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Tan Sri Dato' Seri
Mohamed Jawhar Hassan
Chairman
ISIS Malaysia

2012 was a sterling year for ISIS, and one that was marked by important milestones and achievements. ISIS had the distinct honour of inaugurating the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies. Named after one of Malaysia's most respected and esteemed statesmen, the Chair will undertake studies in international affairs in areas that are in the national interest of Malaysia. The Board of ISIS Malaysia expresses its gratitude and thanks to the Noah Foundation for funding the Chair and to the family of the late Tun Hussein Onn for entrusting ISIS Malaysia to continue Tun Hussein's legacy of selfless service and dedication to the nation. It is also fitting that the first Chair at ISIS Malaysia has taken the name of our founding Chairman.

The Board is delighted to note that the Institute has continued to remain at the forefront of national and international engagements. On national issues, the Institute has actively contributed to the discourse on education, environment, affordable housing and economics. The international engagements of ISIS are expansive and varied, ranging from anchoring the ASEAN ISIS flagship project (the Asia-Pacific Roundtable) to hosting high level visits by foreign dignitaries such as the Australian Foreign Minister Senator Bob Carr, Japan's Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Akitaka Saiki and UK's Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs Mr Simon Fraser.

As ISIS Malaysia strives to build on these achievements, it is mindful that it has been privileged to have the support and friendship of many individuals, organizations and government entities – both in Malaysia and beyond. We thank our friends and partners for collaborating with us throughout 2012, and we look forward to their continuing support.

Last but not least, the Board and I commend and congratulate Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin and her colleagues for their dedication and hard work. We look forward to working with the Management for a successful 2013.



Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin
Chief Executive
ISIS Malaysia

ISIS has had an eventful 2012. We increased our presence in the local media with weekly articles in various newspapers throughout the year, and at the same time, organized a dynamic event schedule which is outlined below.

We started the year with the launch of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies which was established to honour the contributions made by Malaysia's third Prime Minister, the late Tun Hussein Onn, who was also ISIS Malaysia's first Chairman. The first holder of the Chair, Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa has been entrusted to lead and undertake policy relevant research on Malaysia's engagement with ASEAN and its interest in ASEAN. He delivered the Inaugural lecture entitled: 'Nation Making in Asia: From Ethnic to Civic Nations?'

In May, ISIS Malaysia's annual signature event, the 26th Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) was held with the theme 'Asian Security Order and Governance.' The keynote speaker was the Hon Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak. Notable speakers at the Roundtable included the Hon Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Ambassador Tong Xiaoling, the Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN and Lt General Duanne D Thiessen, Commander US Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.

The Myanmar Roundtable 2012: 'Understanding the Changes, Realizing the Opportunities' was held in July. Discussions ranged from politics and economics to business developments. Speakers included presidential advisors, think tank directors, high level ministry officials and prominent businessmen from Myanmar.

In October, ISIS Malaysia co-organized the Fifth Malaysia-Indonesia Strategic Bilateral Colloquium with the Centre of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia. The Hon Deputy Prime Minister, Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin and the Minister of International Trade and Industry, Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed engaged in a dialogue with the participants.

The yearly ISIS Praxis Seminar 2013 with the theme 'Knowledge for Action in the Coming Year' followed. The third in its series, the one-day seminar focused on both the global and the Malaysian economies and saw robust dialogue on domestic political scenarios.

We ended the year with two events that were held consecutively.

The 5th ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue, held on 4-6 December, was organized by ISIS Malaysia in collaboration with Asialink and the Asia New Zealand Foundation. This Dialogue focused on issues pertinent to Australia’s and New Zealand’s relations with the ASEAN countries.

On the following day, 5 December, a two-day International Conference titled ‘Regional Energy Governance and the Nexus Perspective: Challenges in the Asia Pacific Region,’ was organized with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP).

Our friends and sponsors have been generous in their support and to them we would like to say ‘thank you very much.’ They include the Ambank Group, Asia Foundation, AsiaLink (Australia), Asia New Zealand Foundation, the Australian High Commission, the British High Commission, CIMB Group, the Embassy of Japan, Japan Foundation, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Noah Foundation and Telekom Malaysia.

The principal asset of ISIS Malaysia, its research team, has been at the forefront of the activities listed in this report. I would like to thank and congratulate all ISIS Staff for their many achievements throughout the year. I would also like to record my appreciation of the Board of ISIS Malaysia, and its Chairman Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan. Their guidance and foresight have helped us maintain our reputation as the nation’s premier think-tank.

