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MISSION

The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia was established on 8 April 1983 as an autonomous, not-for-profit research organisation. ISIS Malaysia has a diverse research focus which includes economics, foreign policy, security studies, nation-building, social policy, technology, innovation and environmental studies. It also undertakes research collaboration with national and international organisations in important areas such as national development and international affairs.

ISIS Malaysia engages actively in Track Two diplomacy, and promotes the

exchange of views and opinions at both the national and international levels. The Institute has also played a role in fostering closer regional integration and international cooperation through forums and networks such as the Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR), the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS), the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), the Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT), the Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks (NACT), the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT), and the Silk Road Think Tank Network (SiLKs). ISIS Malaysia is a founding member of

the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) and manages the Council's Secretariat.

As the country's premier think tank, ISIS Malaysia has been at the forefront of some of the most significant nation-building initiatives in Malaysia's history. It was a contributor to the Vision 2020 concept and was consultant to the Knowledge-Based Economy Master Plan initiative. It also produced the first ever National Interest Analysis to be undertaken on Malaysia's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP).

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN and CHIEF EXECUTIVE

I am pleased to present the ISIS Malaysia Annual Report 2015. The report features the activities of the Institute and provides information on the projects as well as published works of our research staff.



Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa
Chairman and Chief Executive
ISIS Malaysia

ISIS Malaysia continued to uphold in 2015 its objective of promoting independent research and serious discussions as well as providing policy advice on various issues of concern to the nation and the world at large. This report highlights our activities, including the meetings, seminars, workshops and conferences that were successfully organised throughout the year, some of which were done in collaboration with other local and foreign institutions. It can be said that 2015 was a very eventful and rewarding year for ISIS Malaysia.

ISIS Malaysia was involved in three major consultancies in 2015. The first was a National Interest Analysis on Malaysia's Participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), decided by the Malaysian Cabinet and implemented by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. The second was a study for the ASEAN Secretariat on the implications of ASEAN's Socio-Cultural Pillar in Timor-Leste's possible accession to ASEAN. The third study was a gap analysis for Malaysia's post-2015 development agenda.

ISIS Malaysia was also appointed as the Technical Secretariat to the Malaysia Chapter of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network

(SDSN). Additionally, the Institute completed a study for Thailand's Ministry of Commerce on non-tariff barriers in Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam.

ISIS Malaysia once again successfully convened the annual Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) in early June. The 29th APR had the full support of the ASEAN-ISIS fraternity as well as other long-time institutional partners. The event attracted some 300 registered participants including policymakers, security experts, scholars, researchers, journalists and business leaders from various parts of the world. We look forward to convening the 30th APR in mid-2016.

Through our International Affairs Forum (IIAF) series, ISIS Malaysia was able to host prominent leaders, policymakers, legislators, diplomats and scholars who spoke on a variety of subjects. These speakers included the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia; HE María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, and HE Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO). Several roundtable discussions were also held on various subjects,

featuring speakers from different institutions and countries.

At the beginning of the year, ISIS Malaysia and the International Cyber Policy Centre of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ICPC/ASPI) hosted a workshop to gather expert views from the Asia-Pacific region in preparation for the Global Conference on CyberSpace 2015 (GCCS) held in The Hague in April 2015. The workshop was attended by participants from 12 Asia-Pacific countries.

In February, ISIS Malaysia also hosted, together with the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS), an international workshop on 'Furthering the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Agenda: Challenges and Expectations Relating to the UN Sanctions on North Korea'. It was one of a series of meetings in support of the UN Panel of Experts on North Korea.

Prof Dr Anthony Milner, holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies, delivered his second Public Lecture on 3 December prior to the end of his two-year tenure at ISIS Malaysia. I would like to express our sincere thanks to him for the work done at this Institute and our deep gratitude to

the Noah Foundation for the generous contribution to fund the Chair.

Throughout 2015, ISIS Malaysia continued to actively engage and maintain close links with other think tanks and institutions at home and abroad. ISIS Malaysia jointly hosted in Malaysia several meetings, seminars and conferences with think tanks and institutions from other countries. These included the ASEAN+ Young Leaders Summit on 'Youth Driving the ASEAN Community', coordinated with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Malaysia; Eighth Korea-ASEAN Forum, held in collaboration with the Korea Foundation; the Fourth Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) on 'ASEAN-India: Strengthening the Ties That Bind', co-organised with the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) of India; the 11th East Asian Institutes Forum on 'The ASEAN Economic Community and Beyond: External and Internal Dimension', hosted together with the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP); the Fourth Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue, held in partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS); the Eighth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue, organised jointly with Asialink and the Asia New Zealand Foundation; and the Second Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks Coordinators Meeting and Seminar on 'ASEAN-China Relations: Cooperation, Community and Connectivity', co-hosted with the China Foreign Affairs University.

ISIS Malaysia signed three Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with foreign partners in 2015. The first was signed with the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) of the National University of Singapore (NUS) on 21 January. On 23 November, an MOU was signed with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), witnessed by both the Hon Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, and HE Li Keqiang, Premier of China. ISIS Malaysia also signed an MOU with the Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), NUS on 26 November.

In 2015, ISIS Malaysia became a partner institution in the Delhi Dialogue process led by the Institute for Defence

Studies and Analyses (IDSA), India, and our institute was represented at the Delhi Dialogue VII. Additionally, ISIS Malaysia became a founding member of the Silk Road Think Tank Network (SiLKTS), which was launched at the Silk Road Forum 2015 in Madrid, Spain on 28 October.

Pursuant to the MOU signed with the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) in July 2014, ISIS Malaysia led a ten-member delegation comprising representatives of Malaysian think tanks and universities on a visit to China on 13–18 April at the invitation of CPIFA. ISIS Malaysia Chairman and Chief Executive also led a team of high ranking Malaysian security experts on a visit to Brussels and Berlin at the invitation of KAS.

ISIS Malaysia sent a representative to participate in the NGO Exchange Programme to China (Beijing and Fujian) from 18–27 April, organised by the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament (CPAPD) as well as in the 2015 Taiwan Study Camp for Future Leaders from Asia-Pacific Region from 4–13 November in Taipei. In addition, our research staff attended numerous conferences, seminars and colloquia at home and abroad.

I wish to record here that the success achieved by ISIS Malaysia would not have been possible without the support, assistance and encouragement of governments as well as various individuals and organisations, public and private, here in Malaysia and abroad. I wish to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude to all our friends, associates and supporters for their invaluable assistance and generous contributions that enabled ISIS Malaysia to carry out its activities throughout the year.

I would also like to record my appreciation to the members of the Board of ISIS Malaysia for their full support and encouragement. Last but not least, I thank and commend all staff for their dedication and commitment in ensuring that ISIS Malaysia remains as the nation's premier think tank.

I look forward to greater achievements in the coming year for ISIS Malaysia.

January 2016

WHO'S WHO IN ISIS MALAYSIA

Members of the Board



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- 1 **Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa**
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Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies



Prof Dr Anthony Milner
Second Holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Relations
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Research Staff



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- 1 **Ms Wan Portia Hamzah**
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- 2 **Mr Bunn Nagara**
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- 3 **Mr Sholto Byrnes**
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- 4 **Mr Yong Hee Kong**
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Research Staff



- 11 **Dr Abdul Wahed Jalal**
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Standing from left: Mr Abu Bakar Mohamed and Ms Harizan Zakaria



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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

ISIS Malaysia was actively involved in the organisation as well as collaboration of numerous conferences and meetings in 2015. This section highlights ten major conferences, a public lecture and a series of ISIS International Affairs Forums. The forums covered a wide variety of topics on economics, energy, and politics and security in the region and beyond. A number of roundtable discussions were also held on our premises. Some of these meetings were closed-door discussions with visiting diplomats. Additionally, there were visits by institutions from several countries, including the United States, China, Republic of Korea, Japan, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia.

Conferences

Asia-Pacific Perspectives on the Hague Global Conference on Cyberspace Workshop

11 February 2015, DoubleTree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur

The International Cyber Policy Centre of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ICPC/ASPI) and ISIS Malaysia, with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands, hosted a workshop to gather expert views from Asia-Pacific in preparation for the Global Conference on CyberSpace 2015 (GCCS), which was to be held in The Hague in April.

The workshop brought together participants from the government and private sector, academia, think tanks, non-governmental organisations as well as regional and international organisations from 12 Asia-Pacific countries.

The key issues raised were:

- Cyber in International Security;
- Cybercrime and the Digital Economy;
- Practical Approaches to Regional Cyber Capacity and Confidence Building; and
- Cyber Rules of the Road in the Asia-Pacific.



