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Message from the Chairman

The year 2011 was another busy and productive year for ISIS Malaysia. Important new international initiatives like the Conference on Global Movement for Justice, Peace and Dignity were launched and additional programmes relevant to national policies at home were also implemented.

The Institute was able to add to its skills and talent pool during the year by recruiting additional research staff. Recognising the critical importance of brain power to a think tank operating in the national, regional and wider international stage, ISIS continues to search for top class expertise that is within its financial capacity.

As challenges for national development as well as regional stability and prosperity continue to grow, the demands upon policy studies bodies like ISIS Malaysia will mount. The Board and Management of ISIS Malaysia are conscious of this cardinal fact and will endeavour to do their utmost to enhance the performance and delivery of the Institute in the years ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Members of the Board of Directors, to commend Dato'



Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, the Chief Executive, for her stewardship of the Institute and all her able colleagues for their fine work.

The Board looks forward to working together with the Management to make 2012 an even better year.

Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan
Chairman
ISIS Malaysia





Foreword

2011 has been another productive year for ISIS Malaysia, with major noteworthy events. It is with great pleasure and pride that I outline some of them below:

In February, ISIS Malaysia, in collaboration with the International Movement for a Just World (JUST) Malaysia, and the Civilization Studies Center (MEDAM), organized a conference in Istanbul themed **Justice, Peace and Dignity**. The keynote speakers were The Hon Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Razak and The Hon Ali Babacan, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey. The conference and in particular Prime Minister Najib's contribution were widely broadcast by BBC in its World Debate series.

In May, the **Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR)** celebrated its 25th anniversary. There was strong international representation and many repeat participants in the APR, making it a leading Track Two meeting on regional security and international relations. Key regional figures and thought leaders who participated included the Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr Marty Natalegawa; Asean Secretary General, Dr Surin Pitsuwan; and the Commander of the US Pacific Command, Admiral Robert Willard. The Roundtable was officially opened by The Hon Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin.

Also in May, ISIS Malaysia published the monograph, **Malaysia: Policies and Issues in Economic Development**, which analyses the nation's socio-economic development since independence. Many notable and eminent experts from the academia, think-tanks, as well as the public and private sectors contributed chapters to this book of nearly 700 pages. HRH Raja Nazrin Shah Ibni Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin, the Crown Prince of Perak Darul Ridzuan and ISIS



Malaysia Eminent Fellow delivered the opening speech and launched the book.

Not all ISIS initiatives and contributions are as well-known as those mentioned above, so this Activities Report is intended to give a brief overview of these.

Our work is wide-ranging and is carried out on many fronts, with multiple interlocutors. These days, there are many more channels through which we are able to interact, such as internet websites, the Facebook, Twitter, project reports, media interviews, newspaper and magazine articles, and of course, the more traditional seminars, both local and international. Such a wide range of delivery modes opens channels to many interest groups and communities.

Our friends and sponsors have been generous in their support and to them we would like to say 'thank you very much.' They include Yayasan DiRaja Sultan Mizan (Sultan Mizan Royal Foundation), The Prime Minister's Exchange Fellowship Programme Malaysia





(The PROGRAM), Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), the Embassy of Japan, Japan Foundation, Economic Research Institute of Asean and East Asia (ERIA), AsiaLink (Australia), Asia:New Zealand Foundation, International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC), Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence (Australia), Yayasan 1Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur Kepong Berhad (KLK Group), Ambank Group, Maybank, Telekom Malaysia and Boustead Holdings Berhad.

ISIS staff has shown great commitment and they have attained high achievement, especially in participating in multiple communities and engaging in a wide range of communications channels. I congratulate them. The Board of ISIS Malaysia, chaired by Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, has given us full encouragement and guidance and for that I am grateful.

I have the pleasure of presenting to you our Activities Report 2011. I hope that it will remind you of our past events, inspire your interest in programmes that may be new to you, and refresh your (much appreciated) interest in our work.

Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin

Chief Executive

ISIS Malaysia





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WHO'S WHO IN ISIS



Who's Who in ISIS



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Chief Executive

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Research interests: Agri-food supply networks, food-water-energy security nexus, and sustainable development



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Who's Who in ISIS



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Research interests: Energy-water-
food security nexus



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Research interests: Asia-Europe security
relations and conflict studies

Who's Who in ISIS



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Research Interests: Asean, human rights, non-traditional security, international law and economics, negotiation and mediation practices



Mr Woo Hon Weng

Researcher

Research interests: East Asia geopolitics and East Asian history



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Researcher

Research interests: International economics, trade, development economics and political economy



Ms Mazlena Mazlan

Researcher

Research interests: Human capital development and labour economics



HIGHLIGHTS OF ISIS ACTIVITIES



Conferences

The Conference on the Global Movement for Justice, Peace and Dignity

23 February 2011, Istanbul, Turkey

This conference was jointly organized by ISIS Malaysia, the International Movement for a Just World (JUST) Malaysia and the Civilization Studies Center (MEDAM), Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul.

Session I of the conference, on 'Global Justice, World Peace and the Path of Moderation,' was moderated by HE Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Secretary General, Asean. Speakers were His Eminence Dr Ahmad Badr Al-Din Hassoun, Grand Mufti of Syria; Dr Richard Falk, Professor Emeritus of International Law, Princeton University and UN Special Rapporteur for Palestine; Dr Chandra Muzaffar, Professor of Global Studies, Universiti Sains Malaysia and President, JUST; Professor Dr Bekir Karlığa, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Turkey and President, Civilization Studies Center (MEDAM), Bahçeşehir University; and Mr Khairy Jamaluddin, Member of Parliament and Youth Chief, UMNO.



Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin delivering the Welcoming Address



(From left) Dr Anies Baswedan, The Hon Ali Babacan, Ms Zeinab Badawi, The Hon Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Mr Khalid Abdulla-Janahi and Prof Dr Nilufer Narli



(From left) Mr Khairy Jamaluddin, Prof Dr Bekir Karlığa, HE Dr Surin Pitsuwan, His Eminence Dr Ahmad Badr Al-Din Hassoun, Dr Richard Falk and Dr Chandra Muzaffar



Conferences

Session II was a BBC World Debate on 'The Global Movement for Justice, Peace and Dignity,' broadcasted on 5 March 2011. The debate featured The Hon Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia; The Hon Ali Babacan, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey; Dr Anies Baswedan, President,

Paramadina University, Indonesia; Mr Khalid Abdulla-Janahi, Vice Chairman/Co-Founder, Arab Business Council; and Professor Dr Nilufer Narli, Professor of Political Sociology, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul. The debate was moderated by Ms Zeinab Badawi, BBC journalist.



(From left) The Hon Ali Babacan, The Hon Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, and Prof Dr Bekir Karlığa



Conferences

ISIS Praxis Seminar 2011: Knowledge for Action in the Coming Year

3 March 2011, Renaissance Hotel,
Kuala Lumpur

This inaugural ISIS Praxis Seminar, themed 'Knowledge for Action in the Coming Year,' aimed to provide participants with information-rich analyses and views, in an interactive environment, to assist them in the areas of corporate planning and growth strategies.

