left: Dr Khalid Abdul Hamid, Ir Azhar Omar, Mr Mustafa Kamil and Mr Ramamuthie Varathan



## **Dialogue on Diversity, Diplomacy and Peace**

### **11 November 2013, Putrajaya Marriott Hotel**

### **Sepang Utara, Selangor**

The Dialogue was jointly organized by ISIS Malaysia and the Asia Peace and Reconciliation Council (APRC) in conjunction with the Inaugural General Meeting of the APRC. It was convened to discuss how diversity could be harnessed for national and regional development and how it can contribute to peace and stability. A roundtable discussion was chaired by Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan and the panelists included Distinguished Prof Datuk Dr Shamsul Amri Baharudin, Prof Emeritus Surichai Wun'gaeo and Prof David Kennedy.

The Hon Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, delivered the Keynote Address.

*Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak delivering the Keynote Address*



*From left: Prof Datuk Dr Shamsul Amri Baharudin, Prof Surichai Wun'gaeo, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan and Prof David Kennedy*



*From left: Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prof Surakiart Sathirathai and Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar*

## **ASEAN Beyond 2015: Second Final Workshop** **19 November 2013, Pacific Regency Hotel Suites** **Kuala Lumpur**

ISIS Malaysia, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Malaysia, and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) jointly organized the Workshop in Kuala Lumpur. Presentations and discussions centred on:

- Production Networks and Clusters;
- Technology Transfer and Innovation Challenges in ASEAN;
- Human Capital and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR);
- Towards Competitive and Dynamic ASEAN: Implications for Successor ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint Post-2015.

*Prof Woo Wing Thye*



*From left: Prof Rajah Rasiah and Dr Hank Lim*



*From left: Prof Tham Siew Yean, Datuk Dr Rebacca Sta Maria, Raja Nurshirwan Zainal Abidin and Prof Fukunari Kimura*



## **The Sixth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue** **27–29 November 2013, Sheraton Imperial Hotel** **Kuala Lumpur**

This annual dialogue, organized by ISIS Malaysia in collaboration with Asialink and the Asia New Zealand Foundation, discussed issues pertinent to the relations of Australia and New Zealand with ASEAN. The sessions drew attention to the following areas:

- Decoding Regional Trade Regimes: Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP);
- ASEAN Community-Building: The Road Ahead;
- Handling Refugees: Between Ethical Considerations, UN Conventions and National Interests;
- Southern Thailand: In Search of the Elusive Peace;
- Myanmar Today: Fledgling Reforms and Outstanding Challenges;
- Modalities to Deepen Australia's and New Zealand's Security Cooperation with ASEAN.

*From left: Dr Nguyen Nam Duong, Mr Paul Sinclair, Mr Miles Kupa and Prof Simon Tay*



*From left: Ms Jenny McGregor and Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan*



*Participants of the Sixth AANZ Dialogue*

## Roundtable on The Political Challenges of Energy Systems Transformation

### 2 December 2013, DoubleTree by Hilton Kuala Lumpur

The Roundtable, co-organized by ISIS Malaysia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, aimed to explore the interface between the goals of maintaining energy security and the reordering of political and social preferences towards sustainable energy systems in Asia.

The Roundtable discussed the following issues:

- Politics and Energy Policy;
- Transforming Energy Markets;
- 'Greening' the Energy Systems.

*From left: Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister and Prof Anil Hira*



*From left: Mr Lucky Lontoh and Dr Larry CY Wong*



*From left: Dr Philip Andrews-Speed, Dr Hezri Adnan and Dr Thomas SK Tang*





## ISIS International Affairs Forum



### **Australia's Multicultural Identity in the Asian Century**

#### **Mr Waleed Aly**

Lecturer in Politics, School of Political and  
Social Inquiry, Monash University, Australia  
30 April 2013

### **ISIS Closed-Door Discussion on the US-ASEAN Relations**

#### **Mr Michael H Fuchs**

US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State  
for Strategy and Multilateral Affairs  
27 June 2013



### **ISIS-JUST Joint Forum on The Conflict in Syria: An Insider's View**

#### **Mother Superior Agnes-Mariam de le Croix**

Convent of St James the Mutilated  
of Qara, Homs in Syria  
3 July 2013

Jointly organized by ISIS Malaysia and  
International Movement for a Just World (JUST)



### **Book Launch — India and Malaysia: Intertwined Strands**

#### **Ambassador Veena Sikri**

Ford Foundation Chair of the Bangladesh Studies  
Programme; Convener at the South Asia Women's  
Network (SWAN), Academy of International Studies,  
Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi  
3 July 2013