- 1 From left: Mr Tobias Feakin, Dato' Steven Wong and Ms Elina Noor
- 2 From left: Mr Steve Honiss and Mr Angel S Averia Jr
- 3 Mr Cherian Samuel, Research Fellow, Institute for Defense Studies & Analyses, India
- 4 Mr Rutger van Marissing, Policy Officer, Security Policy Department, Task Force Cyber Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands
- 5 Ms Caitriona H Heini, Research Fellow, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- 6 From left: Ms Kelisiana Thynne, Mr Eugene Teo and Ms Shariffa Rashidah Syed Othman
- 7 Dr Xu Longdi, Assoc Research Fellow, Department for European Studies, China Institute of International Studies
- 8 Mr John Yong, Infocomm Security and Assurance, Infocomm Development Authority of Singapore

Workshop on 'Furthering the Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Agenda: Challenges and Expectations Relating to the UN Sanctions on North Korea'

25 February 2015, Grand Hyatt, Kuala Lumpur

The workshop, organised by the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS) with the assistance of ISIS Malaysia, was one of a series of meetings in support of the UN Panel of Experts on North Korea.

The event brought together representatives from the UN Panel of Experts, Cambodia, China, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as practitioners from the private sector in several of these countries. It was designed to explain the Panel's mandate, provide guidance on sanctions implementation best practices and highlight North Korea's evasion methods. The workshop also provided an opportunity for participants to discuss the difficulties involved in implementing sanctions.

The topics of discussion were:

- The UN Sanctions Regime and the UN Panel of Experts Established Pursuant to Resolution 1874 (2009);
- Trends in Arms Embargo-related Measures;
- Transport and Export Control Measures;
- Financial Measures; and
- Regional Approaches to Enforcement.



1 From left: Mr Katsuhisa Furukawa, Mr Mark Fitzpatrick, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa and Mr Sun Dymo



2 From left: Mrs Maratee Andamo and Ms Pensom Lertsithichai



3 From left: Mr Pheakdei Mauk, Mr Neil Watts and Mr Moe Kyaw Aye



4 From left: Mr Bunn Nagara, Ms Rebecca Drage and Mr Ikram Mohd Ibrahim



5 Mr Chang Guo, Expert, UN Panel of Experts on North Korea



6 Ms Stephanie Kleine-Ahlbrandt, Expert, UN Panel of Experts on North Korea

29th Asia-Pacific Roundtable

1-3 June 2015, Hilton Kuala Lumpur



- 1 The Hon Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak delivering the Keynote Address
- 2 From left: Dr Ken Jimbo, Prof Kishore Mahbubani, Mr Jusuf Wanandi and Mr Vitram Singh
- 3 From left: Prof Dr Aileen SP Baviera, Amb Zha Peixin and Tan Sri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan

The 29th Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR), a signature event of the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS) and ISIS Malaysia, attracted over 300 scholars, government officials, policymakers and opinion leaders from across Asia-Pacific and Europe.

The Roundtable was officially opened by the Hon Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Razak, who delivered the keynote address. Among the high-level role players were Amb Zha Peixin, Member of the Foreign Policy Advisory Group, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China; General Patrick de Rousiers, Chairman, European Union Military Committee; Dr N Hassan Wirajuda, Co-founder, Indonesia School of Government and Public Policy and former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia; Prof Dr Ross Garnaut, Professorial Research Fellow in Economics, University of Melbourne, Australia; Dr Il Hounng Lee, President,



Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), Republic of Korea; and Amb Yoshiji Nogami, President, The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) and former Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, Japan. The conference was graced with the presence of HRH Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, the Sultan of Perak Darul Ridzuan and Royal Fellow of ISIS Malaysia.

There were ten plenary sessions at the 29th APR — one of which was in the form of a debate — and a distinguished luncheon address. The Roundtable was successfully organised with the partnership of five sponsors and seven supporters.



- 4 From left: Prof Dr Motohiro Tsuchiya, Colonel Dr Forrest Hare, Ms Elina Noor, Dr Xu Longdi and Ms Caitriona H Heint
- 5 From left: Prof Dr Brahma Chellaney, HRH Prince Norodom Sirivudh and Dr Philip Andrews-Speed
- 6 General Patrick de Rousiers, Chairman, European Union Military Committee
- 7 Dr N Hassan Wirajuda, Co-founder, Indonesia School of Government and Public Policy & former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia
- 8 From left: Dr Il Houn Lee, Amb Yoshiji Nogami, Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman Mahbob and Dato' Steven Wong
- 9 Senior Colonel Zhou Bo, Director, Centre for International Security Cooperation, Ministry of National Defence, China
- 10 Prof Dr Ross Garnaut, Professorial Research Fellow in Economics, University of Melbourne, Australia
- 11 From left: Prof Dr Anthony Milner, Prof Dr Paul Evans, Pengiran Datin Shazainah Pengiran Dato Shariffuddin, Dr Tran Viet Thai and Dr Zhang Zhixin
- 12 Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Director, Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS), Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- 13 Dr Philips J Vermonte, Head, Department of Politics and International Relations, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia
- 14 From left: Dr Vijay Sakhuja and Dr Rizal Sukma
- 15 Mr Noor Huda Ismail, Founder, Institute for International Peace Building, Indonesia
- 16 Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, Chief Executive Officer, Global Movement of Moderates (GMM) & Chairman of Youth Academy, Malaysia
- 17 From left: Dr Nicholas Farrelly, Assoc Prof Simon Tay and Dr Aries Arugay

The Eighth Korea-ASEAN Forum

28–29 July 2015, The Westin Kuala Lumpur

The forum was jointly hosted by ISIS Malaysia and the Korea Foundation. It brought together heads or representatives from ASEAN-ISIS and Malaysian academics and individuals involved in policy circles to discuss issues of mutual concern to the Republic of Korea and ASEAN.

Participants examined the following subject matters:

- Issues in Korean Peninsula and Korea-ASEAN Cooperation
 - » Korea's Unification Initiative and ASEAN
 - » Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Initiative and Lessons from East Asian Multilateral Cooperation;
- ASEAN Economic Community and Korea: Menu for Cooperation; and
- Korea-ASEAN Cooperation: Societal Level
 - » ASEAN-Korea Track II Cooperation
 - » ASEAN-Korea Cultural Cooperation.



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1 Participants of the Eighth Korea-ASEAN Forum



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2 From left: HE Mr Young-sun Kim, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa and Prof Dr Hyun-seok Yu



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3 From left: Dr Geetha Govindasamy, Dr Tae Gyun Park and Mr Akmal Zakhrwan Hj Ali



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4 From left: Dr Prapat Thepchatree, Prof Emeritus Dr Carolina G Hernandez, HIRH Prince Norodom Sirivudh



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5 From left: Amb Yong Chanthalangsy, Dr Ki-hyun Bae and Dr Nguyen Thai Yen Huong



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6 From left: Mr Louie Dane C Merced, Dr Beomchul Shin, Dr Sharifah Fifi Muhibat and Ms Elina Noor



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7 Prof Dr Ihn-hwi Park, Ewha Womans University, Republic of Korea

8 Dr Jaehyon Lee, Research Fellow, Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Republic of Korea

Fourth Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks on 'ASEAN-India: Strengthening the Ties That Bind'

7–8 August 2015, Royale Chulan Kuala Lumpur

The ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) Roundtable is an annual event featuring high-profile individuals from South and Southeast Asia, facilitating the exchange of views on ASEAN-India relations and partnership.

ISIS Malaysia hosted the event in collaboration with the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) of India.

The following issues were discussed at the roundtable:

- Non-traditional Security Threats;
- Regional Security Architecture;
- New Dimensions of the ASEAN-India Economic Partnership;
- ASEAN-India Cultural Links: Historical and Contemporary Dimensions; and
- Post-2015 Agenda of ASEAN and the Way Forward.



- 1 Amb Sudhir Devare, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, India
- 2 Dr Suchit Bunbongkarn, Prof Emeritus, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
- 3 From left: Amb Ong Keng Yong, Tan Sri Ajit Singh, Prof Manoj Pant, Dr Rajiv Kumar and Amb Pou Sothirak
- 4 From left: Dr Prabir De, Assoc Prof Chester Cabalza and Prof Madhu Khanna
- 5 From left: Prof Sachin Chaturvedi, Amb Anil Wadhwa, HE Dato' Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, HE Gen (R) Vijay Kumar Singh and Amb VS Seshadri
- 6 Participants of the Fourth Roundtable of the AINTT

The 11th East Asian Institute Forum on 'The ASEAN Economic Community and Beyond: External and Internal Dimension'

4 September 2015, The Magellan Sutura Harbor, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah

This one-day event was co-organised by Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) and ISIS Malaysia. The participating institutions included representatives from ASEAN-ISIS, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), China, and KIEP.

The forum was divided into four sessions:

- Research Agenda of Individual Institutes on Regional Integration;
- Mega FTAs Emerging in East Asia;
- Multilateral Development Cooperation in East Asia; and
- New Patterns of Investment in ASEAN+3.



- 1 Participants of the 11th East Asian Institute Forum
- 2 From left: Mr Leeber Leebouapao, Mr June Dong Kim, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa and Dr Chhem Rethy
- 3 From left: Mr Jeong Gon Kim, Ms Htay Htay Aye and Mr Sonny Domingo
- 4 Ms Boonwara Sumano, Research Fellow, Thailand Development Research Institute, Thailand
- 5 Dr Zhao Jianglin, Head of Department, Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, CASS, China
- 6 Mr So Umezaki, Director, Economic Integration Studies Group, IDE-JETRO, Japan
- 7 Mr Raymond Atje, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia

The Fourth Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue

5–6 October 2015, The Majestic Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

This annual dialogue, organised by ISIS Malaysia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), serves as a platform for security experts and related area specialists from Germany and Malaysia to exchange views on international security issues of mutual interest.