The topics discussed were:

- Is the world on the brink of a currency war, inflation, or a sovereign debt crisis? Understanding QE2, capital flows and the real economy 2011;
- Critical innovative technology and industrial trends today;
- Expanding amidst contraction? Malaysian macroeconomic policies and performance in 2011-12;
- Indonesia: The awakening Garuda, in 2011;
- Strategic reform initiatives for the new Malaysian economy.

Speakers included Mr Manu Baskaran, Partner and Member of the Board, Centennial Group Inc., Singapore, Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, Chief Executive, ISIS Malaysia, Dr Albert G Zeufack, Director, Research and Investment Strategy, Khazanah Nasional Berhad, Dr Farish Noor, Senior Fellow, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, and Senator Tan Sri Amirsham A Aziz, Chairman, National Economic Advisory Council (NEAC), Malaysia.



PRAXIS Seminar Role Players



(From left) Mr Steven C M Wong, Mr Manu Bhaskaran, Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin

Conferences

25th Asia-Pacific Roundtable

30 May – 1 June, Shangri-La Hotel,
Kuala Lumpur

ISIS Malaysia's signature event, the Asia-Pacific Roundtable, celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2011. It attracted more than 350 security experts, policy-makers, scholars, researchers and journalists, from 30 countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

The Roundtable was opened by The Hon Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin who delivered the Keynote Address entitled, 'Reflections on Southeast Asia and the Broader Region.'

A total of 61 role players made presentations, covering issues such as China's foreign policy, water security, the naval arms race, the Zone of Peace, Freedom and Neutrality (Zopfan); ADMM Plus; the future of North Korea; and the political puzzle of Thailand.



Tan Sri Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin delivering the Keynote Address



Participants of the 25th APR



(From left) Assoc Prof Simon Tay, Dr Mely Caballero Anthony, Ms Clara Joewono, Dr Carolina Hernandez, Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, Mr Jusuf Wanandi, Dr Rizal Sukma, Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Asst Prof Herman Kraft and Mr Dang Dinh Quy

Conferences

Among the highlights of the Roundtable were speeches by Dr Marty Natalegawa, Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Asean Secretary-General, Admiral Robert Willard, the Commander of the US Pacific Command, and Professor Hiroshi Nakanishi of Kyoto University.

A session on the 'The Dawn of the Asian Century,' with panelists Professor Dr Susan Shirk of the University of California, San Diego, and Dr C Raja Mohan of the Indian Express, India, was recorded for broadcasting by CCTV.



(From left) Dr Marty Natalegawa and Tan Sri Syed Hamid Syed Jaafar Albar



(From left) Prof Dr Chu Shulong, Prof Dr Aileen Baviera, Prof Dr Anthony Milner, Prof Dr Susan Shirk and Prof Dr Arne O Westad

Conferences

Forum Generasi Muda [Young Generation Forum]

1-3 July, Kelana Resort, Seremban

The Forum with the theme 'Youth of Malaysia: Uniting the Nation' provided a venue for the youth to share and discuss their visions for the country's future. It was jointly organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports Malaysia, ISIS Malaysia and the Jabatan Belia Negeri Sembilan [Negeri Sembilan Department of Youth]. Officiated by Datuk Razali Ibrahim, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports Malaysia, the event attracted 250 participants. Former Prime Minister, Tun Mahathir headed the list of distinguished speakers. Issues raised ranged from economic growth and development, to culture, education, governance and national values and ethos.



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohammad delivering the Keynote Address



Participants of the Forum Generasi Muda

Conferences

Business Dialogue AEM, METI Japan & FJCCIA

8 July 2011, InterContinental,
Kuala Lumpur

This event was held in conjunction with the Business Dialogue amongst Asean Economic Ministers (AEM), Minister of Trade and Economics of Japan (METI), the Asean Secretary General, and the Federation of the Japanese Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Asean (FJCCIA). It was jointly organized by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry Malaysia (MITI) and ISIS Malaysia.

Proposals were made to raise the level of cooperation between Asean and Japan in the following areas:

- Small and medium enterprise industry
- Agro-based industry
- Automotive industry
- Electrical and electronics industry



Panelists of the Session on the Electrical and Electronics Industry



Panelists of the Session on the Automotive Industry



Panelists of the Session on the Small and Medium Enterprises Industry



Panelists of the Session on the Agro-Based Industry



Conferences

Regional Roundtable: East Asia Contributing to UN Peacekeeping: Military, Police and Civilian

17-18 October 2011, InterContinental, Kuala Lumpur

This two-day Roundtable was co-organized by the International Peace Institute (IPI), the Asia Pacific Civil-Military Centre of Excellence, the Australian Government, the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre (PPC) and ISIS Malaysia.



Ms Ameerah Haq

The Roundtable discussed the following:

- State of UN peacekeeping
- Strengthening the peacekeeping system;
- Being a peacekeeper;
- Southeast Asia peacekeeping: Regional collaboration;
- Gender in peacekeeping;
- The future of contributing to peacekeeping

Ms Ameerah Haq, Special Representative of the Secretary General (SRSG) and Head of Mission, United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor Leste (UNMIT), delivered a keynote dinner address entitled 'Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding: Challenges in East Timor and the Southeast Asian Region.'



Participants of the Regional Roundtable



Dr Tang Siew Mun and Mr Martin Fischer



Conferences

National Unity: From Vision to Action

10 November 2011, Grand Dorsett Subang Hotel, Selangor

Jointly organized by Yayasan 1Malaysia and ISIS Malaysia, the conference focused on national unity. The issues discussed included:

- My stand on national unity;
- How I would forge national unity;
- What are the main obstacles in the path of national unity;
- How do citizens view the role of politicians in relation to national unity?

The invited speakers included YB Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Mr Khairy Jamaluddin, Datin Halimah Mohd Said, Mr Masiung Banah, and Datuk David Chua.



(From left) Mr Yasmadi Yusoff, Datuk David Chua and Mr Masiung Banah



(From left) Dato Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, YB Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon and Prof Dr Chandra Muzaffar



(From left) Ms Teo Nie Ching, Tan Sri Dato' Dr Abdul Aziz Abdul Rahman and Mr Khairy Jamaluddin

ISIS PRAXIS Seminar 2012: Knowledge for Action in the Coming Year

23 November 2011, Sheraton Imperial, Kuala Lumpur

Following the successful inaugural ISIS PRAXIS Seminar of 3 March 2011, a second seminar was organized to provide indicators and analyses that would enable participants and decision-makers to make well-informed decisions during the coming year. Topics relevant to business executives were discussed, including:

- Flight to safety or virtue: US, EU, China and the global economic growth in 2012;
- Country focus: Thailand Post 2011 -- New directions;
- The Malaysian economy in 2012: Where are the risks and rewards?
- Minimum wage: Implementation and implications;
- Malaysia's political outlook in 2012

Mr Frederico Gil Sander, World Bank Country Economist, East Asia and Pacific, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management, gave a luncheon talk entitled, 'Malaysia Economic Monitor – Outlook for 2012.'