I present to you herewith, ISIS Malaysia’s 2012 Activities Report. I hope that this Report will be of interest to you, and that it will lead to your support of our programmes in the coming year.



Tan Sri Dato’
Seri Mohamed
Jawhar Hassan

Chairman

Dato’ Dr Mahani
Zainal Abidin

Chief Executive

General (RR) 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

Lt Gen (Rtd) Dato’
Hj Abdul Jamil
Hj Ahmad

Datuk Shukry Haji
Mohd Salleh

Mad Yusoff Abd
Rahman

Who's Who In ISIS

Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin
Chief Executive
Research interests: Development economics, trade and regional integration, and macroeconomic policy

Ms Sohana Enver Azyze
Head of Administration

Ms Wan Portia Hamzah
Senior Fellow
Research interests: Environmental security, security implications of climate change, energy and green initiatives

Mr Steven C M Wong
Senior Director (Economics)
Research interests: Macroeconomic policy, international economics, banking and finance

Mrs Susan P S Teoh
Director (Information Services)

Dr A Hezri
Senior Fellow
Research Interests: Environmental policy, green economy, public policy analysis, sustainable development, and energy policy

Dr Larry C Y Wong
Director (Technology, Innovation, Environment & Sustainability)
Research interests: Agri-food supply networks, food-water-energy security nexus, and sustainable development

Ms Tengku Sheila Tengku Annur Zainal
Director (Public Affairs and Conference Services)

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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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Director (Foreign Policy and Security Studies)
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Research interests: Major power relations, regional security, and conflict and religion

Dr Jorah Ramlan
Senior Analyst
Research interests: Economics and applied econometrics



Who's Who In ISIS

Mr Firdaos Rosli
Senior Analyst
Research interests: International trade, economics and public policy

Mr Terence Yang-Yau Too
Analyst
(until 20 February 2012)
Research interests: Development policy, gender and development issues

Mr Alizan Mahadi
Analyst
Research interests: Sustainable development, green economy and security of natural resources

Dr Muhammed Abdul Khalid
Senior Analyst
(until 13 April 2012)
Research interests: Economic inequality, income and wealth distribution and socio-economic development

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.

Mr Shahrman Lockman
Senior Analyst
Research interests: Malaysian foreign policy, Southeast Asia-China relations and Southeast Asian studies

Mr Billy Tea
Analyst
(until 28 September 2012)
Research interests: Asia-Europe security relations and conflict studies

Ms Nor Izzatina Abdul Aziz
Researcher
(until 12 September 2012)
Research interests: International economics, trade, development economics and political economy

Ms Zarina Zainuddin
Analyst
Research interests: Malaysia-Japan relations

Ms Natalie Shobana Ambrose
Analyst
Research Interests: Asean, human rights, non-traditional security, international law and economics, negotiation and mediation practices

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



Conferences

26th Asia-Pacific Roundtable
28-30 May 2012, InterContinental Hotel
Kuala Lumpur



Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad speaking at the session on 'Governance in Asia'

From left: Amb Tong Xiaoling and Mr Simon Tay

Participants at the 26th Asia Pacific Roundtable

From left: Mr Jusuf Wanandi, Lt Gen Duane D Thiessen, HRH Prince Norodom Sirivudh and Mr Hideki Asari

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



ISIS Malaysia's flagship event, the 26th Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) with the theme, 'Asian Security Order and Governance' was held on 28-30 May 2012. A total of 371 registered participants attended the conference.

The Hon Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, delivered the Keynote Address at the Welcoming Dinner on 28 May 2012. High level role players in attendance included The Hon Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, former Prime Minister of Malaysia, Amb Tong Xiaoling, the Chinese Ambassador to ASEAN and Lt General Duane D Thiessen, Commander, US Marine Corps Forces, Pacific.

There were ten plenary sessions, two concurrent sessions, a tête-à-tête session and a dinner talk. Some of the issues covered included regional order; perspectives on Asian security from China, the US and Southeast Asia; sea lanes of communications; transnational migration; governance in Asia; North Korean leadership change and reform; and Myanmar's political development.

Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue & Forum
25-26 June 2012, Mandarin Oriental
Kuala Lumpur



Participants at the Dialogue

Tan Sri Mohammad Jawhar Hassan and Mr Jan Senkyr

The Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue, held on 25th June, was a closed-door discussion, with selected participants comprising Malaysian and German officials and scholars.