This year's sessions drew attention to the following areas:

- ASEAN's Post-2015 Agenda and Economic Regionalism;
- Migrants, Refugees and Human Trafficking;
- Search and Rescue at Sea – An ASEAN Security Force?;
- Terrorism – Its Nature, Strengths and Vulnerabilities;
- US-China: The World's Most Important Bilateral Relationship; and
- Europe's Primary Security Concerns.



- 1 Participants of the Fourth Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue
- 2 From left: Mr Bunn Nagara, Mr Maxim Worcester and Dr Vijayarumari Kanapathy
- 3 From left: Prof Dr Eberhard Sandschneider, Dato Dr BA Hamzah and Lt-Gen (R) Dr Klaus Olshausen
- 4 From left: Vice-Admiral Dato' Seri Panglima Ahmad Kamarulzaman and Capt Martin A Sebastian
- 5 From left: Dr Peter Roell, Lt-Gen (R) Dato' Pahlawan Dr William R Stevenson and Mr Thomas Koruth Samuel
- 6 Mr Jan Senkyr, Representative to Malaysia, KAS
- 7 Mr Andrew Khoo Chin Hock, Co-Chairperson, Bar Council Human Rights Committee, Malaysia
- 8 Dr Manuel Vermeer, Owner and Founder, Dr Vermeer-Consult, Germany

Second Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks Country Coordinators Meeting & Seminar on 'ASEAN-China Relations: Cooperation, Community and Connectivity'

16–17 November 2015, Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur

The Second Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks (NACT) was a follow up to a similar programme held in Beijing in 2014. This meeting, which was attended by Country Coordinators from all ten ASEAN countries and China, addressed the administrative direction of the NACT.

The seminar on 17 November addressed the following concerns:

- ASEAN-China Relations: ASEAN Connectivity and the Belt and Road Initiative;
- The Security Dimension — Maritime Security and Cooperation: Prerequisites for Successful Outcomes;
- The Economic Dimension: China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (CAFTA) 2.0 and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB); and
- The Social Dimension: Education as a Means of Connecting China-ASEAN Economies.



1 The Hon Dato' Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia, delivering the Keynote Address

2 From left: Mr Julio S Amador III, Drs Dafri Agussalim, Mr Arkharaphong Khamkhun, Prof Dr Wei Ling and Dr Nguyen Nam Duong

3 From left: Mr Sheikh Abdul Mahdani Sheikh Ghani, Prof John Wong, Ms Than Than Htay, Prof Dr Li Chenyang and Dato' Steven Wong

4 From left: Prof Qin Yaqing and Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

5 From left: Prof Pou Sovachana and Mr Sonexay Vannaxay

6 ASEAN-China Think Tanks Country Coordinators



ASEAN+ Young Leaders Summit (AYLS) on 'Youth Driving the ASEAN Community'

18–20 November 2015, Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), Kuala Lumpur

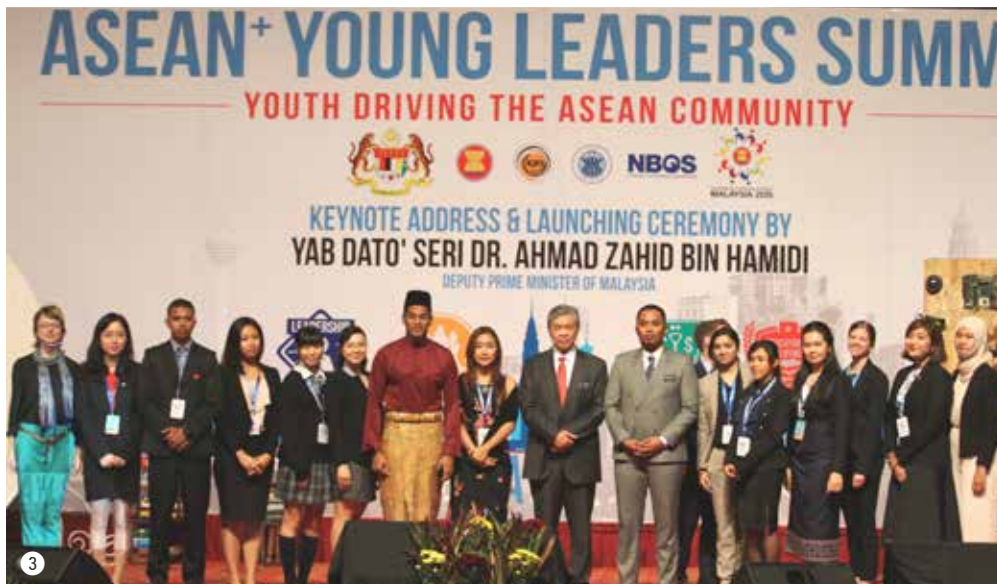
The ASEAN+ Young Leaders Summit (AYLS) brought young leaders from all ten ASEAN countries and dialogue partners, as well as Timor-Leste as an observer, to review issues on four main pillars: (i) leadership; (ii) volunteerism; (iii) entrepreneurship; and (iv) education and employment.

Four policy recommendations, in the form of a Youth Manifesto for ASEAN, were presented and handed to the Heads of State during the ASEAN Summit Opening Ceremony on 21 November 2015 in Kuala Lumpur.

The AYLS was hosted by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Malaysia, and organised jointly with ISIS Malaysia.



- ① The Hon Deputy Prime Minister, Dato' Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, delivering the Keynote Address
- ② The Hon Minister of Youth and Sports, Khairy Jamaluddin, delivering his remarks
- ③ Participants at the Summit
- ④ Breakout discussion groups



The Eighth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue

6–8 December 2015, DoubleTree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur

The Eighth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue was held with Asialink and the Asia New Zealand Foundation as long-standing partners. The event was attended by over 50 Track I and Track II participants from the ten ASEAN countries as well as from Australia and New Zealand.

Participants deliberated on these topics:

- The ASEAN Community: 2015 and the Way Forward;
- An Evolving Regional Security Framework: Deepening the Dialogue, Empowering the Partnership?;
- Irregular Movement of Persons: Realities, Root Causes, and Responses;
- Regional Maritime Security: Advancing Cooperation over Contestation;
- Strategic Economic Initiatives: Enough Noodles in the Bowl?; and
- Countering Violent Extremism: A Gap Analysis.



1 Participants of the Eighth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue

2 From left: Mr Sydney Myer, Prof Dr Carolina Hernandez and HE Dr John Subritzky

3 From left: Mr Paul Sinclair, Dr Viet Nguyen and Amb Jojie Samuel

4 From left: Prof Dr Anthony Milner, Amb Pou Sothirak and HE Ms Stephanie Lee

5 From left: Ms Cheryl Tan, Mr Dominique Vigie, Mr Farib Sos and Mr Dennis Quilala

6 Hon Mr John Luxton, Chairman, Asia New Zealand Foundation, New Zealand

7 Mr Kavi Chongkittavorn, Senior Fellow, Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS) Thailand

8 Dr Lattana Thavonsouk, Deputy Director, Institute of Foreign Affairs Laos (IFA), Laos

The Tun Hussein Onn Chair Public Lecture



Will ASEAN Continue to be the Cornerstone of Malaysian Foreign Policy? The Long View

Prof Dr Anthony Milner

Second Holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Relations

3 December 2015, Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur



The Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies was established in 2013 to honour the contributions made by the late Tun Hussein Onn, ISIS Malaysia's first Chairman. The chair is based at ISIS Malaysia and is funded by the Noah Foundation.

Prof Dr Anthony Milner delivered a public lecture entitled 'Will ASEAN Continue to be the Cornerstone of Malaysian Foreign Policy? The Long View.'

Mr Mohammed Rhiza Dato' Ghazi, as a representative of the late Tun Hussein Onn's family, gave the introductory remarks.

Members of the late Tun Hussein Onn's family, the Noah Foundation and ISIS Malaysia board members as well as invited guests of the Institute were present at the lecture.

1 Prof Dr Anthony Milner delivering his lecture

2 Mr Mohammed Rhiza Dato' Ghazi giving his introductory remarks

3 Representatives of the late Tun Hussein Onn's family, the Noah Foundation, ISIS Malaysia board members and the Tun Hussein Onn Chair

4 Audience at the Public Lecture



ISIS International Affairs Forums



Topic
Colombia: Land of Opportunities

Speaker
HE María Ángela Holguín Cuéllar,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia

Date
12 January 2015



Topic
Prospects for Global Oil Prices, World Trade and the Regional Outlook: Implications for the Private Sector

Speaker
Mr Ayhan Kose, Director, Development Prospects Group, The World Bank

Date
4 February 2015



Topic
UNSC Challenges and Opportunities: Perspectives from an Elected Member

Speaker
Mr Jon Merrill, Assistant Secretary, Head of UN Security Council Taskforce, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia

Date
12 February 2015



Topic
Modi Acts East: The Emerging Contours of Indian Foreign Policy

Speaker
Amb Kishan S Rana, Former Indian Ambassador, Professor Emeritus, DiploFoundation, Malta & Geneva

Date
13 March 2015



Topic
Diplomacy and Security Policy of Prime Minister Abe

Speaker
Prof Shinichi Kitaoka, President, International University, Japan

Date
16 March 2015



Topic
The US-Malaysia Comprehensive Partnership: Achievements and Expectations

Speaker
Dr Evan S Medeiros, Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Asian Affairs, National Security Council, The White House

Date
24 March 2015

**Topic**

The Role of WTO for the Future: What? When? Why?