Jointly organized by ISIS Malaysia and Institute  
of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) Singapore





**Roundtable Discussion – The Economic Impacts of EPA – GTAP Model Stimulations**  
**Dr Kenichi Kawasaki**

Counsellor of the Cabinet Secretariat, Japan  
19 August 2013

**Is the European Union Still Viable? A Reassessment of Its Political Cohesiveness in the Wake of the Eurozone Crisis**

**Mr Jacques Santer**

Former President of the European Commission  
18 September 2013

Jointly organized by ISIS Malaysia  
and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung



**Dialogue with HE Joseph Y Yun**

US Ambassador to Malaysia  
2 October 2013

**The Role of the US Navy in Asia****Rear Admiral Mark C Montgomery**

Commander of Battle Force Seventh Fleet;  
Commander of Task Force Seven Zero;  
Commander of Carrier Strike Group Five on  
board USS George Washington (CVN 73)  
29 October 2013

**Whither the Southern Thailand Peace Process****Mr Don Pathan**

Director of Foreign Relations at  
Patani Forum, Thailand  
12 December 2013

**Security Cooperation in US Foreign Policy****Mr Tom Kelly**

US Acting Assistant Secretary at  
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs  
12 December 2013



## Dialogues and Visits

**Visit by Ambassador  
Louis Tzen**  
Chairman of Prospect  
Foundation, Taipei  
10 September 2013



**Visit by HE Jovan Jovanovic**  
Ambassador of Serbia in Jakarta  
4 July 2013



**Visit by Captain  
Justin Jones, RAN**  
Director of the Sea Power  
Centre - Australia  
1 August 2013

**Visit by Mr Chatchai  
Viriyavejakul**  
Department of East  
Asian Affairs, Ministry of  
Foreign Affairs, Thailand  
30 September 2013



**Visit by International Monetary Fund (IMF) Article IV Mission**  
13 December 2013

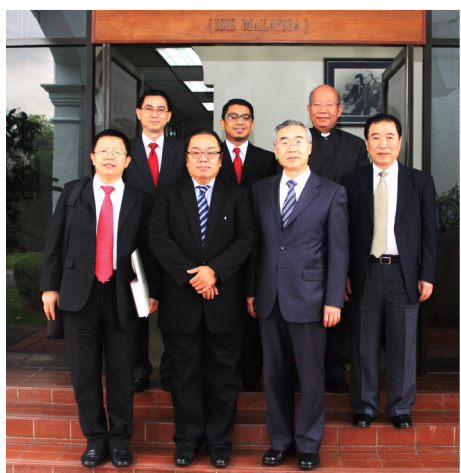


## Visits from Other Institutions

*Armed Forces Defence College (MPAT), Malaysia  
10 January 2013*



*Institute of Diplomacy and International  
Studies, Rangsit University, Thailand  
6 March 2013*



*The China National Committee for Pacific  
Economic Cooperation (CNCPEC), China  
25 February 2013*



*King Prajadhipok's Institute, Thailand  
29 January 2013*



*Defense Study Centre, Ministry of Defense, Sultanate of Oman  
15 April 2013*



*Asian Development Bank Board Group  
1 March 2013*



*The National Defense Studies Institute of  
the Royal Kingdom of Thailand  
3 May 2013*



*National Defense College, Bangladesh  
1 October 2013*

*Defence Service Command and  
Staff College, Sri Lanka  
22 August 2013*



*Daiwa Hong Kong Market Capital United  
8 October 2013*

*Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College, Singapore  
22 April 2013*



*American University, Washington, DC  
5 July 2013*



*US-ASEAN Business Council, USA  
22 November 2013*

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND OUTPUTS

### Projects

#### ASEAN Newsletter

This newsletter for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (now known as the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Republic of Korea, was first published in 2011 as the *ASEAN Monthly Commentary*. In 2012, it assumed its current title of *ASEAN Newsletter*. The monthly newsletter consists of a compilation of articles on current economic, political and security affairs within the context of ASEAN and the Southeast Asian region. It also contains news updates.

#### Developing Constructs for Unity Index in Schools

ISIS was invited by the Ministry of Education as a consultant panelist on Developing Constructs for Unity Index in Schools from September 2013 till completion.

#### Enhancing and Deepening Malaysia's Political and Strategic Relations with China

This project hoped to contribute towards Malaysia's strategic thinking and approach towards China. The research was concerned with enhancing and consolidating Malaysia's political and strategic relations with China and aimed to provide policy-relevant recommendations towards this end. The report will be completed in early 2014.

#### Green Technology Roadmap

The Green Technology Roadmap Review is a three-month project commissioned by the Malaysian Green Technology Corporation. This study will feed into the preparation of Malaysia's Green Technology Masterplan.