The Public Forum, held on 26th June, was extended to a wider audience, including policy-makers, academicians, practitioners and members of the diplomatic corps. The session topics were:

- Assessing China's Geostrategic Position and Impact: German and Malaysian Perspectives;
- Building Security Through Cooperation: The European and Southeast Asian Ways Compared.



Myanmar Roundtable 2012: Understanding the Changes, Realizing the Opportunities
9 July 2012, Doubletree by Hilton
Kuala Lumpur



From left: U Than Htut, U Ko Ko Lay, Dr Bridget Welsh, Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, Dr Larry Wong, U Ye Min Aung and Dr Tin Htut

Participants at the Roundtable

From left: U Ye Ming Aung, Dr Larry Wong and U Than Htut



In response to a heightened interest in the 'Invest in Myanmar' drive, ISIS Malaysia organized the Myanmar Roundtable to highlight recent political, economic and business developments in the nation. A select group of Myanmar speakers comprising presidential advisors, think tank directors and high-level ministry officials as well as prominent and dynamic businessmen spoke on current trends, future directions and the challenges faced by the country.

The sessions were:

- Myanmar: Opening its Links to the Region and the World;
- Unleashing Myanmar's Potential;
- Myanmar's Business and Investment Opportunities;
- Dialogue Session

ISIS Roundtable
Providing Public and Affordable
Housing for Malaysia
16 July 2012, Sheraton Imperial
Kuala Lumpur

From left: Dato' Dr
Mahani Zainal Abidin,
Dato' Mutalib Alias
and Datuk Muhammad
Yusoff Ghazali

From left: Dato' Dr
Kamarul Rashdan Salleh,
Datuk Hj Mhd Amin
Nordin Abd Aziz and
Mr Steven Wong

Participants at the
Roundtable



The closed-door Roundtable was a landmark event of the ISIS study on public and affordable housing. Important stakeholders such as officials from the related federal and state government agencies, the private sector, academicians and consumer groups were invited to this Roundtable.

The session topics were:

- Public housing: Policies and Institutional Framework;
- Meeting the Needs for Affordable Housing;
- Housing a Nation: the Suppliers' Perspective;
- Panel Discussion on Issues, Challenges and Resolutions



Seated from left: Drs H
Muhammad Jusuf Kalla
and Tan Sri Syed Hamid
Syed Jaafar Albar.
Standing from left: Tan
Sri Mohamad Jawhar
Hassan and Dato' Dr
Mahani Zainal Abidin

Fifth Malaysia-Indonesia
Strategic Bilateral Colloquium
7-8 October 2012,
Putrajaya Marriot Hotel
Putrajaya



Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin
Mohd Yassin and
Dr Rizal Sukma

The Colloquium, co-organized by ISIS Malaysia and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia, gathered 48 policy-makers and opinion-shapers from Malaysia and Indonesia to discuss key issues pertinent to bilateral relations such as economics and investment; migrant workers; maritime cooperation; domestic development; and the media.

The Hon Deputy Prime Minister, Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin Mohd Yassin and the Minister of International Trade and Industry, Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed held interactive sessions with the participants. Former Indonesian Vice-President, Drs H Muhammad Jusuf Kalla delivered a keynote speech titled 'Building a Special Relationship.'

ISIS PRAXIS Seminar 2013: Knowledge
for Action in the Coming Year
8 November 2012, Doubletree by Hilton
Kuala Lumpur

Mr Gerald Ambrose

Mr J Jayasiri

From left: Datuk Dr
Dennison Jayasooria,
Mr Steven Wong, Dato'
Saifuddin Abdullah and
Dr Andrew Aeria

From left: U Ye Min
Aung, Dr Larry Wong,
U Aung Naing Oo
and Dr Tin Maung
Maung Than



The annual conference, the third in the series, aimed at providing an outlook for both global and Malaysian economies, and domestic political scenarios. The five sessions focused on the following topics:

- How Slow Can We Grow?: World Economy in 2013;
- Year of the 'Big Squeeze?: Malaysia in 2013';
- Doing Business in Myanmar;
- Malaysia's New FTA: How Business Benefits;
- Political Outlook: What Now?