Speaker

HE Roberto Carvalho de Azevêdo, Director-General, World Trade Organization (WTO)

Date

20 May 2015

**Topic**

Mind, Society and Behaviour: Implications for Malaysian Household Debt and Savings

Speaker

Dr Varun Gauri, Senior Economist, Development Research Group and Co-Director, World Development Report 2015, The World Bank

Date

24 June 2015

Jointly organised by ISIS Malaysia and The World Bank



Mr Vikram Singh

Topic

The United States and China in Southeast Asia: Strategies for Collaborative Engagement

Speakers

Mr Vikram Singh, Vice President, National Security and International Policy, Center for American Progress (CAP), USA; and Dr Yuan Peng, Vice President, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICR)

Date

6 August 2015, Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur



Dr Yuan Peng

**Topic**

Australia and Malaysia: Partners for the 21st Century

Speaker

The Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia

Date

7 August 2015, Intercontinental Hotel Kuala Lumpur

Jointly organised by The Australian High Commission and ISIS Malaysia

**Topic**

The End of American World Order and China's Rise: What It Means for Asian Security

Speaker

Prof Amitav Acharya, The UNESCO Chair in Transnational Challenges and Governance and Chair, ASEAN Studies Initiative, American University, Washington, DC

Date

12 August 2015

**Topic**

Ethical Responsibility in the Age of Climate Change

Speaker

Dr Michael S Northcott, Professor of Ethics, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh, Scotland

Date

13 August 2015

**Topic**

The 17th Singapore Election and the Future of Politics in Singapore

Speaker

Dr Mohamed Nawab Mohamed Osman, Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Malaysia Programme, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore

Date

17 September 2015

Roundtable Discussions



Topic

Roundtable Discussion on "Malaysia-China Relations"

Speaker

Prof Yang Jiemian, Chairman of the Shanghai Institute of International Studies (SIIS) Academic Council, SIIS, China

Date

15 January 2015



Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury

Topic

Roundtable Discussion with the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore, on "Extremism and Militancy"

Speakers

Dr Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow, ISAS, Singapore; and Dr Elmira Akhmetova, Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS), Malaysia

Date

21 January 2015



Dr Elmira Akhmetova



Topic

Closed-door Discussion on "China-ASEAN Relations"

Speaker

HE Xu Bu, People's Republic of China Ambassador to ASEAN

Date

7 July 2015



Topic

Roundtable on "Realising Sustainable Cities: The AECOM Experience"

Speaker

Gary Lawrence, Chief Sustainability Officer, AECOM

Date

5 August 2015



Topic

Dialogue Session on "Voluntary Sustainability Standards"

Speaker

Ms Barbara J Bramble, Chairperson of the Roundtable on Sustainable Biomaterials (RSB), Geneva, Switzerland

Date

17 August 2015


Topic

Closed-door Roundtable on "Getting Serious about Maritime Security: The US Department of Defence's Asia Pacific Maritime Security Strategy"

Speaker

Dr Amy Searight, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs, USA

Date

Friday, 28 August 2015



Dr Bridget Welsh

Topic

Closed-door Roundtable on "A Transition? Myanmar's 2015 Election"

Speakers

Dr Bridget Welsh, Senior Research Associate, Center for East Asia Democratic Studies, National Taiwan University; and Dr Larry Wong, Visiting Fellow, ISIS Malaysia

Date

27 October 2015



Dr Larry Wong



Mr Ahmad Ahsan



Mr Aaditya Matoo

Topic

Closed-door Roundtable on "Integrating Services in ASEAN"

Speakers

Mr Ahmad Ahsan, Lead Economist, East Asia and Pacific Region, The World Bank; and Mr Aaditya Matoo, Research Manager, Trade and Integration, The World Bank

Date

4 December 2015


Topic

Closed-door Discussion on "Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Development in South East Asia"

Speaker

The Hon Hans-Joachim Fuchtel MdB, Parliamentary State Secretary, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany; Chair of the Board of Governors, ADB; and Governor for Germany, ADB

Jointly organised by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and ISIS Malaysia

Date

10 December 2015, Intercontinental Kuala Lumpur

Visits from Other Institutions



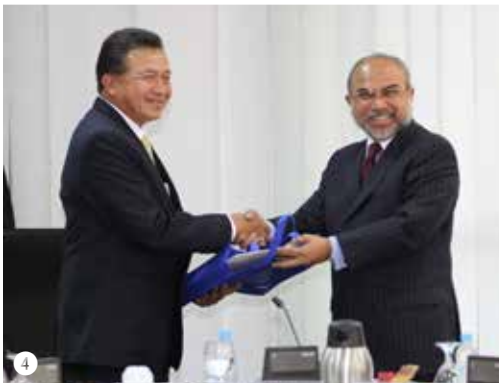
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- 1 Malaysian Armed Forces Defence College Course Participants, 13 January 2015
- 2 JP Morgan, Singapore, 6 February 2015
- 3 High-Level Delegation from Botswana, Namibia and Lesotho, 9 February 2015
- 4 Strategic Studies Center, National Defence Studies Institute of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Headquarters, 10 February 2015
- 5 HE Jung-Hoon Lee, Ambassador for Human Rights, Republic of Korea, 13 February 2015
- 6 Mr Iwatani Shigeo, Secretary-General, Trilateral Cooperation Secretariat (TCS), Republic of Korea, 3 March 2015
- 7 The Hon Stephen Parry, Senator for Tasmania, President of the Senate, Australia, 11 March 2015



8 Mr Ouyang Yujing, Director General, Department of Boundary and Ocean Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the People's Republic of China, 18 March 2015



9 National Defence College of the United Arab Emirates, 19 March 2015

10 Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam, 26 March 2015

11 US Congressional Staff Delegation, 6 April 2015

12 Goh Keng Swee Command & Staff College, Singapore, 16 April 2015





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13 Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), Republic of Korea, 7 May 2015

14 Institute of International Relations (IIR), National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, 5 June 2015

15 Saudi Arabia Armed Forces Command & Staff College, 10 June 2015

16 National Institute for Policy & Strategic Studies (NIPSS), Nigeria, 11 June 2015

17 Guangxi Academy of Social Sciences, China, 16 June 2015



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18 Mr Miroslav Jenca, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs, 23 June 2015



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19 East-West Center's Senior Journalist Seminar Delegation, 1 September 2015



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20 US Congressional Staff Delegation, 1 September 2015



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21 Institut Pendidikan Guru, Kampus Perempuan Melayu (IPGKPM) Melaka, 2 September 2015



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22 Students from the Master of Social Sciences (Strategy and Diplomacy) Programme, a joint master's programme between the Institute of Diplomacy & Foreign Relations (IDFR) and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), 3 September 2015



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23 National Defence College, Bangladesh, 14 September 2015



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- 24 National Resilience Institute of the Republic of Indonesia (Lemhannas RI), 17 September 2015
- 25 World Bank Group, 2 October 2015
- 26 The Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), 12 October 2015
- 27 Zhou Enlai School of Government, Nankai University, China, 16 October 2015
- 28 National School of Public Policy, Lahore, Pakistan, 26 November 2015
- 29 Curtin University, Australia, 15 Dec 2015

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

This section lists the research output of ISIS Malaysia — projects, published works, presentations, conference reports and media engagement.

Projects

The Institute routinely undertakes research and consultancy projects at any one time. A number of the projects, which started in the previous year, were continued in 2015.

ASEAN: 2015 and Beyond

In conjunction with Malaysia's Chairmanship of ASEAN, and in anticipation of the 50th anniversary of ASEAN, ISIS Malaysia, with support from the ASEAN Secretariat and the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, proposed to organise a Regional Roundtable on ASEAN's Next 50 Years.

Though a draft outline of this project was initiated in April 2015, the event was scheduled for early 2016. This initiative, entitled "ASEAN in 50 Years: Forged, Ahead, and Together? A Regional Roundtable on ASEAN'S Future in a Rapidly Changing World", was thus planned to be held on 3–4 February 2016 in Kuala Lumpur.

Green Growth Strategy Towards Sustainable Perak 2030

The nine-month study is funded by Institut Darul Ridzuan, a think-tank affiliated with the Perak state government. The study stems from the conviction that Perak stands to benefit from designing a systemic architecture to respond to the green economy agenda. Hence the aim of the study was to provide the reference point for the state government to envision Sustainable Perak 2030 with green growth strategies as a means to achieve its development priorities. The expected outputs are Vision Statement on Green Growth as well as the Baselines Assessments for Perak Green Growth 2030.