(From left) Dr Nungsari Ahmad Radhi, Dr Larry C Y Wong, Mr Christian de Guzman and Mr Frederico Gil Sander

The other speakers were Dr Nungsari Ahmad Radhi, Dr Larry C Y Wong, Mr Christian de Guzman Mr A Sivananthan, Mr Steven C M Wong, Mr Shamsuddin Bardan, Mr Wan Saiful Wan Jan, Datuk A Kadir Jasin, Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, Ms Rita Sim, Professor James Chin, Dr Pongsak Hoontrakul, Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari, Major General Surasit Thanadtang and Mr Bunn Nagara.



(From left) Mr Wan Saiful Wan Jan, Datuk A Kadir Jasin, Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, Ms Rita Sim and Prof James Chin



(From left) Mr A Sivananthan, Mr Steven C M Wong and Mr Shamsuddin Bardan

Conferences

The Fourth Asean-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue

4-6 December 2011, DoubleTree Hilton, Kuala Lumpur

This annual meeting, co-organized by Asialink of Australia, Asia New Zealand Foundation and ISIS Malaysia brought together the heads of Asean-ISIS and their counterparts from Australia and New Zealand to discuss issues such as:

- The Sixth East Asia Summit (EAS): Post-script;
- Maritime security;
- The future of nuclear energy in East Asia post-Fukushima;
- Assessing China's economic influence;
- Australia and New Zealand updates;
- Myanmar: Glass half full or half empty?



(From left) HE David Pine, Mr Shaikh Fadilah Ahmad, Ms Melissa Conley-Tyler and Mr Hank Lim



Participants of the 4th Asean-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue



Conferences

International Seminar on Moving towards a Green Economy: Energy Policies for the Future

8-9 December 2011, Park Royal,
Kuala Lumpur

Jointly organized by ISIS Malaysia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung this Seminar aimed to address the challenges of energy-related climate change, recognizing that a fundamental change is required in the approach to producing and consuming energy. The two sessions of the seminar were:

- In search of energy policies: Recent international developments;
- Energy policies in the Asia Pacific Region



(From left) Dr Hassan Ibrahim and Ms Wan Portia Hamzah



(From left) Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister, Datuk Loo Too Gee, HE Ong Keng Yong, Dr Larry C Y Wong and Dr Hezri Adnan



Book Launch and Seminar

Official Book Launch and Seminar on Malaysia: Policies and Issues in Economic Development

25 May 2011, Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

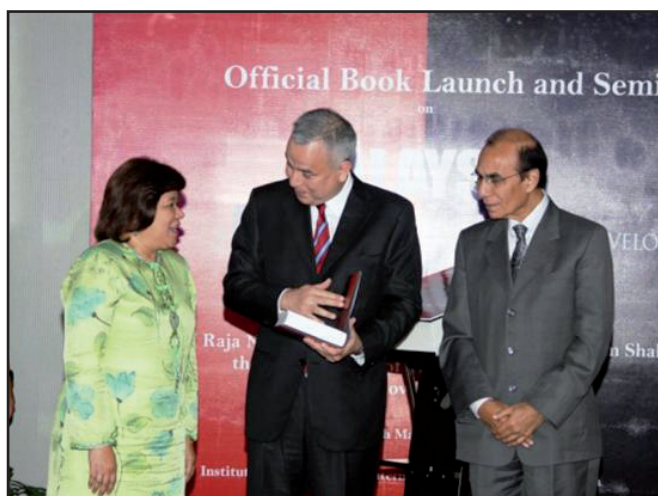
The book entitled *Malaysia: Policies and Issues in Economic Development*, published to mark the 25th anniversary of ISIS Malaysia, was launched by HRH Raja Dr Nazrin Shah Ibni Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah, the Crown Prince of Perak Darul Ridzuan, and ISIS Malaysia Eminent Fellow.

Consisting of more than 20 chapters, the book covered four main themes:

- Macroeconomic management;
- Economic growth and transformation;
- Management of growth and equity;
- Enabling environment and institutions for development



(From left) Mr Steven C M Wong, Dr Nungsari Ahmad Radhi, Tan Sri Datuk Clifford Francis Herbert and Dr Subramaniam Pillay



(From left) Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, HRH Raja Dr Nazrin Shah and Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan



(From left) Prof Dr Tham Siew Year, Dr Sieh Lee Mei Ling, Prof Dr Rajah Rasiah, Dato' Dr Hamzah Kassim and Dato' Latifah Merican Cheong

Book Launch and Seminar

The authors who were experts in their areas of research, came from various sectors including academia, the public and private sectors.

The book launch was followed by a seminar that discussed the major issues in the book. Some of the chapter writers were also panelists at the conference. They were Professor Dr Rajah Rasiah, Dato' Latifah Merican Cheong, Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman Mahbob, Dr

Sieh Lee Mei Ling and Professor Dr Wee Chong Hui. Other role players were Tan Sri Datuk Clifford Francis Herbert, Dr Nungsari Ahmad Radhi, Dato' Dr Hamzah Kassim, Professor Dr Tham Siew Yean, Dr Yeah Kim Leng, and Tan Sri Dr Kamal Salih.

A review of this book, entitled: 'A Landmark Study of the Malaysian Economy,' by Professor Hal Hill, appeared in *The Edge*, 6 June 2011.



(From left) Dr Larry C Y Wong, Dato' Latifah Merican Cheong, Tan Sri Abdul Rashid Hussain, Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, HRH Raja Dr Nazrin Shah, Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, Mr Steven C M Wong, Tan Sri Sulaiman Mahbob, Prof Dr Rajah Rasiah, Prof Dr Wee Chong Hui and Dr Sieh Lee Mei Ling

Book Launch and Seminar

Launch of the UNESCAP Report entitled 'The Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2011: Post-crisis Trade and Investment Opportunities'

14 September 2011, ISIS Malaysia

The book was launched by ISIS Malaysia in collaboration with UNESCAP and Asia-Pacific Research and Training Network on Trade (ARTNeT). This was followed by a seminar where Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin gave an overview of the UNESCAP Report. Professor Dr Tham Siew Yean, the Principal Fellow, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, presented a paper entitled 'Focus on Malaysia.'