From left: Dato' Dr
Woo Wing Thye,
Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman
Mahbob, Mr Mangal
Goswami and Mr
David G Fernandez



5th ASEAN-Australia-New
Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue
4-6 December 2012, Doubletree by Hilton
Kuala Lumpur

Dr Kate McMillan

From left: Mr Aldo Borgu,
HE Mr David Taylor and
Mr John McKinnon

From left: Ms Siti
Amyfariza Hj Jaini, Mr
Haji Ridwaan Jadwat
and Prof Anthony Milner

Participants of the
5th AANZ Dialogue



This annual meeting, 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 topics included regional strategic interests, US relations, human trafficking, natural disasters and a session with a focus on Myanmar. Amongst the participants were Mr Rod Smith

of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Mr John McKinnon of the Asia New Zealand Foundation, HRH Prince Samdech Norodom Sirivudh of the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace, Mr Endy Bayuni of the *Jakarta Post* and Associate Professor Nguyen Thai Yen Huong of the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam.



International Conference — Regional Energy Governance and the Nexus Perspective: Challenges in the Asia Pacific Region 5–6 December 2012, Doubletree by Hilton Kuala Lumpur

From left: Ms Puvanes S S, Mr Filbert Tay, Dr Jakapong Pongthanaisawan, Mr Abdul Rashid Bahari and Mr Kaljeet Singh

From left: Dr Larry Wong, Dr A Hezri, Dr Salmah Zakaria and Dr Chayanis Krittasudthacheewa

From left: Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister, Dr Larry Wong and Mr Kohji Iwakami

From left: Prof Dr Ann Florini and Dato' Ir Dr A Bakar Jaafar



The two day conference was jointly organized by ISIS Malaysia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), in collaboration with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). It was attended by about 70 participants from around the region. Five plenary sessions covered the topics listed below:

- Regional Institutions for Energy Governance;
- Policy Processes and Actors of Energy Governance;
- Building the Synergy for Water, Food and Energy Nexus;
- The Benefits and Challenges of Operationalizing the Nexus;
- Panel Discussion on the Policy Implications of the Nexus Perspective.

Book Launch and Seminar

Book Launch — 'Towards Green Economy: In Search of Sustainable Energy Policies for the Future' and Roundtable on 'Energy and Sustainable Society: Challenges and Opportunities for a Green Economy' 18 April 2012, Hilton Petaling Jaya

From left: Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister and Dr A Hezri

From left: Dr Leong Yow Peng, Dr Larry Wong and Dr Hooman Peimani



Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and ISIS Malaysia published a book titled *Towards Green Economy: In Search of Sustainable Energy Policies for the Future*. It was edited by Dr Adnan A Hezri and Dr Wilhelm Hofmeister. The book was launched by Emeritus Prof Dr Mohd Nordin Hj Hasan, Director, International Council for Science, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Academy of Sciences, Malaysia.

At the Roundtable that followed, the keynote paper was delivered by Dr Hooman Peimani, Principal Fellow and Head, Energy Security Division, Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. It was titled 'Mainstreaming Energy Security in Public Policy: Country and Regional Examples'. The discussant was Dr Leong Yow Peng, Director, Institute of Energy Policy and Research (IEPRE), University Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN), Malaysia.

The events were jointly organized by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and ISIS Malaysia.



ISIS Malaysia Board, ISIS Eminent Fellow, Members of the late Tun Hussein Onn's Family, the Noah Foundation and the Tun Hussein Onn Chair

Dato' Haris Tun Hussein delivering Dato' Seri Hishammuddin's speech

Dignitaries at the event



Launch and Inaugural Lecture

The Launch of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies
28 March 2012, Mandarin Oriental
Kuala Lumpur

Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa delivering his Inaugural lecture

Applause for the speaker

From left: Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, Dato' Haris Hussein Onn, Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa and Datin Paduka Dr Faridah Abdullah

The Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies was established to honour the contributions made by the late Tun Hussein Onn, ISIS Malaysia's first Chairman and Malaysia's third Prime Minister, in shaping the nation's foreign policy.

Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa was appointed as the first holder of the Chair. The Chair will build on and continue the late Tun's visionary initiatives and efforts toward establishing ASEAN as the cornerstone of Malaysia's foreign policy. It will lead and undertake policy relevant research on Malaysia's engagement and interests in ASEAN, besides examining major power relations as they pertain to national and regional interests.

Dato' Haris Tun Hussein, as a representative of the family of the late Tun Hussein Onn, launched the Chair. He also read out a speech on behalf of Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein.

Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa delivered the Inaugural lecture entitled: 'Nation Making in Asia: From Ethnic to Civic Nations?'