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

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

A final draft report of the study was submitted to MITI in December 2013. It was then revised based on comments from MITI, Ministry of Human Resources (MoHR), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE), Ministry of Finance (MoF), and the Economic Planning Unit (EPU). The findings of the first report were presented to the Minister of MITI in January 2014.

A second report by ISIS Malaysia, entitled *National Interest Analysis of Malaysia's Participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership* (Kuala Lumpur: Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad), was released in 2015 to the Malaysian Parliament and public.

Non-Tariff Barriers in ASEAN and Major Trading Partners Which Have Negative Impact on Thailand's Exports

The study, commissioned by the Office of Commercial Affairs, Royal Thai Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, began in October 2014. The aim of the study was to understand the difficulties faced by Bruneian and Malaysian importers when importing goods from Thailand and to recommend ways in solving the issues.

There were two reports to the project:

(i) Brunei-Thai Non-Tariff Barriers Study

The study was completed with the submission of a report entitled: A Study on Non-Tariff Barriers in Brunei Darussalam on Selected Products, March 2015.

(ii) Malaysia-Thai Non-Tariff Barriers Study

The study was completed with the submission of a report entitled: A Study on Non-Tariff Barriers in Malaysia on Selected Products, March 2015.

Strategic Partnership for an Implementation Framework in Preparation of the Proposed Goals and Targets on Sustainable Development for Post-2015 Development Agenda

ISIS Malaysia was appointed as a strategic partner to the project by the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in June 2014 under the title "Policy Reforms and Institutional Framework in Support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Post-2015 Development Agenda". In light of the developments at the global level, the project was later retitled and refocused as the above heading with the output of the project in the form of a report focusing on Malaysia's readiness to implement the SDGs. The report contains findings on four key areas in assessing Malaysia's readiness to implement the SDGs, namely, Policy Coherence, Governance, Human Capital, and Data Responses. The four sections were based on six case studies undertaken as part of the project. Additionally, a rapid assessment was also undertaken to demonstrate Malaysia's current status in the recently agreed SDGs framework.

The final report was submitted to the EPU and the UNDP on 9 December 2015.

Study of the Implication of Timor-Leste's Possible Accession to ASEAN

The project, which began in August 2015, was commissioned by the ASEAN Secretariat to study the implications of Timor-Leste's entry into ASEAN. The project involved field trips to Timor-Leste to interview key individuals, government officials, opposition parties, non-governmental organisations, academics, media, and foreign diplomats to assess their readiness in accessing to ASEAN. Interviews were also conducted with officials from the ASEAN Secretariat.

The study looked at the 14 sectors comprising the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community pillar of ASEAN. A final draft report of the study is expected to be given to the ASEAN Secretariat in January 2016.

Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Malaysia Chapter

SDSN is a global network mandated by United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon to promote solution initiatives that demonstrate the potential of technical and business innovation. After the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to replace the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the network aims to mobilise scientific and technical expertise to support the 2030 Development Agenda. The network published a list of 50 best practices in Malaysia in a booklet entitled *Rising to the Challenge* and hosted various events including the "Road to 2030 Symposium: Global and National Perspectives on SDGs Implementation". ISIS Malaysia was appointed as the Technical Secretariat to the Malaysia Chapter.

Working Group on Malaysia-Indonesia Relations

The Working Group on Malaysia-Indonesia Relations was established to undertake sustained and systematic discussions to explore ways for improving relations between the two countries. The inaugural meeting of the Working Group was held on 15 April 2014 at ISIS Malaysia. Members of the Working Group are drawn from the business community, government, academia and research institutes.

MOUs & Networks

MOU with the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore

21 January 2015

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for cooperation between ISIS Malaysia and the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) of the National University of Singapore was signed by the Chairman and Chief Executive of ISIS Malaysia, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, and the Executive Vice President (Academic Affairs), Professor Tan Tai Yong on 21 January 2015 at ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

This was witnessed by Ambassador Gopinath Pillai, Chairman of ISAS, Dr Iftekhar Chowdhury, Principal Research Fellow of ISAS, and Dato' Steven Wong, Deputy Executive of ISIS Malaysia.



MOU with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)

23 November 2015

ISIS Malaysia and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) signed an MOU that will support the comprehensive strategic partnership between Malaysia and China.

The MOU aims to promote collaboration in research, joint conferences, seminars, and the exchange of visits by the scholarly communities of the two countries, particularly in the fields of international relations and economics.

In a ceremony witnessed by Malaysia's Prime Minister Dato' Sri Najib Tun Razak and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang at the Prime Minister's Office, the MOU was signed by the Chairman and Chief Executive of ISIS Malaysia, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, and the Vice President of CASS, Professor Cai Fang.



MOU with the Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS)

26 November 2015

ISIS Malaysia and the National University of Singapore (NUS), acting through the Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), signed an MOU on 26 November 2015 in Singapore.

The Parties intend to, among other things, collaborate on the construction of a corporate database to enable public policymakers to determine the impact of financial crisis at the corporate level. The MOU was signed on behalf of ISIS Malaysia by the Deputy Chief Executive, Dato' Steven Wong.



Delhi Dialogue

ISIS Malaysia became a partner institution in the Delhi Dialogue led by the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), India. Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa was invited to participate in the Delhi Dialogue VII on 11–12 March 2015.

This dialogue is an annual India-ASEAN Conference bringing together political and business leaders, academics and policymakers of ASEAN countries with their Indian counterparts to discuss ways to intensify and broaden political, strategic, economic and civil society interaction between the two regions.



The Silk Road Think Tank Network (SiLKs)

ISIS Malaysia has become a founding member of the Silk Road Think Tank Network (SiLKs), which was launched at the Silk Road Forum 2015 in Madrid, Spain, on 28 October 2015. ISIS Malaysia is among 40 think tanks from 27 countries in Asia and Europe and 3 international institutions that constitute the founding members and partners of SiLKs. Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Chairman and Chief Executive of ISIS Malaysia was present at the launching and participated in the Silk Road Forum.

SiLKs, an independent and informal network, was jointly initiated by the Development Research Centre (DRC) of the State Council of China and the Centre for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD) based in Belgrade.

Some of the activities include joint research on economic and social development among the relevant countries, the promotion of information exchange and knowledge sharing through the Silk Road Forum, the promotion of people-to-people exchanges, and improvement of the infrastructure of think tanks such as databases, so as to enhance the capacities of think tanks on policy research and consultation.



Published Works

Research teams are also encouraged to publicise their research to a wider audience. Their research and articles have been published in books or as book chapters, in the print and online media, as well as in journals.

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Presentations

Members of our research staff are often invited to speak and present their research at conferences, seminars, forums or discussion meetings. Below is a list of their presentations in 2015, both nationally and internationally.

Dr Abdul Wahed Jalal

'An Assessment of Geopolitical Megatrends,' Malaysia in 2050, organised by Academy of Sciences Malaysia, 18 September 2015, Port Dickson.

'Causal Layered Analysis Approach,' ISIS Staff Seminar on "Future Studies & Strategic Foresight", 25 November 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'Towards Creating a Preferable Future,' IIUM Friday Seminar, organised by International Islamic University Malaysia, 4 December 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Mr Alizan Mahadi

'Prototype MySCPI Report,' Kajian "Sustainable Consumption & Production — Policy Support for Malaysia", Bengkel Peer Review Bagi Komponen MySCPI, organised by the Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department, 29 January 2015, Putrajaya.

'Brief Introduction on Post-2015 Development Agenda and Existing Initiatives and Fora to Support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Post-2015 Agenda,' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Kick-off Meeting, 9 January 2015, Putrajaya.

'Mainstreaming Actions Towards Sustainable Development: Collective Action in a Multi-Level World,' Sustainability Development Seminar 2K15, organised by the University of Nottingham, Malaysia, 24 March 2015, Semenyih, Selangor.

'Peace & Sustainability in the Malaysian Context,' Workshop on Youth for Education, Sustainability & Peace (YESpace), organised by Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace & Sustainable Development (MGIEP), University of Malaya Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UMSDSN) and Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Malaysia Chapter, 25 May 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Talk on 'Measuring Social Progress,' organised by Social Progress Malaysia, 10 August 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'Green Growth: Investing in a Sustainable Future,' Pangkor International Development Dialogue 2015 — Forum on Green Growth: Investing in a Sustainable Future, organised by Institut Darul Ridzuan and ISIS Malaysia, 19 October 2015, Ipoh, Perak.

'Sustainable Development Goals from Environmental Perspective,' Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights as Framework For Conflict Resolution & Mediation and Its Implications for ASEAN & Malaysia, co-hosted by Global Movement of Moderates Foundation (GMMF), PROHAM and Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA-UKM), 27 October 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Panelist on 'Sustainable Cities and Townships,' Sime Darby 2030 Sustainable Township Workshop, organised by Forum for the Future of Singapore, 5 November 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Mr Thomas Daniel

'The Need for a More Inclusive Approach to Maritime Safety and Security in the Indian Ocean Region,' IORA Meeting of Experts on "Maritime Safety and Security", organised by the National Maritime Foundation of India, 13–14 October 2015, New Delhi, India.