#### Housing the Nation: Policies, Issues and Prospects

ISIS was commissioned to coordinate the production and publication of Cagamas Berhad's 25th anniversary publication entitled '*Housing the Nation: Policies, Issues and Prospects*'. The book — consisting of 16 chapters with contributions from 31 authors — covers a wide range of topics on housing, such as the National Housing Policy, housing law, issues of land and housing, labour matters, public housing, technology and housing, and housing finance.

The book was slated for publication at the end of December 2013 and will be launched in January 2014.

#### Malaysia's First Human Development Report 2013 by United Nations Human Resource Development Project (UNHDR)

ISIS submitted a report on Inclusive Education for Malaysia's First Human Development Report 2013 by UNHDR. It was completed in April 2013.

#### Malaysian Foreign Policy Study Group Project

The project began with an inaugural meeting on 6 September 2012 with the participation of a high level study group. Several meetings were held ending with a final meeting on 10 June 2013 to finalize the report. The Report of the Malaysian Foreign Policy Study Group, titled 'Malaysia's Foreign Policy Toward and Beyond 2020: Vision, Goals and Recommendations', was submitted to the Prime Minister on 10 July 2013.

#### National Interest Analysis (NIA) on Malaysia's Involvement in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Negotiations

Commissioned in September 2013 by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) Malaysia, a study team from ISIS met with academicians, non-governmental organizations, lead negotiators, key political figures and captains of various sectors of industry and services to obtain their view-points.

The study team had presented its initial findings to the TPP NIA Steering Committee on three different occasions. A draft for the final report of the study was submitted to MITI on 16 December 2013. It was then revised based on comments from MITI, Ministry of Human Resources (MoHR), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE), Ministry of Finance (MoF) and Economic Planning Unit (EPU). The findings of the study will be presented to the Minister of MITI in January 2014.

#### Study on Competition Issues in the Food Distribution Sector of Malaysia

This study was commissioned by The World Bank as a component of their study on 'Assessing Market Conduct that Impedes Competition in Malaysia' for the Government of Malaysia with the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) of Malaysia as the executing agency. The study covered Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak and focused on the palm oil (cooking oil), poultry, and fruits and vegetables subsectors.

The Study Final Report was submitted in March 2013.

### Unity in Education

In relation to the project of Developing Constructs for Unity Index in Schools, a draft report of the instrument to evaluate the unity index in schools was presented to the Management Committee of the Ministry of Education.

A joint study team from the Ministry of Education, Jabatan Perpaduan Negara dan Integrasi Nasional, Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI) and ISIS Malaysia was formed, headed by the Minister of Education, to develop unity index for schools. The joint study team scheduled numerous school visits for data collection and analysis.

### Unity in Education: Case Study by ISIS Malaysia

Seven secondary schools in Malaysia were visited by a team from ISIS Malaysia to collect data from students and teachers. A questionnaire each for the students and teachers were distributed to the samples. 280 students and 110 teachers responded to the questionnaire.

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'Economic Equity and Social Justice,' Forum on Unity and Multiculturalism: Building a Future Together, organized by Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) and Association of Voices of Peace, Conscience and Reason (PCORE), 29 August 2013, Kuala Lumpur.