The Chair is based at ISIS Malaysia and is funded by the Noah Foundation.



ISIS International Affairs Forum



APEC: Outcomes and Outlook 2011/2012

HE Dato' Muhamad Noor Yacob
Executive Director,
APEC Secretariat,
Singapore

18 January 2012

The China Conundrum and Implications for Southeast Asia

Dr Yukon Huang
Senior Associate,
Carnegie Endowment,
Washington, DC

10 February 2012

The Indian Ocean and the Future of American Power

Mr Robert D Kaplan
Senior Fellow, Center
for a New American
Security, USA

10 February 2012

The Current Global Economic Situation and Multilateralism

Dr Danny Leipziger
Professor of
International Business,
George Washington
University, USA

22 February 2012



Climate Change and Green Economy: International Cooperation for Energy Transition

HE Mr Masahiko Horie
Ambassador for Global
Environmental Affairs,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Japan

23 February 2012

India-Asean Evolving Architecture and Emerging Partnership

HE Mr Sanjay Singh
Secretary of the
Ministry of External
Affairs, Government
of India

13 March 2012

The Trans-Pacific Partnership and China's Policy Responses

Prof Lu Jianren
Senior Research
Fellow, Institute of
Asia-Pacific Studies,
Chinese Academy
of Social Sciences
(CASS), and
Director, Institute of
Global Trade Studies,
Zhejiang Shuren
University, China

26 March 2012

Pathways to the Free-Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific: Trans-Pacific Partnership, Asia-Pacific Integration, and Stakes for Malaysia

Prof Michael G Plummer
Eni Professor of
International Economics,
The Johns Hopkins
University, SAIS-
Bologna, Italy

29 March 2012

ISIS International Affairs Forum



Consumptionomics: Asia's Role in Reshaping Capitalism and Saving the Planet

Mr Chandran Nair
Founder and CEO of
the Global Institute
for Tomorrow (GIFT),
Hong Kong

4 April 2012

Managing the South China Sea Conundrum

Prof Dr B A Hamzah
Department of Strategic
Studies, Faculty of Defence
and Management Studies
National Defence
University of Malaysia;

and

**Vice-Admiral Maritime
Dato' Noor Aziz Yunan (R)**
Director-General, Maritime
Institute of Malaysia (MIMA)

18 May 2012

India's Look East Policy: From Economic Integration to Strategic Stakeholder in the Asia-Pacific Region

Prof Baladas Ghoshal
Distinguished Fellow, Institute
of Peace and Conflict
Studies, New Delhi, India

18 July 2012

The Euro as a Guarantor for Stability and Prosperity – How Big the Crisis for Politics and Economy in Europe Really is?

Mr Roland Koch
Chairman of the Executive
Board, Bilfinger Berger
SE, Germany

20 September 2012,
Shangri-la Hotel,
Kuala Lumpur

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China and the Emerging World Order

Dr Martin Jacques
Senior Visiting Research
Fellow, London School of
Economics, United Kingdom

28 September 2012

Two Countries, One Goal: Prosperity Alongside Security

Mr Simon Fraser
Permanent Under-Secretary,
Foreign and Commonwealth
Office, United Kingdom

4 October 2012,
Doubletree by Hilton,
Kuala Lumpur

Does What You Export Matter: In Search of Guidance for Industrial Policy

Dr William F Maloney
Lead Economist,
Development Economics
Research Group, The
World Bank, USA

17 October 2012

Foreign Policy Roundtable

The Hon Senator Bob Carr
Minister of Foreign
Affairs, Australia

8 November 2012, Mandarin
Oriental Kuala Lumpur

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Mindanao Framework Peace Agreement

Tengku Dato' Ab Ghafar bin Tengku Mohamed
Former Director General of the National Security Division, Prime Minister's Department and the Secretary of the National Security Council;

and

Prof Dr Kamarulzaman Askandar
Coordinator, Research and Education for Peace (REP), Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM)

23 November 2012

A Renewable Energy Future: Policy Learning from Asian Pioneers

Dr Benjamin K Sovacool
Director of the Energy Security and Justice Program, Institute for Energy and the Environment, Vermont School of Law, USA

7 December 2012

US Political Cultures, the 2012 Election Results and the Future of US Asia-Pacific Policy

Dr Charles E Morrison
President, The East-West Center, USA

11 December 2012



Visit by Mr Akitaka Saiki
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan
3 December 2012