Mr Firdaos Rosli

Panelist on 'The Issue of Household Debt Among Malaysians,' UKEC's 9th Malaysian Student Leadership Summit 2015, organised by the United Kingdom & Eire Council of Malaysian Students (UKEC), 9 August 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Hezri Adnan

'Sustainability: Seven Misconceptions/ Misinterpretations and Clarifications,' A-SLEAD National — Leading Higher Education Institution for Sustainable Development, organised by Akademi Kepimpinan Pendidikan Tinggi (AKEPT), Universiti Malaysia Sabah and University College of Technology Sarawak, 13–15 April 2015, AKEPT Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.

'Education and Research Opportunities for a Low Carbon Future,' International Conference on Business Sustainability, organised by University of Malaya, 22–23 April 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Observer at the 16th Meeting of the International Resource Panel of the United Nations Environment Programme (IEP-UNEP), organised by the United Nations Environment Programme and the Government of Vietnam, 25–29 May 2015, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Panelist on 'Bond Financing for Renewable Energy in Asia,' Launch of "Asia Bond Monitor" June 2015, 23 June 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'Raising Sustainability Awareness in Organisations,' MARIM International Risk Management Conference 2015, organised by Malaysian Association of Risk and Insurance Management (MARIM) and Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) Risk Management Unit, 29–31 July 2015, Langkawi.

Keynote speaker, 'Building a Green Economy for Sustainable Development,' The 3rd International Conference on Technology Management &

Technopreneurship (IC-TMT 2015): "Empowering Innovation Towards Sustainable Development", 5–6 August 2015, Universiti Teknikal Melaka (UTeM), Melaka.

Panelist on 'Asia Panel Roundtable,' KAIDEC-KF International Symposium: Sustainable Development Goals and Asian Perspectives, organised by Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC) and sponsored by Korea Foundation (KF), 20 August 2015, Seoul, South Korea.

'Sustainable Development, Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),' Transformational Leadership in Implementing and Assessing Sustainability Projects, organised by ProSPER.Net, Japan, Akademi Kepimpinan Pendidikan Tinggi (AKEPT), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and University College of Technology Sarawak (UCTS), 23–29 August 2015, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah.

'Green Growth Strategy Towards Sustainability Perak 2030,' Majlis Penganugerahan Geran Penyelidikan Perak Project 2015, organised by Institut Darul Ridzuan, Perak, 7 September 2015, Ipoh.

Panelist on the 'Dialogue on Development of Eco Sustainable Cities Along One Belt One Road,' The 2015 Penang Hanwang Sustainable Development International Forum: "One Belt One Road ASEAN Economic Community Economic Partnership", 17–18 September 2015, Penang.

UN Panel Member and Resource Person at the 17th International Resource Panel Meeting & IRP Workshop on Resource Governance, convened by the Government of Switzerland, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), 11–16 October 2015, Davos, Switzerland.

Panelist on 'Environment & Sustainability,' Pangkor International Development Dialogue: Environment & Sustainability, organised by Institut Darul Ridzuan and ISIS Malaysia, 20 October 2015, Ipoh, Perak.

Panelist at The Humanitarian Water & Food Award (WAF) Impact Forum, 22 October 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Juita Mohamed

'Trade Reforms, Skilled-biased Technical Change and Wage Inequality,' Third Malaysia Statistics Conference: MyStats 2015 — "Enriching Statistics in an Inter-connected and Digital World", organised by Department of Statistics, Malaysia, in collaboration with Bank Negara Malaysia (Central Bank of Malaysia) and Malaysia Institute of Statistics, 17 November 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

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'Strategic Foresight and Its Applications,' ISIS Staff Seminar on "Future Studies & Strategic Foresight", 25 November 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

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Speaker at the KLRCA Evening Talk Series: The Reconciliation of Norms in International Relations, organised by the Kuala Lumpur Regional Centre for Arbitration (KLRCA), 13 March 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'Calibrating Regional Security Architecture,' 29th Asia-Pacific Roundtable, organised by ISIS Malaysia and ASEAN-ISIS, 1–3 June 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'Malay Approaches Towards Sovereignty, Relevance to South China Sea,' International Workshop: "ASEAN and China: A Mutual Socialization Contest", organised by Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, 15 June 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Discussant at Nusantara Forum: Nation Building, Nationalism & Nationality by Senator Dr Ariffin Omar, organised by Penang Institute and Gerakbudaya Bookshop, 31 July 2015, Penang.

Speaker on book: *Transforming Malaysia: Dominant and Competing Paradigms*, "Reading Malaysia" Forum, organised by the Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, 14 August 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'Perspectives on Malaysia's Approach to Foreign Relations,' RSIS Seminar, organised by S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, 16 November 2015, Singapore.

Discussant on 'Future of the ADMM,' Roundtable on "The Future of the ADMM/ADMM-Plus and Defence Diplomacy in the Asia Pacific", organised by the Regional Security Architecture Programme, Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies (IDSS), S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, 17 November 2015, Singapore.

Speaker on 'One Community, One Destiny: Pushing the Limits Towards a Citizen-Centric ASEAN,' ASEAN Civil Service Innovation Conference (ACSIS): "Towards an ASEAN Citizen-Centric Service", organised by Razak School of Government and Public Service Department of Malaysia, 18–19 November 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Speaker at the George Town Literary Festival 2015, 27–29 November 2015, Penang.

'Will ASEAN Continue to be the Cornerstone of Malaysian Foreign Policy? The Long View,' Public Lecture of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies at ISIS Malaysia, organised by ISIS Malaysia, 3 December 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'Southeast Asian Identities in International Relations,' The Southeast Asian Studies in Asia Conference 2015 (SEASIA 2015 Conference), organised by Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia, 12–13 December 2015, Kyoto, Japan.

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'ASEAN-China: Modern Realities and Current Imperatives,' China-ASEAN Regional Development Forum 2015: "One Belt One Road and China-ASEAN Community of Common Destiny", organised by the China-ASEAN Research Institute, Guangxi University, 17 June 2015, Nanning, China.

'South-East Asia: From Security Engineering to Security Architecture,' 4th Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) on "ASEAN-India: Strengthening the Ties That Bind", hosted by ISIS Malaysia and the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) of India, 7–8 August 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Discussant on lecture by Professor Dr Charnvit Kasetsiri, "Military, Monarchy and Democracy in Thailand", 2 October 2015, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.

Speaker on 'US-China: The World's Most Important Bilateral Relationship,' 4th Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue, organised by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and ISIS Malaysia, 5–6 October 2015.

Discussant on talk by Professor Josu Landa, Academic Seminar on "Reinventing America & Latin American Integration", organised by the Embassy of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Kuala Lumpur, 26 October 2015, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.

'The South China Sea in ASEAN-US-China Relations,' Emerging Security Order in Asia-Pacific and Its Impact on South Asia, organised by the Islamabad Policy Research Institute (IPRI) in collaboration with the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF), 17–18 November 2015, Islamabad, Pakistan.

Ms Elina Noor

Panelist at Workshop on US-Japan Relations and Southeast Asia, organised by the East-West Center and Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA), 5–6 February 2015, Tokyo, Japan.

'Maritime Security and Management of Ocean Environment in East Asia,' Symposium on Postwar Japan's 70 Years and Proactive Contribution to Peace — Striving for the Rule of Law in the Asia-Pacific Region, 27 February 2015, Tokyo, Japan.

Panelist on 'Radicalization and the Internet,' ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) Workshop on Counter Radicalisation, organised by Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism (SEARCCT) in collaboration with the ASEAN Malaysian National Secretariat (AMNS) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia, 25–26 March 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Panelist on 'Mexico-Malaysia Bilateral Relations,' Launching of "Mexico and Malaysia: Celebrating 40 Years of Friendship" and The Panel Discussion on "Mexico Malaysia Relations — Present and Future Opportunities and Challenges", 13 April 2015, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Bangi, Selangor.

'Counter and Deradicalisation Programmes as well as Whole of Society Approaches to Counter Terrorism,' NCTC-SEARCCT Counterterrorism Lessons Learned Workshop, organised by the US National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC) and the Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter Terrorism (SEARCCT), 19–21 May 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'Strategic Cyber Security from a Southeast Asian Perspective,' 9th Berlin Conference on Asian Security: "International Dimensions of National (In)Security: Concepts, Challenges, and Ways Forward", organised by the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik) (SWP) and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) Berlin, 14–19 June 2015, Berlin.

'Defense Cooperation on Response to Violent Extremism,' Seoul Defense Dialogue 2015, 9–11 September 2015, Seoul, South Korea.

Speaker on 'Counterterrorism Challenges and Opportunities in the Asia Pacific,' 2015 Annual Chiefs of Defense Conference, 28–30 September 2015, Honolulu, Hawaii.

'Regional Security Trends and Challenges: An Evolving Landscape,' briefing to officers at the Kursus Persediaan MTAT, 26 November 2015, KD Sultan Idris I Pangkalan TLDM, Perak.