(From left) Prof Dr Tham Siew Yean, Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin and Datuk M Supperamaniam



A participant raising a question



Public Lecture

The Manufacturing Sector: A Key Foundation for a Vibrant Economy

Professor Ha-Joon Chang

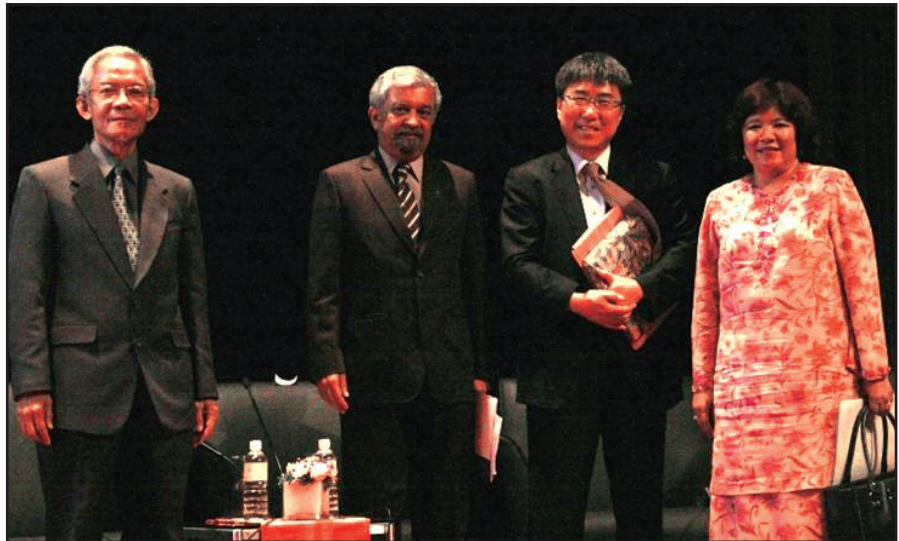
Faculty of Economics and Politics,
University of Cambridge, UK

7 December 2011, Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre

The lecture was jointly organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Malaysia and ISIS Malaysia. Mr Kamal Malhotra, UNDP Resident Representative for Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, moderated the discussion session that followed the Lecture. The discussants were Dato' Abdul Hadi Othman, Advisor, Ministry of Trade and Industry Malaysia, and Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, Chief Executive, ISIS Malaysia.



Prof Ha-Joon Chang



(From left) Dato' Abdul Hadi Othman, Mr Kamal Malhotra, Prof Ha-Joon Chang and Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin



ISIS-CSIS Study Team Meeting

From Strength to Empowerment: The Next Generation of US-Malaysia Relations

21-22 July 2011, DoubleTree Hilton, Kuala Lumpur

This meeting was part of a joint project between ISIS Malaysia and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC, to discuss ways of strengthening ties between Malaysia and the US. Aspects of cooperation discussed were:

- Trade and investment;
- Security and political;
- Science and technology;
- Education and socio-cultural



(From left) Prof Dr Tham Siew Yean, Amb Paul Jones and Mr Murray Herbert. (Back row) Mr Steven C M Wong



(From left) Tan Sri Dr Salleh Mohd Nor, Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin and Amb Paul Jones



(From left) Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, Dato' Nafisah Mohamed, Dr Rozali Mohamed Ali, Dr Larry C Y Wong, Ms Elina Noor and Ms Mary Beth Jordan

The ISIS International Affairs Forum

21st Century Asia: Is Conflict Unavoidable?

Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa

Distinguished Senior Fellow,
East-West Center, USA

27 January 2011



Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa



Tan Sri Dr Munir Majid posing a question

The Lotus Revolution: Dynamics of Political Change in Egypt and Beyond

Dr Chandra Muzaffar

President, International Movement for
a Just World (JUST) and

Ms Azura Zainal Ratin

Foreign News Editor, TV3

2 March 2011



Dr Chandra Muzaffar



Ms Azura Zainal Ratin

The ISIS International Affairs Forum

Harnessing Development to Protect the Environment

HE Amb Chandrashekhar Dasgupta

Distinguished Fellow,
The Energy Research Institute (TERI) India
1 April 2011



HE Amb Chandrashekhar Dasgupta



A participant raising an issue at the forum

Closed Door Dialogue on 'Nuclear Energy in Perspective'

Dato' Sri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh

President/Chief Executive Officer,
Tenaga Nasional Berhad, and
Dr Mohd Zamzam Jaafar
Chief Executive Officer,
Malaysian Nuclear Power Corporation
12 May 2011



Dato' Sri Che Khalib Mohamad Noh



Dr Mohd Zamzam Jaafar

The ISIS International Affairs Forum

Korea's Green Growth Policy: Lessons for Developing Countries **Professor Suh-Yong Chung**

Associate Professor,
Division of International Studies, Korea University
3 June 2011



Prof Suh-Yong Chung and Dr Larry C Y Wong

Global Economic Prospects, Oil, and Capital Flows **Dr. Jörg Decressin**

Senior Advisor,
IMF Research Department, International Monetary Fund
3 June 2011



Dr Jörg Decressin



A participant raising a question



Dr Jörg Decressin and Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin

The ISIS International Affairs Forum

US Policy toward East Asia and Malaysia under President Obama

Ambassador Jeffrey Bader

Visiting Scholar,
Brookings Institution, USA,
26 September 2011



Amb Jeffrey Bader



Participants at the forum

Managing Food Price Volatility: Options at the Macro and Micro Levels

Professor Dr C Peter Timmer

Thomas D. Cabot Professor of Development Studies,
Emeritus, Harvard University, USA
3 October 2011

The lecture was co-organized by ISIS Malaysia and Yayasan DiRaja Sultan Mizan (YDSM). ISIS Malaysia also co-hosted other talks by Dr Peter Timmer in Ipoh and Penang.



Prof Dr C Peter Timmer



Participants at the lecture

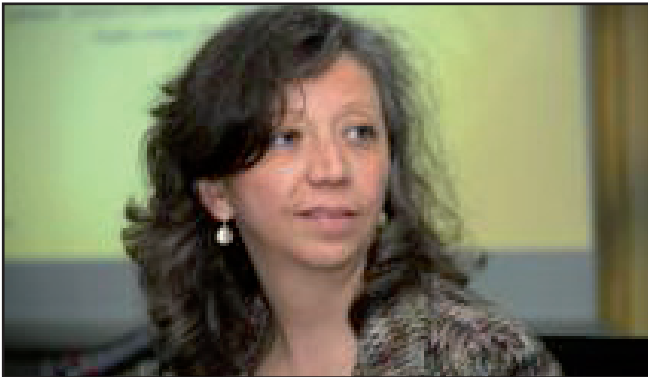
The ISIS International Affairs Forum

Business and Human Rights: Lessons from the Voluntary Principles on Security and Human Rights

Dr Alexandra Guaqueta

Lecturer, School of International Studies, Flinders University, and Member of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights

8 November 2011



Dr Alexandra Guaqueta



A section of the participants at the lecture

The United States, Malaysia, and the Rising Importance of the Asia-Pacific

The Hon Mr William J Burns

Deputy Secretary of State, USA

15 December 2011



Hon Mr William J Burns



Dato' Sri Dr Jamaluddin Jarjis (*extreme left*) was amongst the distinguished participants at the forum

Dialogues and Visits

During the course of the year, ISIS Malaysia received a number of distinguished visitors including diplomats, prominent individuals, academicians, as well as delegations from various institutions, and officials from the corporate sector and the media.

Some of these dialogues and visits are listed below:

Visit and Discussion: HE Mr Yerbol Orynbayev

Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan
25 March 2011

HE Mr Yerbol Orynbayev, Deputy Prime Minister of Kazakhstan, led a delegation to ISIS Malaysia, and was briefed on Malaysia's experience in the formulation and realization of government development policies.



Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin greeting H E Mr Yerbol Orynbayev



HE Mr Yerbol Orynbayev and his delegation with ISIS Malaysia representatives

Dialogues and Visits

Discussion with Scholars from the Royal College of Defence Studies, UK

13 May 2011

Mr Steven C M Wong spoke on 'Malaysia's Economic Challenges and International Relations within the Region (with special reference to China).'



Mr Steven C M Wong (extreme right) leading a discussion with scholars from the Royal College of Defence Studies, UK

Visit of HE Lyudmila Vorobyeva and Mr Viktor Sumsky

14 September 2011

HE Lyudmila Vorobyeva, Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Kuala Lumpur, and Mr Viktor Sumsky, Head of the Asean Centre in the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, visited ISIS Malaysia to discuss the current status of cooperation between Russia and Malaysia.



Amb Lyudmila Vorobyeva (left) and Mr Viktor Sumsky

Dialogues and Visits

Visit and Discussion on Strengthening Malaysia's Relations with New Zealand

28 September 2011

A discussion was held with the Asia New Zealand Foundation (ANZF) to examine modalities for further strengthening Malaysia's ties with New Zealand. The ANZF was represented by their Director of Research, Dr Andrew Butcher.



Participants at a the Discussion on Strengthening Malaysia's Relations with New Zealand

Meeting on Article IV Consultation 2011 with Officials from the International Monetary Fund

31 October 2011



IMF delegation (seated right) in discussion with ISIS Malaysia representatives

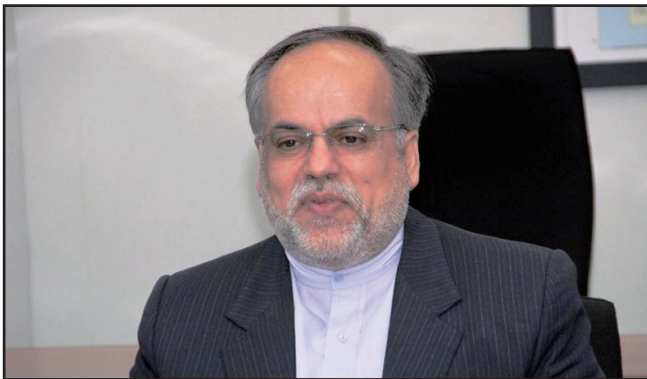


Dialogues and Visits

Visit of HE Mostafa Dplatyar

Director General, Institute for Political and International Studies, Tehran, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Islamic Republic of Iran

9 November 2011



HE Mostafa Dplatyar

Visit of Mr Mahmoud Mohieldin

Managing Director, The World Bank, Washington DC

1 December 2011



The World Bank delegation with ISIS Malaysia representatives



Visits from other Institutions



The US Air War College, 18 March 2011



The Higher Security Academy, Sudan, 18 April 2011



The Singapore Armed Forces, 9 May 2011



Study group, Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, Australian National University, Canberra, 8 June 2011



National Security Council (NSC) Thailand, 23 June 2011



Defence Services Command and Staff College of Sri Lanka, 22 July 2011



RESEARCH





Projects

Asean-ISIS - JICA Project Year Two: 'Mainstreaming Human Security in Asean Integration'

This project which commenced in April 2010 was completed in February 2011. Dr Hezri Adnan, Associate Research Fellow, wrote a paper 'Millennium Development Goals Implementation in Malaysia,' while Wan Portia Hamzah, Senior Fellow, wrote on 'Environmental Security.' All project papers have been published by the Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS), Philippines.

Asean Monthly Commentary

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of Korea, commissioned ISIS Malaysia to produce the Asean Monthly Commentary (AMC) beginning January 2011. The project which started as a six-month project was extended to December 2011.

The AMC consists of articles on current issues in economics, political and security affairs, within the context of Asean dialogue partners and the Southeast Asian region. Specific topics include Indonesia's priority in its Asean Chairmanship, Myanmar's 2010 elections, the Thailand-Cambodia border dispute, leadership change in Vietnam, the impact of Japan's triple disasters, China's engagement with Asean, the East Asia Summit, the Asean Defence Ministers' Meeting and the future of Asean regional integration.

Asean 2030

This is a background study on Malaysia's major aspirations and challenges for social and economic development in the next two decades, i.e. to the year 2030. The key focus is policy recommendations through which Malaysia can overcome challenges and meet its aspirations, as well as its positioning within Asean, East Asian economic growth and in the broader international context.

Mitigating Food Inflation in Malaysia

ISIS Malaysia submitted a research paper in April 2011 to the Malaysian Government on measures to mitigate food inflation. An updated paper was presented to the Deputy Prime Minister who is the Chair of the Cabinet Committee on Supply and Price.

Joint ISIS Malaysia-CSIS Study: From Strength to Empowerment: The Next Generation of US-Malaysia Relations

ISIS Malaysia and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) embarked on a joint project to study ways of strengthening ties between Malaysia and the US. From this study, recommendations on Malaysia-US relations were presented to the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak on 10 November 2011. A full report of the study will be published in early 2012.





Appointments

Dr Tang Siew Mun

Executive Committee Member of the Malaysian Japanese Studies Association (MAJAS) for the 2011/12 term.

Member of the Board of Editors for the *Asia Politics and Policy* journal, January 2011.

Ms Wan Portia Hamzah

Member of the International Advisory Board of the Center for Climate and Sustainable Development Law and Policy, South Korea, September 2011.

Mr Steven C M Wong

Member of the Technical Committee of the National Wage Consultative Council, 21 April 2011.

Dr Larry C Y Wong

Resource Person to PEMANDU Lab Sessions on Food and Security, June 2011.

International Advisor to Myanmar Rice Industry Association (MRIA), June 2011.

Member of the Technical Committee for the Memorandum to the Myanmar Government on Rice Policy in Relation to Food Security, May 2011.

Member of the Steering Committee for 'Comprehensive National Development Planning (with emphasis on Energy and Trade) Using Threshold 21 (T21),' July 2011.

Member of the Centre for Global Sustainability Studies (CGSS), Universiti Sains Malaysia consultancy team for the 'Review of Progress since Rio Earth Summit 1992 and Preparation for United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development 2012 (Rio + 20)'.

Lectures, Papers and Talks

The following ISIS personnel presented papers or were panelists/resource persons at various events.

Mr Firdaos Rosli

Regional Connectivity and Cross Border Cooperation in Asean – paper at the 6th Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum, Naning, Guangxi, China, 18-19 August 2011.

Dr Hezri Adnan

Social Aspects of the Green Economy Goal in Malaysia: Studies of Agriculture, Renewable Energy, and Waste Initiatives – paper at the United Nations Research Institute (UNRISD) International Conference on Green Economy and Sustainable Development: Bringing Back the Social Dimension, Geneva, 9-13 October 2011.

Synthesis of Rio+20 Consultations – paper at the National Preparatory Meeting for Rio+20 (Academic and Research Group), Paya Indah Wetlands, Putrajaya, 17-18 November 2011.

Transition to Sustainability: Energy Demand and Supply in Malaysia – paper at the International Seminar on Moving Towards a Green Economy: Energy Policies for the Future, Kuala Lumpur, organized by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and ISIS Malaysia, 8-9 December 2011.

Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin

Economic Policy in 2011 and Beyond: The Path to Effective Regional Economic Integration – paper at the US-Japan-Southeast Asia Strategic Dialogue, Maui, Hawaii, organized by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC, 5-7 January 2011.

Malaysian Perspectives on the Challenges for Economic Development for Malaysia and the Rest of Asean Economies Moving Forward to the Year 2030 – paper at the Inception Workshop of ADBI/ADB Studies on Role of Key Emerging Economies – Asean, PRC and India (ACI) for a Balanced, Sustainable, and Resilient Asia and Asean 2030: Growing Together for Shared Prosperity, held in Tokyo, Japan, organized by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Japan and Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines, 24-25 January 2011.

FTA from the Malaysian Perspective – paper at the RSIS Workshop on China-Asean Free Trade Area: One-Year Review, Singapore, organized by the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technology University, Singapore, 14 February 2011.

Building Asean Infrastructure – resource person and facilitator at the ADBI Regional Policy Workshop on Regional Economic Integration: Sharing Asian Experience, Singapore, organized by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Japan, the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore, the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Singapore, 15 February 2011.

Lectures, Papers and Talks

Expanding Amidst Contraction? Malaysian Macro Economic Policies and Performance in 2011-12 – panelist at the Inaugural ISIS PRAXIS Seminar 2011: Knowledge for Action in the Coming Year, Kuala Lumpur, organized by ISIS Malaysia, 3 March 2011.

Looking Towards 2012 and Beyond – panelist at the Delhi Dialogue III – ‘Beyond the First Twenty Years of India Asean Engagement,’ New Delhi, India, organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi in partnership with the Indian Council for World Affairs (ICWA) and the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FCCI), 3-4 March 2011.

Globalisation and its Impact on National Security – speaker at the Persidangan Pesuruhjaya Polis / Ketua Polis / Komander Brigade / Komandan, Sempena Hari Polis Ke 204 in Kuala Lumpur, organized by Polis DiRaja Malaysia, 23 March 2011.

Malaysian Economy and Outlook 2011 – briefed the Directors and Senior Management of EON Capital Berhad Group of Companies, Kuala Lumpur, organized by EON Bank Berhad, 31 March 2011.

Economic Community – paper at the MISIF/FES Workshop on ‘Achievement and Limitations at Present in Realization of the Asean Community by 2015,’ Yangon, Myanmar, organized by the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS) in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), 6 April, 2011.

The Effects of the New Economic Model (NEM) and the Government Transformation Programme (GTP) on the Malaysian Economy and Growth – panelist at the UKEC: Project Amanat Negara 2011 on ‘Empowering Youth for Tomorrow’s Malaysia,’ London, UK, organized by the United Kingdom and Eire Council (UKEC) for Malaysian students, 9 April 2011.

Towards a High Income Economy – dinner address at the MACD Corporate Directors Conference, Kuala Lumpur, organized by Malaysian Alliance of Corporate Directors (MACD), 3 May 2011.

Asean Integration: Speeding-Up Connectivity – panelist at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) 44th Annual General Meeting, Hanoi, Vietnam, organized by Asian Development Bank, 5 May 2011.

Malaysia: Background Paper of the Asean 2030 Study – paper at the ADBI/ADB/Asean Secretariat – Asean 2030: Growing Together for Shared Prosperity – Workshop on Individual Countries’ Perspectives, Bangkok, Thailand, 9-10 May 2011.

Malaysia Experience in Economic Development – speaker at the CDRI Regional Workshop on ‘Examining the Factors behind East Asian Economic Successes: Lessons For Cambodia,’ Phnom Penh, Cambodia, organized by the Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), 10-11 May 2011.

Lectures, Papers and Talks

Ekonomi Malaysia: Isu dan Cabaran [*Malaysian Economy: Issues and Challenges*] – speaker at the Program Bina Negara Bangsa (PEMBINA), Kuala Lumpur, organized by Universiti Utara Malaysia, 14 June 2011.

Malaysia in 2030: Aspirations and Challenges – speaker at the Joint-Consultation Meeting on Asean and Malaysia in 2030: Country Consultation Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, organized by the Asean Development Bank Institute, Japan, Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Asian Development Bank; with the assistance of ISIS Malaysia, 22 June 2011.

Overview of Political, Economic and Social Development in Southeast Asia – speaker at the Australian National Business School Limited (AISAM) 2011, Penang, 27 June 2011.

Growing Trade in Services in Apec Economics: Malaysian Experience – paper at the PECC-USAPC-SINCPEC Conference on 'Growing Apec Economies: New Challenges and Approaches', Singapore, 29-30 June 2011.

Imperatives of the New Economic Model – panelist at the Conference on 'The Tenth Malaysia Plan: Imperatives of the New Economic Model,' Kuala Lumpur, organized by Universiti Utara Malaysia, 18 July 2011.

Nature of Asian Integration: Institutions and their Roles – speaker at the EABER/SABER Workshop, Roundtable and Public Forum on Asia and the G20, Canberra, Australia, organized by Australian National University, 17-19 August 2011.

Country Experiences 2: Smaller Developing Economies – speaker at the UN-ESCAP High-Level Regional Policy Dialogue – the Malaysian Experience in Crisis Management, Manila, Philippines, 6-7 September 2011.

54 Years of Merdeka: Building a Nation, Sharing a Destiny – speaker at the Merdeka Forum held in conjunction with the visit of The Hon Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia to London, United Kingdom, 9 September 2011.

Overview of the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2011 – paper at the Launch of the UNESCAP Report, entitled *Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2011: Post-crisis Trade and Investment Opportunities*, Kuala Lumpur, 14 September 2011.

The Role of the European Union and Asean in Emerging Asia – paper at the International Seminar 'Emerging Asia: Implications for EU and Asean Integration', Bangkok, jointly organized by Chula Global Network, Centre for European Studies and Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, 10 October 2011.

Perspektif dan Strategi Pengukuhan Ekonomi Untuk Perpaduan Ummah [*Perspectives and Strategies to Strengthen the Economy and Unite the Community*] – speaker at the Seminar Perpaduan dan Ekonomi Ummah, Bangi; jointly organized by DPMM and PERKIM TEMA, 12 October 2011.

Lectures, Papers and Talks

Asean's Economic Community 2015: How far along are we? – speaker at the CIMB Asean Conference, Kuala Lumpur, organized by CIMB, 28 October 2011.

Forum Bahasa, Ekonomi dan Kewangan [*Forum on Language, Economy and Finance*] – panelist at Session 2 of the Kongres Bahasa dan Persuratan Melayu Ke VIII, Kuala Lumpur, organized by Gapena, 28 October 2011.

Kajian Strategik Kepentingan Sasaran Penting dalam Menjana Ekonomi Negara [*Strategic Studies on the Importance of Key Points in Generating the National Economy*] – speaker at the Seminar Pengurusan Keselamatan Sasaran Penting Peringkat Kebangsaan Tahun 2011, Kuala Lumpur, organized by Pejabat Ketua Pegawai Keselamatan Kerajaan Malaysia, 29 November 2011.