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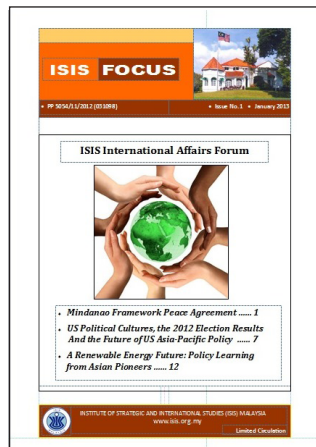
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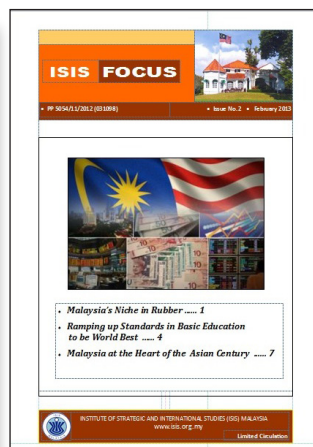
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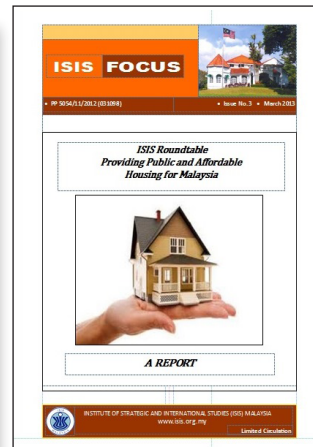
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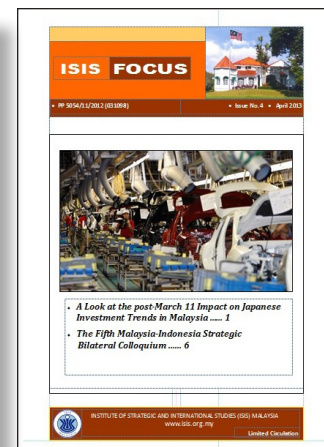
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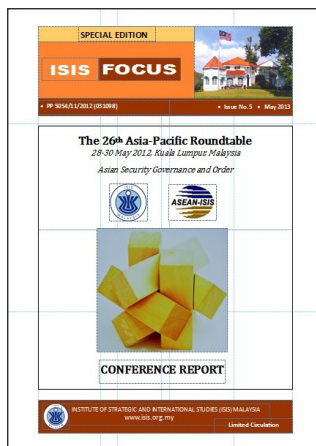
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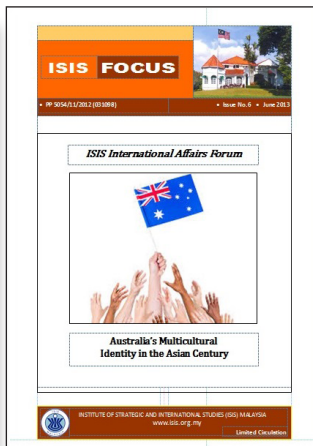
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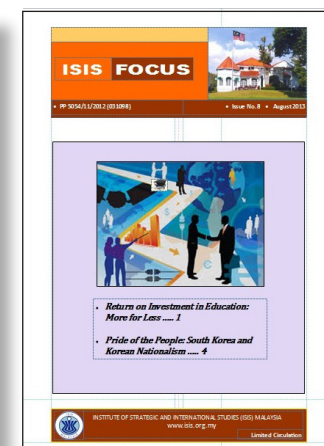
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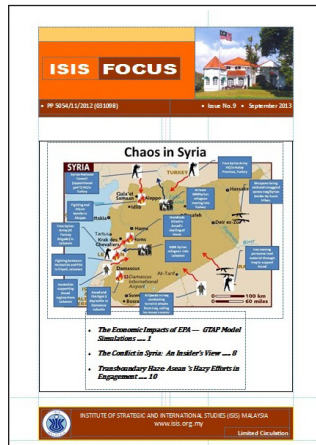
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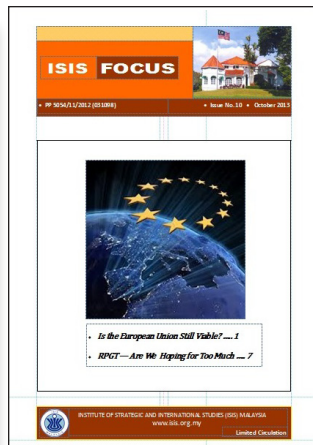
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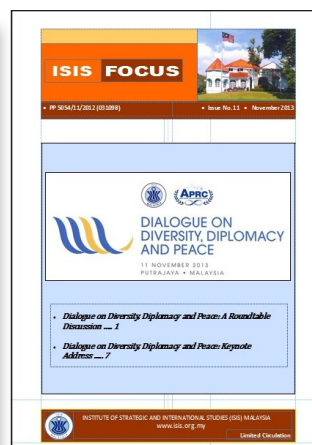
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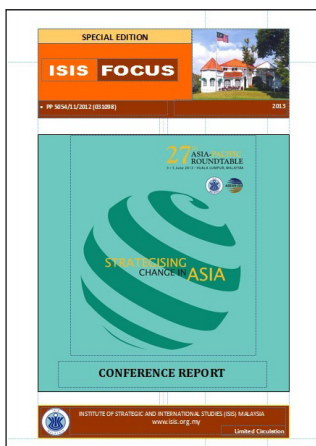
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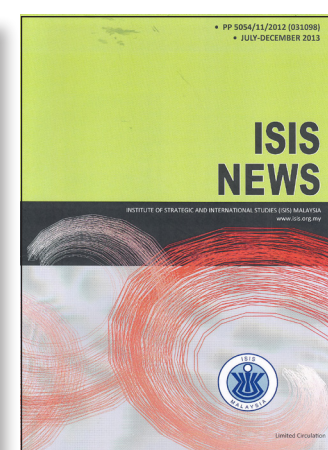


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