'Foreign Policy and Security Issues,' briefing to INTI Mass Communication students, 2 December 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

Panelist on 'Political and Economic Trends in South East Europe,' International Forum on Political and Economic Trend in South East Europe, jointly organised by the Secretariat of Dunia Melayu Dunia Islam (DMDI), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Majlis Belia Malaysia (MBM), Gabungan 4B Malaysia, Majlis Gabungan Belia Melaka (MGBM) and World Assembly of Youth (WAY), 28 January, Kuala Lumpur.

Keynote Address at the 7th East Asia Security Outlook (EASO) Seminar, organised by the Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkhiah Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies Brunei Darussalam, 5 March 2015, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam.

Panelist on 'The Way Forward to Future Directions for ASEAN-India Relations and Directions for the Delhi Dialogue VIII,' Delhi Dialogue VII — ASEAN-India: Shaping the Post 2015 Agenda, organised by the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, 11–12 March 2015, New Delhi, India.

Panelist on 'Regional Groupings: Towards Continental Convergence,' 6th Asian Relations Conference (ARC-VI) on "Non Traditional Themes in Asian Foreign Policies", organised by Indian Council World Affairs (ICWA), 23–24 March 2015, New Delhi, India.

Panelist on 'ASEAN Community: A Major Milestone for Asian Integration,' Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2015 — Asia's New Future: Towards a Community of Common Destiny, 27–29 March 2015, Dongyu Isle of Boao, China.

Panelist on 'Transcending the Cold-War Mentality: A Fresh Outlook on Security Architecture in the Asia Pacific,' Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2015 — Asia's New Future: Towards a Community of Common Destiny, 27–29 March 2015, Dongyu Isle of Boao, China.

Panelist on 'Internet Governance,' Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2015 — Asia's New Future: Towards a Community of Common Destiny, 27–29 March 2015, Dongyu Isle of Boao, China.

Panelist on 'The Future Direction of the EAS,' 2015 Roundtable: Future Directions for the East Asia Summit, organised by the Institute of East Asian Studies, Sogang University (SIEAS), Korea and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Indonesia, 17–19 May 2015, Seoul, South Korea.

Panelist on 'Trust Building in East Asia Through Soft Security Cooperation,' 13th East Asia Forum: Prosperous East Asia Through Non-traditional Security Cooperation, 20–21 May 2015, Jeju, South Korea.

'Maritime Transportation Security Systems Required in Asia,' First Annual Conference of CICA (Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia) Non-governmental Forum, hosted by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs and organised by People's Municipal Government of Beijing, 25–26 May 2015, Beijing, China.

'Terror, Technology, Hearts and Minds: Finding Adequate and Effective Ways to Combat Terrorism in Asia,' First Annual Conference of CICA (Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia) Non-governmental Forum, hosted by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs and organised by People's Municipal Government of Beijing, 25–26 May 2015, Beijing, China.

Speaker on 'International Relations and Global Governance,' 4th Global Think Tank Summit: "Global Sustainable Development: New Path After 2015", organised by the China Center for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE), 26–27 June 2015, Beijing, China.

Briefing on 'Malaysia's Political, Economic & Religious Diversity,' Senior Journalist Seminar 2015, organised by the East-West Center, Honolulu, 1–4 September 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'Peace, 20 Years Past, 20 Years Forward (or Future),' Perdana Global Peace Foundation Peace Conference, organised by Perdana Global Peace Foundation, 19–22 September 2015, Bosnia & Herzegovina.

Speaker on 'Internationalisation and Internalisation of Malaysia Palm Oil: Convergence Towards Sustainability,' International Palm Oil Congress (PIPOC), organised by Malaysian Palm Oil Board, 6–8 October 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Speaker on 'ASEAN Community Building,' Sixth Xiangshan Forum: "Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific: Realities and Visions", jointly organised by the China Association for Military Science (CAMS) and China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CIISS), 16–18 October 2015, Beijing, China.

Speaker at the 'Think Tank Roundtable,' 2015 Silk Road Forum and the Launch of the Silk Road Think Tank Network (SiLKs), organised by the Development Research Council (DRC) of the State Council of the People's Republic of China, 28–29 October 2015, Madrid, Spain.

Speaker on 'Sources of Conflict in the Security Environment of the ASEAN Community,' Regional Workshop on "ASEAN's Experiences and Best Practices on Peace, Conflict Management and Conflict Resolution", organised by Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam (DAV), 5 November 2015, Hanoi, Vietnam.

Speaker on 'Malaysia, ASEAN and FTAs: Addressing Concerns on the TPP,' Affin Holdings Internal Training: "The Malaysian Economy: Prospects and Challenges", organised by the Federation of Public Listed Companies Berhad (FPLC), 11 November 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Panelist on 'Understanding the Skills Gap Issues in the ASEAN Five: A Macro Perspective,' JP Morgan-Asia Society One Step Ahead Series — Workforce Readiness in ASEAN Member States: Implications of an ASEAN Economic Community, organised by the Asia Society Hong Kong Center and JP Morgan, 13 November 2015, Singapore.

Discussant on 'Issues of Population Movement in the Indian Ocean and Southeast Asia and the Impact on Regional Humanitarian, Security and Political Issues,' Dialogue on Population Movement in the Region, jointly organised by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) and Myanmar Institute for Strategic and International Studies (Myanmar ISIS), 14 December 2015, Yangon, Myanmar.

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'The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and China-Malaysia Relations,' Dialogue on China-Malaysia Relations: Strengthening Partnership, Deepening Regional Cooperation, organised by the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA), 14 April 2015, Beijing, China.

Dr Jun-E Tan

'People, Planet, Profit: Case Studies from the Malaysian Social and Solidarity Economy,' Pre-ASEAN Summit Roundtable Discussion on ASEAN Community Enterprises, organised by the Global Movement of Moderates and the Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC), 25 April 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Ms Wan Portia Hamzah

'Enhancing Regional Cooperation on Energy Security: Information Sharing,' 2nd Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group on Energy Security, organised by the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) China, CSCAP Canada and CSCAP Singapore, 14–16 June 2015, Beijing, China.

Speaker, Shell's Asia Pacific Country Chair Conference on "Political Challenges on the Climate Change Effort", 18 September 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Dato' Steven CM Wong

Panelist on 'Enhanced ASEAN Trade and Investment Opportunities,' International Symposium "Towards an Asian Paradigm for Advanced-Stage Development: Opportunities for Enhanced ASEAN/ Japan Partnership", organised by Chula Global Network and Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP), University of Tokyo, 27 February 2015, Bangkok, Thailand.

Panelist on 'Enhancing ASEAN/ Japan Partnership in a New Paradigm of EAC Post-2005,' International Symposium "Towards an Asian Paradigm for Advanced-Stage Development: Opportunities for Enhanced ASEAN/ Japan Partnership", organised by Chula Global Network and Graduate School of Public Policy (GraSPP), University of Tokyo, 27 February 2015, Bangkok, Thailand.

Panelist at Brainstorming Meeting on 'ASEAN and the Future of East Asia Summit,' organised by S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore and Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia, 5 March 2015, Singapore.

'21st Century Trade Agreements: The Case of the Trans-Pacific Partnership,' Financial Sector Talent Enrichment Programme (FSTEP) Industry Talk, 19 May 2015, Monash University Malaysia, Bandar Sunway, Selangor.

'The Geopolitics of Regional EPAs,' 29th Asia-Pacific Roundtable, organised by ISIS Malaysia and ASEAN-ISIS, 1–3 June 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

'ASEAN & the New World Order,' International Conference on ASEAN Studies (ICONAS), organised by ASEAN Study Centre, Chulalongkorn University, 3–5 August 2015, Bangkok, Thailand.

Panelist at Track II Dialogue on Forced Migration in the Asia Pacific, organised by Centre for Policy Development, Australia, 24–25 August 2015, Melbourne, Australia.

Discussant on 'Income Growth Analysis for Selected ASEAN Economies,' ACI Review Seminar on "Annual Update on Competitiveness Ranking and Simulations of ASEAN-IO, Empirical Assessment of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity and Tracking the Middle Income Transition for Selected ASEAN Economies", organised by Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS), 31 August 2015, Singapore.

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'Prospective Free Trade Area in the Asia Pacific Region — Trade in Goods,' FTAAP: Asia-Pacific Economic Integration by 2020 and Beyond, organised by China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CNCPEC), 15–16 October 2015, Beijing, China.

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'Facing Challenges in Perilous Economic Times,' SIB Seminar on "Facing Challenges in Perilous Economic Times in Malaysia", organised by Sidang Injil Borneo Kuala Lumpur (SIBKL), 11 November 2015, Kuala Lumpur.

Discussant on Total Factor Productivity (TFP) in the Agriculture Sector for 32 Provinces in Indonesia, 2015 Annual Conference on "Competitiveness Ranking of Subnational Economies and Public Policy Studies in Greater China, India, Indonesia and ASEAN", organised by Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI), Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore (NUS), 26–27 November 2015, Singapore.