Dialogues and Visits



Roundtable Discussion
Prof Bronson Percival
Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore

10 January 2012

Roundtable Discussion with Dr Michael Auslin
Director of Japan Studies, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), USA

25 January 2012

Roundtable Discussion: 'Maritime and Naval Implications of the US 'Pivot' to Asia' with Admiral Cecil D Haney
Commander, US Pacific Fleet

21 March 2012

Roundtable Discussion: 'Prioritizing US-Malaysia Relations,' with Ambassador James R Keith
Senior Director, McLarty Associates' China practice and Former US Ambassador to Malaysia

11 June 2012

Visit by Lieutenant General Tarry Robling
Commander for US Marine Forces, Pacific Command

25 October 2012

Dialogues and Visits

Visit by Dr Maya Soetoro-Ng and Delegation from the East West Center, Hawaii

8 June 2012

Dr Maya Soetoro-Ng (front row, second from the right) flanked by Tan Sri Mohamad Jawhar Hassan (on her right) and Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, together with the delegation from The East West Center and ISIS staff



Visits from Other Institutions

Malaysian Armed Forces Defence College 2012
Course Participants,
17 January 2012



Goh Keng Swee
Command and Staff
College, Singapore,
7 May 2012



Malaysia-United
States Ties (MUST)
Visit Programme,
28 April-4 May 2012



Air War College,
Pakistan,
23 April 2012



Bangladesh National
Defense College,
6 July 2012



Curtin University,
9 February 2012

Agency of Policy
Research &
Development,
Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Indonesia,
19 April 2012

Malaysia-United
States Ties (MUST)
Visit Programme,
4-11 April 2012

Franklin College,
Switzerland,
21 March 2012

Naval Strategic Studies
Centre, Thailand,
18 July 2012



Visits from Other Institutions

• National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies, Nigeria, 20 July 2012



• Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (Malaysian Islamic Youth Movement), 1 August 2012

• Academy of Military Science of the People's Liberation Army, Republic of China, 18 December 2012



• Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand, 19 September 2012

• Prospect Foundation, 29 November 2012



• Anbound Consulting, China, 20 September 2012

• Mitsui Group, Japan, 22 October 2012



• Defense Services and Command Staff College of Sri Lanka, 19 October 2012

Research Activities and Outputs

Projects

ASEAN Newsletter

This project is a continuation of the *ASEAN Monthly Commentary* which began in 2011 for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Republic of Korea. In March 2012, this project was extended for another year, under the new 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, as well as news updates.

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

This project examines the dynamics of Malaysia's political and strategic relations with China. It strives to contribute towards Malaysia's strategic thinking and approach towards China, and aims to provide policy relevant recommendations.

It is funded by the Prime Minister's Exchange Fellowship Programme Malaysia (PROGRAM), and is expected to be completed by mid-2013.

Enhancing National Unity and 1Malaysia Identity for Malaysia Education Blueprint 2013-2025

The project approved by Ministry of Education began in May 2012 and will continue until 2013. Focus Group meetings were held on the following themes: National Unity and 1Malaysia Identity, Multiculturalism and Language Learning, National Schools as Preferred Schools, and Equity in Education. ISIS Malaysia submitted a report on the findings and recommendations from the Focus Group meetings to the Ministry on 3 December 2012.

The project will continue in 2013 with studies conducted by several local universities, and non-

governmental organizations, in collaboration with ISIS and the Ministry of Education. Queensland University of Technology, and the Victoria University of Wellington will select a related theme for their study in their respective countries.

Housing the Nation: Policies, Issues and Prospects

After the first publication in 1997 titled *Housing the Nation: A Definitive Study*, to commemorate Cagamas Berhad's 10th anniversary, Cagamas once again commissioned ISIS to produce a publication to commemorate its 25th anniversary. The publication, provisionally titled 'Housing the Nation: Policies, Issues and Prospects' will be produced in 2013.

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

In May 2012, ISIS Malaysia and the Southeast Asia Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, DC launched a joint study report affirming the importance of the US-Malaysia bilateral relationship for the long term interests of both countries. The report is the collaborative effort of a year-long study which began in 2011.

The report, *From Strength to Empowerment: The Next Generation of US-Malaysia Relations*, presents recommendations on moving bilateral ties to a higher level in three main areas — political and security cooperation; trade and investment ties; and people-to-people initiatives.