ISIS Perspectives on the Malaysian Economy and the Uncertain Global Challenges – speaker at the MIDF Investment Forum, Langkawi Island, organized by MIDF Amanah Investment Bank Berhad, 10 December 2011.

Natalie Shobana Ambrose

East Asian People to People Exchange: Malaysia – paper at the 2011 Meeting on 'People-to-People Exchange' of the NEAT Working Group on 'The Enhancement of Cultural Exchange in East Asia', Seoul, South Korea, 21-23 July 2011.

Institutional Aspects of Human Rights in Asean – paper at the 2nd CSEAS-KASEAS Joint International Symposium: 'Green and Life in Asean: Coexistence and Sustainability in East Asian Connections,' Kyoto University, Japan, jointly organized by the Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University and the Korean Association of Southeast Asian Studies (KASEAS), 28 October 2011.

Dr Tang Siew Mun

Malaysia's Strategic Outlook – paper at the 2011 International Workshop on Asia Pacific Security, Tokyo, Japan, organized by the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Japan, 27-28 January 2011.

Malaysia's Strategic Options – briefed senior officers from the Royal Jordanian Defense College, Jordan, at ISIS Malaysia, 9 February 2011.

Malaysian Foreign Policy – briefed a delegation from the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Senior Commanders Programme at ISIS Malaysia, 15 March 2011.

Malaysia's Strategic Outlook and Perspectives – briefed a delegation from the US Air War College, at ISIS Malaysia, 18 March 2011.

Malaysia's Foreign Policy Outlook and Perspectives – briefed a delegation from the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and International Officers participating the Goh Keng Swee



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Command and Staff College (GKSCSC)'s 42nd Command and Staff Course (CSC) at ISIS Malaysia, 9 May 2011.

Malaysia's Strategic Outlook – briefed the US National War College Delegation, at ISIS Malaysia, 10 May 2011.

Malaysia's Strategic Outlook – briefed a Study Group from the Australian Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies, at ISIS Malaysia, 8 June 2011.

Regional Security – briefed a Study Group from the Office of National Security Council (NSC) of Thailand at ISIS Malaysia, 23 June 2011.

Malaysia's Strategic Outlook and Regional Security – paper at the UK Regional Defence Attaches' Conference at the UK High Commission in Kuala Lumpur, 6 July 2011.

Malaysian Case Study – paper at the Comparative Country Study Project on Security Sector Governance and Conflict Management in Southeast Asia, Jakarta, Indonesia. Jointly organized by the Institute of Strategic and Development Studies Inc. (ISDS), MacArthur Foundation and the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies, 7 July 2011.

Global and Regional Security Perspectives – briefed a Study Group from the Defence Services Command and Staff College of Sri Lanka, at ISIS Malaysia, 22 July 2011.

Cultural Exchanges – paper at the China-Asean Seminar: 20 Years Cooperation, Beijing, China, organized by the China Institute of International Studies (CIIS), Beijing, China, 26-30 July 2011.

Regional Affairs and Security Issues – briefed a Study Group from the National Defence College of Bangladesh, at ISIS Malaysia, 20 September 2011.

Regional Affairs and Security Issues – briefed a Study Group from the Australian Command and Staff Course at ISIS Malaysia, 23 September 2011.

Helping Friends in Need: An Overview of Malaysia's Assistance Programme – paper, co-written with Mr Herizal Hazri, at the Workshop on Emerging Asia: Approaches to Development Cooperation, Seoul, South Korea, organized by the Korea Development Institute (KDI) and the Asia Foundation (TAF), 29 September 2011.

Mr Terence Too

Common Humanity in the Information Age: A Developing Middle-Income Country Perspective – paper at the European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS) Regional Conference on China and the Asia-Pacific, Beijing, China, organized by the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) and NEAT China, 20-21 July 2011.



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Ms Wan Portia Hamzah

Security Implications of Climate Change – paper at the Workshop on Security Implications of Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific, Seoul, South Korea, organized by Iimin International Relations Institute, Korea University and Global Green Growth Institute, 8 April 2011.

Emerging Issues on Disaster Management in East Asia – paper at the Japan NEAT Working Group Meeting on Regional Cooperation on Disaster Management in East Asia, at the Japan Forum on International Relations, Tokyo, Japan, 7 July 2011.

Emergency Dialogue ‘The Great East Japan Earthquake and Regional Cooperation on Disaster Management’ – panelist, the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo, Japan, 8 July 2011.

Disaster Management: Challenges for the Region – paper at the China NEAT Working Group Meeting on East Asian Disaster Management, China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, China, 19 July 2011.

Securing Asia’s Future Together: Energy Policy Case Studies from the Region – panelist at the 4th Asean and Asia Forum ‘Economy, Energy Environment,’ organized by the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), Sentosa Island, Singapore, 4 August 2011.

The Future of Nuclear Energy Security in East Asia Post Fukushima – panelist at Session 3 of the Fourth Asean-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue, Kuala Lumpur, organized by ISIS Malaysia, in collaboration with Asialink and the Asia New Zealand Foundation, 4-6 December 2011.

Dr Larry C Y Wong

Myanmar Rice Industry: Rice Specialization Companies and Contract Farming – paper at the Asian Rice 2011: Modernizing the Asian Rice Industry, Bangkok, Thailand, organized by Asia Pacific Food Marketing Association (AFMA) and Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), 16-17 February 2011.

Using the Supply Chain Approach to Address Planthopper Problems and Insecticide Misuse – paper at the ADB-IRRI-FAO Consultation Workshop on ‘Rice Planthopper Problems and Insecticide Use – Developing Sustainable Interventions, Structures and Policies’, Bangkok, Thailand, organized by Asian Development Bank, International Rice Research Institute, and Food Agriculture Organisation, 15-16 March 2011.

Planthopper Threat to Sustainable Development of Asian Rice Farming: A Worm’s Eye View – paper at the International Symposium on Asia-Pacific Agricultural Sustainable Development, 26-27 April 2011, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province, China, 26-27 April 2011.

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Environmental Protection in Asean: Issues and Challenges

– panelist at the Asean 2030: Growing Together for Shared Prosperity: Workshop on National and Regional Development Issues, Kuala Lumpur, organized by Asean Development Bank Institute, Association of Southeast Asian Nations and Asian Development Bank, with the assistance of ISIS Malaysia, 20-21 June 2011.

Myanmar 3rd Development Partnership Forum

– resource person and panelist at the Government of Myanmar and ESCAP Third Development Partnership Forum – ‘Improving Rice Policies for National and Regional Food Security: Challenges and Opportunities,’ Naypyitaw, Myanmar, 27-28 June 2011.

Agricultural Sector’s Productivity and Food Security Issues

– paper at the ADBI ‘Strengthening Asean Transition Economies Brainstorming Meeting’, Manila, Philippines, 3-4 November 2011.