Panelist at Public Forum on 2016 Budget and Economic Outlook for 2016, organised by Penang Institute, 28 November 2015, Penang.

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Mr Yong Hee Kong

Discussant on 'Global Partnership for Development in Asia and Its Implications for Financing of the Post-2015 Development Agenda,' Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on "Asian Partnership in Financing SDGs", organised by Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Southern Voice on Post-MDG Network and UN Millennium Campaign, 16–17 May 2015, Dhaka, India.

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Panelist at Bloomberg ASEAN Business Summit 2015, organised by Bloomberg and CM2 (Capital Market Malaysia, Securities Malaysia), 2–4 December 2015, Bangkok, Thailand.

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Media Engagement

ISIS Malaysia staff frequently provides expert input on local and international affairs, including media interviews and commentaries/opinions, on BFM89.9, Astro, Bloomberg TV Malaysia, Capital TV, Channel News Asia, RTM and other news media. Listed below is the media engagement of our staff in 2015.

Dr Ahmad Rafdi Endut

"Macroeconomic issues," BFM 89.9, 26 January.

Mr Alizan Mahadi

Comments: Weighing up national well-being, interviewed article, *Focusweek* (April 25–May 1, 2015), 1 May.

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Mr Sholto Byrnes

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Mr Firdaos Rosli

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Dr Hezri Adnan

"Floods – After the devastation," BFM 89.9, 7 January.

"The Merdeka Award Roundtable on Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide," Astro Awani, 3 May.

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Prof Anthony Milner

"Should ASEAN be Australia's priority," Big Ideas – ABC Radio National (Australia), 25 February.

"Tony Milner on Malaysia today," interview by James Miggacher, *New Mandala*, 4 September.

Mr Bunn Nagara

"The trial of armed Sabah intruders as the trial in Sabah began," interview by Annabelle Lee, BFM89.9, 14 January.

"Backgrounder on ASEAN and South-East Asia," NHK (Japan) interview, 16 February.

Interview on the recent break-up of the Pakatan pact, Channel News Asia, 20 June.

Interview on the report on the fate of Flight MH17, Channel News Asia, 13 July.

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Ms Elina Noor

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Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

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Dato' Steven CM Wong

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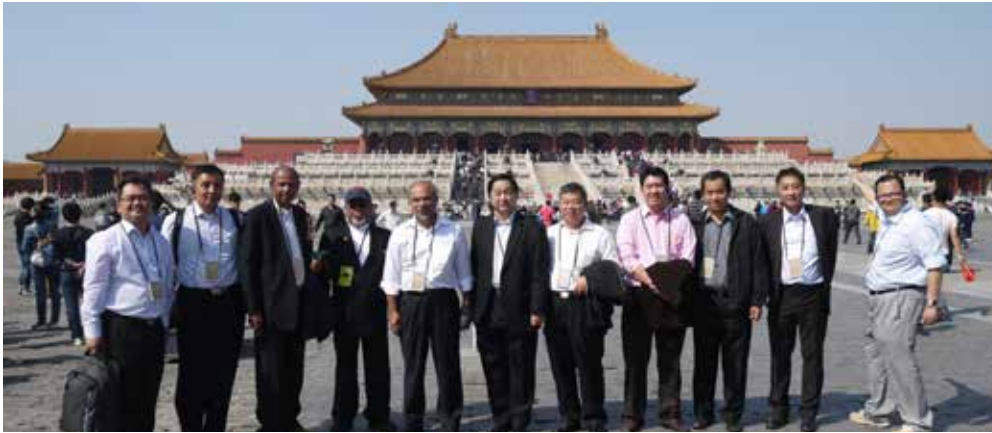
Bilateral Visits & Exchange Programmes

Malaysia Track II Delegation to China

13–18 April 2015

ISIS Malaysia led a ten-member delegation to China from 13–18 April 2015 at the invitation of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA). The visit was hosted by the CPIFA with whom ISIS Malaysia has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The MOU is aimed at enhancing mutual understanding and friendship between the peoples of Malaysia and China as well as promoting friendly institutional relations.

The delegation met and had discussions with Chinese officials and scholars in Beijing, Quanzhou and Xiamen.



The Malaysian Delegation at the Forbidden City, Beijing, April 2015

From left: Assoc. Prof Dr Nielson Ilan Mersat, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak; Mr Norzuhdy Mohamad Nordin, Minister Counsellor (Political), Representative from the Malaysian Embassy in Beijing; Dato' Abdul Majid Ahmad Khan, President, Malaysia-China Friendship Association (MCFA); Dato' Hussin Nayan, Director General, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR); Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa (Head of Delegation), Chairman and Chief Executive, ISIS Malaysia; Prof Dr Danny Wong Tze Ken, Director, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya; First Admiral (R) Dato' Chin Yoon Chin, Director General, Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA); Dr Ngeow Chow Bing, Deputy Director, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya; Prof Dr D Kamarudin D Mudin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), Universiti Malaysia Sabah; Captain Yeow Ho Siong, RMN Director (Traditional Military Affairs), Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security (MiDAS); and Mr Shahriman Lockman, Senior Analyst, ISIS Malaysia.

NGO Exchange Programme to China (Beijing and Fujian)

18–27 April 2015

Mr Thomas Daniel and Ms Puteri Nor Ariane Yasmin participated in this programme, organised and sponsored by the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament (CPAPD).

The ten days programme included a series of meetings and briefings in Beijing and visits to key industrial, agricultural and historical sites in the Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region and the province of Fujian.

The aim of the exchange was to promote better understanding and contributions on matters of bilateral relations, peace, sustainability and joint development between organisations in ASEAN and China. Other issues included Chinese national conditions and the Chinese Dream, China's path to peaceful development, and a thematic introduction to China's Belt and Road Initiative.



Group Photo of the NGO Exchange Programme to China, April 2015

Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue: Visit to Germany

7–13 June 2015

ISIS Malaysia led a team of high ranking security experts to Brussels and Berlin at the invitation and sponsorship of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS). KAS has been the partner for the annual Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue.

The visit also included meetings with individuals and representatives at the headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), the European External Action Service in Brussels, the German Foreign Ministry, German Parliament, German Defence Ministry, the BND (Federal Intelligence Service, Germany's foreign intelligence agency), and headquarters of KAS in Berlin.



At NATO's political headquarters in Brussels, June 2015

From left: Rear Admiral Dato' Mior Rosdi, Royal Malaysian Navy; Mr Jan Sentyr, Resident Representative of KAS in Malaysia; Dr Susanne Conrad, Research Associate, KAS (Europe Office), Brussels; Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, Chairman and Chief Executive, ISIS Malaysia; Lt-Gen (R) Dato' Pahlawan Dr William R Stevenson, Chief Executive, Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security (MIDAS); Mr Bunn Nagara, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy and Security Studies, ISIS Malaysia.

2015 Taiwan Study Camp for Future Leaders from Asia-Pacific Region

4–13 November 2015, Taipei

Ms Farlina Said represented ISIS Malaysia in this study camp. The trip spanning ten days consisted of 4 participants from Malaysia, 2 from Singapore, 2 from Brunei, 6 from Thailand, 4 from Indonesia, 4 from Vietnam, 3 from the Philippines, 2 from Myanmar, 1 Laotian and 4 from India.

The study visit aimed to inform participants of the Republic of China's economic attractions, along with the challenges faced, especially in lieu of the rise of China. The tension between Taiwan's local politics and cross-straits issues were key factors in Taiwan's January 2016 Presidential elections. Issues such as Japan's military normalisation, the One Belt One Road initiative, and maritime disputes in the South China Sea were raised during discussions.



Group Photo of the 2015 Taiwan Study Camp for Future Leaders, November 2015

Appointments

Dr Hezri Adnan

Advisory Board Member, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Malaysia.

Associate Fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia.

Cleared Advisor Member for the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Government of Malaysia.

Member of the United Nations International Resource Panel (IRP).

National Consultant for The Overview Study on Water-Food-Energy Nexus by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment.

Dr Juita Mohamed

Executive Committee Member of the Malaysia-Japan Economic Association (MAJECA).

Mr Bunn Nagara

Consultant Editor of *Moderation Monitor*, a journal of the Global Movement of Moderates.

Ms Elina Noor

International Fellow of the International Cyber Policy Centre of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute.

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

Co-Chair for the Council for the Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP), 2015–2017.

Member of the Consultative Committee on Political Financing, Malaysia.

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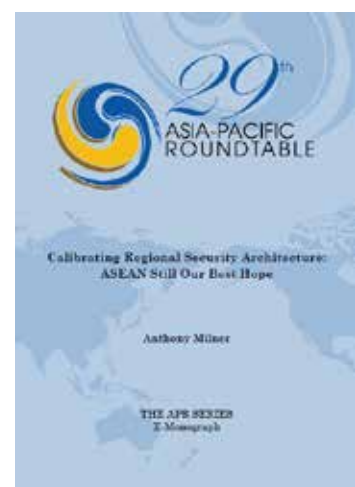
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- The 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and China-Malaysia Relations; and China's "Peaceful Development", May.
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