Malaysian Foreign Policy Study Group Project

This study group was instituted by Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa with an inaugural meeting on 6 September 2012. Participation in the study group is at a high level. Several meetings have been scheduled for

the various study groups. An actionable report will be produced in 2013, based on the findings of the discussion of the study groups.

Providing Public and Affordable Housing for Malaysia

A study on the housing industry began in July 2012 to provide policy recommendations as a response to housing affordability issues. A roundtable discussion was held on 16 July 2012. The report was expected to be completed in December. The study was supported by Permodalan Nasional Berhad.

Thailand–Malaysia Think Tank and Scholar Network (TMTT/MTT)

This network was jointly organized by Direk Jayanama Center (DJC), Faculty of Political Science, Thammasat University (TU), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Thailand, Thailand Research Fund (TRF) and Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia.

Recognizing the need for research cooperation as well as joint academic activities at the bilateral level, this initiative provides a platform for research cooperation as well as joint academic activities between scholars and academic/research institutes from Thailand and Malaysia, with the aim of providing policy recommendations for policy-makers, so as to raise awareness of the socio-economic dimension of Thai-Malaysia relations.

World Bank Study – ‘Competition Issues in the Malaysian Food Distribution Sector’

This study, undertaken by Technology, Innovation, Environment and Sustainability (TIES) of ISIS Malaysia, constitutes one of the three components of a World Bank advisory project, titled ‘Assessing Market Conduct that Impedes Competition’ that was requested by the Government of Malaysia. The study is expected to support the work of the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister’s

Department, Ministry of Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism, and especially the work of the newly established Competition Commission, in effectively implementing its mandate, particularly its ‘competition advocacy’ function. This study is expected to run from August 2012 to March 2013.

Lectures, Talks and Presentations

Dato’ Dr Muthiah Alagappa

‘Nation Making in Asia: From Ethnic to Civic Nations?’, Launch of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies at ISIS Malaysia, 28 March 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

‘India’s Foreign Policy,’ Malaysia-India Business Council, 4 April 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

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‘Security Order in Asia: Realist and Contractual,’ 26th Asia-Pacific Roundtable, jointly organized by ISIS Malaysia and ASEAN ISIS, 28-30 May 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

‘South China Sea Dispute: Moving Forward,’ Malaysian Institute of Maritime Affairs (MIMA), 15 June 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

‘Nation Making in Asia,’ Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, 23 June 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

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‘Contemporary Global Security Challenges,’ Singapore Global Dialogue 2012, 20-21 September 2012, Singapore. [Panelist]

‘Understanding the Relationship and Regional Implications,’ Globe Practitioner Seminar, organized by Tufts University, European Centre, 27-28 September 2012, Talloires, France. [Panelist]

‘Civil Society and Democratic Change in Asia,’ Perak Lecture, 2 November 2012, Ipoh.

‘Strategies to Manage Relations among Major Powers,’ 15th Annual Chiefs of Defence Conference, 5-8 November 2012, Sydney, Australia.

‘China’s Rise and its Strategic Implications,’ Lowy Institute, November 2012, Sydney, Australia.

‘Future of One-party Domain Political Systems in Asia,’ College of Social Science, National Chengchi University, November 2012, Taipei.

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‘Nation-state Making and International Relations in Asia Since 1945,’ College of International Affairs, National Chengchi University, November 2012, Taipei.

Keynote address, International Conference on ‘China, ASEAN and the Changing Context of East Asian Regionalism’, jointly organized by the Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya; Research

School of Southeast Asian Studies, Xiamen University; Department of International Relations, Changwon National University; and Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya, 5-6 December 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

Mr Alizan Mahadi

‘Policy Dimensions for a Climate Resilient Development’ joint speaker with Dr A Hezri, Conference on Climate Management Tools & Strategies for Industries, 3 October 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

Ms Natalie Shobana Ambrose

‘South-South Cooperation: The Way Forward,’ Asian Development Cooperation Dialogue, 5-7 March 2012, New Delhi, India.

Ms Elina Noor

‘Online Radicalization and Recruitment,’ Cyber Terrorism Workshop, organized by Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter-Terrorism (SEARCCT) and Cyber Security Malaysia, 24-26 April 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

‘Virtual/Reality: The Projection of Radical Identity and National Security in Cyberspace,’ Cyberia: Identity, Cyberspace and National Security Workshop, organized by the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) and the Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program (CTFP), 21-22 August 2012, Singapore.