Food Security in Asean: New Dimensions and the Role of Rice

– paper at the 36th Federation of Asean Economic Associations (FAEA) Conference – Asean after the Global Crisis: Management and Change, Kuala Lumpur, organized by the Faculty of Economics & Administration, University of Malaya and the Malaysian Economic Association, 24-25 November 2011.

Pesticides and Pesticide Information Supply Chains

– paper at the IRRI-FAO-ADB International Conference on ‘Threats of Insecticide Misuse in Rice Eco-systems,’ Hanoi, Vietnam, 14-16 December 2011.

Mr Steven C M Wong

ETP, Budget and Economic Outlook for 2011

– guest speaker at the CIMB Regional Directors Forum, Ipoh, Perak, organized by CSD Sales Management, Business Segment, CIMB Bank Berhad, 10 January 2011.

The Interplay between Politics and Economic/Macro Policies

– spoke at JP Morgan Annual Conference, Kuala Lumpur, organized by JP Morgan, 17 February 2011.

Is the World on the Brink of a Currency War, Inflation or Sovereign Debt Crisis?

– panelist at the Inaugural ISIS PRAXIS Seminar 2011: Knowledge for Action in the Coming Year, Kuala Lumpur, organized by ISIS Malaysia, 3 March 2011.

Malaysia and the Regional Economic Outlook for the Next Three Years

– paper at the Taylor’s Education Group Environment Scan for 2012 Budget Preparation, Taylor’s University, organized by Taylor’s University, 20 May 2011.

Irregular Migrants in Malaysia: Their Inflow Patterns and Socio-economic Status

– panelist at the Seminar on Irregular Migrants in Malaysia: An Analysis of Its Implementation and Effectiveness, Putrajaya, organized by Institute of Malaysian International Studies (IKMAS), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, 9 June 2011.

Brain Drain in Malaysia: How Serious is the Leakage?

– panelist at the National Talent Summit, Kuala Lumpur, organized by the

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Malaysian Institute of Management (MIM), 22 September 2011.

Turning Vision into Reality – speaker at the National Conference on ‘Making High Income Nation a Reality,’ Sunway, Selangor, organized by Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) and Institute of Strategic and Policy Research (INSAP), 23 September 2011.

Economic Security – lecture at the Strategic Analysis for International Participants Course of the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), organized by IDFR, 1 November 2011.

The Sovereign Debt Crisis and its Implications in Asean – invited speaker at the MIA-AFA

Conference 2011, jointly organized by the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) and the Asean Federation of Accountants (AFA), 2-3 November 2011.

Kos Sara Hidup [*Cost of Living*] – invited speaker at the Forum on Improving Quality of Life - Rising Cost of Living: Reality, Challenges and Ways to Overcome,’ Ipoh, organized by Institut Darul Ridzuan (IDR), 30 November 2011.

Addressing China’s Economic Influence – panelist at Session 4 of the Fourth Asean-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue, Kuala Lumpur, organized by ISIS Malaysia in collaboration with Asialink and the Asia New Zealand Foundation, 4-6 December 2011.

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Ms Elina Noor

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The United States in the East Asia Summit: What Now? *Asean Monthly Commentary*, Vol. 6 June 2011.

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Mr Firdaos Rosli

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Middle East Contagion and Implications for Asean, *Asean Monthly Commentary*, Vol. 3 March 2011.

The Human Side of Asean Connectivity, *Asean Monthly Commentary*, Vol. 4 April 2011.

The Northeast Asia FTA and its likely Effects on Asean, *Asean Monthly Commentary*, Vol. 5 May 2011.

Link Up Govt Data Silos, *The Star*, 25 August 2011.

Pemerintah Komited Perkukuh Demokrasi, *Berita Minggu*, 18 September 2011.

Asean Infrastructure Fund and its Limitations, *Asean Monthly Commentary*, Vol. 10 October 2011.

South Korea: Malaysia's Alternative Gateway to the EU and US Markets, *Asean Monthly Commentary*, Vol. 12 December 2011.

Dr Hezri Adnan

'Shifting the policy goal from environment to sustainable development,' by Hezri Adnan and Stephen R Dovers. In Hal Hill, Tham Siew Yean and Ragayah Haji Mat Zin (eds.), *Malaysia's Development Challenges: Graduating from the Middle*. London: Routledge, 2011, pp. 276-95.

The Sustainable Shift: Institutional Challenges for the Environment in Malaysia, *Akademika*, Vol. 81 No. 2, October 2011, pp. 59-69.

Challenges and Promises of Rio+20 Summit, *New Straits Times*, 25 November 2011.

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Dr Jorah Ramlan

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Banyak Subsidi Lemahkan Ekonomi Mesir? *Utusan Malaysia*, 8 February 2011.

'The international crisis and development strategies: The case of Malaysia.' In Mona Haddad and Ben Shepherd (eds.) *Managing Openness: Trade and Outward-Oriented Growth after the Crisis*. Washington DC: The World Bank, March 2011.

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Contest of Wills between China and the US, *The Edge*, 14 November 2011.

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Mr Billy Tea

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Mr Steven C M Wong

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Time for Asean to Grow Some Teeth, *New Straits Times*, 9 December 2011.

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MEDIA ENGAGEMENTS and PUBLICATIONS





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ISIS Malaysia staff regularly provided expert input on local and international affairs, gave interviews and commentaries for various media outfits including RTM, TV3, Astro, BFM89.9, NTV7, CCTV, Reuters, and local newspapers like the New Straits Times, The Star, The Edge and Berita Harian. In addition, ISIS activities are consistently covered by the media.

ISIS Malaysia also actively participates in Facebook and Twitter.

Publications

Malaysia: Policies and Issues in Economic Development

This book takes a different approach to Malaysia's economic development. It traces the nation's landmark achievements in economic development, as well as the challenges and pitfalls faced in the five decades since Independence. More importantly, it pays tribute to the roles and contributions of various players and protagonists in this development process.



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ISIS Focus

ISIS Focus is a monthly newsletter which carries reports of selected talks, seminars, International Affairs Forums, as well as reports of major conferences organized by ISIS.

The following are the 2011 *ISIS Focus* titles:

- The Third Asean-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue, January.
- The Global Economic Outlook: *Is the Global Economy Stalling?* and The Global Debt Crisis and Asia's Leadership: *Geopolitical and Economic Implications*, February.
- Conversations with Jusuf Wanandi, March.
- The 12th Asean ISIS-IIR Taiwan Dialogue: *Post-Global and EU Financial Crisis*, April.
- The Asia Pacific Roundtable Commemorative Issue: *Celebrating 25 Years of History*, May.
- Malaysia-Republic of Korea 50th Anniversary Scholars Colloquium, June.
- Harnessing Development to Protect the Environment, July.
- The Inaugural ISIS Praxis Seminar 2011, August.
- Global Economic Prospects, Oil and Capital Flows, September
- Asia Pacific and Malaysia Post Crisis Trade & Investment Opportunities, October.
- Regional Roundtable: East Asia Contributing to UN Peacekeeping: *Military, Police and Civilian*, November.
- Managing Food Price Volatility, December.



ISIS News

ISIS News is a half-yearly newsletter highlighting some ISIS social events.