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'Infrastructure Development in ASEAN,' jointly with Dato' Dr Mahani Zainal Abidin, ASEAN Roundtable 2012: Examining the ASEAN Economic Community Scorecard, 25 May 2012, Singapore.

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'East Asian Integration: Future Tasks,' 8th East Asian Institutes Forum on 'East Asian Economic Integration and Development Cooperation: Assessment and Future Tasks,' 14 September 2012, Vientiane, Laos.

'ASEAN+3 Integration: A Malaysian Perspective,' Seminar on ASEAN+3 Connectivity: Perspectives and Prospects, organized by National Institute of International Strategy (NIIS) and Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), 28-29 September 2012, Beijing, China.

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'International Dimension of Rio+20,' CPPS-ASLI Roundtable on Rio Agenda, organized by Centre for Public Policy Studies, Asian Strategy Leadership Institute (CPPS-ASLI), 4 June 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

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Dr Jorah Ramlan

'Malaysia's Broadband Policy,' Graduate Management School, Management and Science University, 7 October 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

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'Government and Making of Production Base and Networking in ASEAN and ASEAN+,' King Prajadhipok's Institute Program on 'Thailand and ASEAN Economic Community' (Class 1), organized by King Prajadhipok's Institute, Thailand, 4 February 2012, Bangkok, Thailand. [Panelist]

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'How Regional Regimes Can Prevent Conflict,' Roundtable on 'Thinking about the Asian Century,' organized by the East Asian Bureau of Economic

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'Asia's Rise and Global Challenge,' Public Forum on 'Thinking about the Asian Century,' organized by the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research (EABER) in partnership with the South Asian Bureau of Economic Research (SABER), Australian National University, 18 April 2012, Canberra, Australia. [Panelist]

'Rebalancing in China and Its Impact on the Region,' IMF Regional Economic Outlook Launch: China's Current Account Changes and Implications for Asia, organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), 27 April 2012, Kuala Lumpur. [Panelist]

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'Global Economy in Crisis — Challenges and Opportunities for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises,' SME Bank-ADFIMI International Development (SAID) Forum, organized by SME Bank in collaboration with the Association of National Development Finance Institutions in Member Countries of the Islamic Development Bank (ADFIMI), 5 July 2012, Kuala Lumpur. [Panelist]

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'East Asian Integration and its Complexities,' 3rd Think Tank Summit, organized by the China Development Institute, China, 11 July 2012, Nanning, China.

'East Asian Integration and its Complexities,' 7th Pan-Beibu Gulf Economic Cooperation Forum, 12-13 July 2012, Nanning, China.

'Excel at Revenue Generating Roles,' 10th Women's Summit 2012: Break New Ground, Transformation, Synergy, Advancement, 17 July, 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

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'Enhancing Connectivity for Promoting ASEAN-India Economic Integration,' 1st Roundtable of ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT), organized by the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India in collaboration with the Government of India and the ASEAN Secretariat, 7-8 August 2012, New Delhi, India.

'Deepening ASEAN Plus Three (APT) Cooperation,' 10th NEAT Annual Conference, organized by China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing, 27-28 August 2012, Beijing, China.

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'Current Economic Issues,' 34th Intermediate Central Banking Course, organized by the Human Capital Development Centre, Bank Negara Malaysia, 9 October 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

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Dr Muhammed Abdul Khalid

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Dato' Dr Siti Zaleha Abdullah Sani

'Teacher Education Curriculum,' 21st MELTA International Conference: Refreshing English Language Education: New Environments, New Needs, New Solutions, organized by the Malaysian English Language Teaching Association (MELTA), 28 April 2012, Kuala Lumpur. [Panelist]

Dr Tang Siew Mun

'Malaysia's Security Outlook,' 3rd International Workshop on Asia Pacific Security: Security Outlook

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'Malaysia-India Defence Cooperation,' Third India-Malaysia Strategic Dialogue, 12-13 April 2012, New Delhi, India.

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'Regional Security,' Study Group Visit by the Defence Services Command and Staff College of Sri Lanka, 19 October 2012, Kuala Lumpur.

Ms Wan Portia Hamzah

'Early Warning and Safe Evacuation,' NEAT Working Group Meeting on Regional Cooperation on Disaster Management in East Asia, 27 July 2012, Tokyo, Japan.

Dr Larry C Y Wong

'New Dimensions of Food, Security and the Food-Water-Energy Nexus,' Seminar on 'Water and Food Security', 23 March 2012, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), Penang.

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Muthiah Alagappa

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