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ABOUT US

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 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 & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

I am pleased to present the ISIS Malaysia Annual Report 2016. The report features the activities of the Institute and provides information on the projects, published works, presentations as well as media engagement of our research staff.



Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa
Chairman and Chief Executive
ISIS Malaysia

ISIS Malaysia remains committed to its objectives of promoting independent research and serious discussions as well as providing timely policy advice on various issues of concern to the nation and the world at large. This has been successfully achieved through the many conferences, meetings, roundtable discussions, seminars and workshops that were organised throughout the year, some of which were done in collaboration with other local and foreign institutions. Indeed the year 2016 has been a very eventful and busy yet fulfilling year for ISIS Malaysia.

ISIS Malaysia was involved in three major consultancies in 2016. The first was a study on the preliminary recommendations of the "Low Carbon Langkawi (LCL) Model and Roadmap Towards Low Carbon Island Langkawi 2030" for the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water Malaysia (KeTTHA). The second was a study for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Malaysia on granting refugees permission to work from the perspectives of Malaysia's national interest and national security. The third was a project commissioned by the ASEAN Secretariat to study the socio-

cultural implications and challenges of Timor-Leste's entry into ASEAN. Furthermore, the Institute completed a study for the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance (IPFSSG) Southeast Asia on the parliament's role in ensuring effective governance of the security sector in Malaysia.

ISIS Malaysia successfully convened the 30th Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) from 30 May to 2 June 2016. The event, which had the full support of the ASEAN-ISIS fraternity as well as other long-time institutional partners was declared open by The Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia. The 30th APR attracted some 300 participants including ministers, policy makers, security experts, scholars, researchers, journalists and business leaders from various parts of the world. Additionally, several side events were organised to commemorate the APR's 30th anniversary.

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 HE Mr Carlos Miguel Pereira, Director

General of Strategic Planning and Coordination, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cuba; HE Dr Dinna Wisnu, Indonesian Representative, ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR); HE Dr Riad Malki, Foreign Minister of the State of Palestine; Prof Lee Jung Hoon, Ambassador-at-Large for North Korean Human Rights; Dr Fraser Cameron, Director, EU-Asia Centre; and Dr Walter Lohman, Asian Studies Center, Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC. Several roundtable discussions were also held on various subjects, featuring speakers from different institutions and countries.

At the beginning of the year, ISIS Malaysia convened the first-ever Roundtable on The Future of Think Tanks & Nation Building in Malaysia, which attracted about 106 think tank representatives from around Malaysia. The Roundtable was later on followed up by the Summit of Malaysian Think Tanks in December 2016. These meetings were held to examine the state of think tanks in Malaysia, identify relevant issues facing the country and explore potential areas of cooperation.

In April, Prof Dr Jomo Kwame

Sundaram delivered his first public lecture as the third holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies. I would like to express my sincere thanks and deep gratitude to the late Tun Hussein Onn's family and the Noah Foundation for their generous contribution to fund the Chair.

Throughout 2016, 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 events with think tanks and institutions from other countries. These included the Roundtable on ASEAN in 50 Years: Forged, Ahead and Together? A Regional Roundtable on ASEAN's Future in a Rapidly Changing World, organised with the support of the ASEAN Secretariat; the Seminar on the High Level Advisory Panel (HLAP) Report on Mainstreaming the Responsibility to Protect in Southeast Asia, co-organised with the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect; the Second International Conference on ASEAN's Multilateral Cooperation and Its Lessons for Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Initiative (NAPCI), held in collaboration with the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) Korea; the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration; and the Workshop on Private Sector Engagement in Responding to the Use of the Internet and ICT for Terrorist Purposes, co-hosted with the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) and ICT for Peace Foundation. Two long-standing annual events were also convened – the Fifth Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue, held in partnership with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), and the Ninth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue, organised jointly with Asialink and the Asia New Zealand Foundation.

On 10 November, ISIS Malaysia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. The MoU is intended to promote research in political, security, economic and social matters, information and knowledge exchange, as well as understanding and cooperation between the Republic of Korea and Malaysia.

Pursuant to the MOU signed with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in November 2015, ISIS Malaysia led an eight-member delegation on a visit to Beijing from 5–9 November at the invitation of CASS. The delegates participated in the first China-Malaysia Strategic Cooperation Forum which discussed Malaysia-China cooperation in the context of the Belt and Road Initiative, ASEAN-China relations and building a mature bilateral relationship. The delegation also held discussions with representatives of the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR) and the China Association of Friendship (CAF).

ISIS Malaysia also sent a representative to participate in the 2016 Taiwan Study Camp for Future Leaders from 2–11 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 accomplishments achieved by ISIS Malaysia would not have been possible without the support, assistance and encouragement of the Government of Malaysia and other 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 continued success and greater achievements in the coming year for ISIS Malaysia.

January 2017

WHO'S WHO IN ISIS MALAYSIA

Members of the Board



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- 1 Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa
Chairman and Chief Executive, ISIS Malaysia
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Deputy Chief Executive, ISIS Malaysia
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Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies



- Prof Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram
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Research Staff



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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

ISIS Malaysia was actively involved in the organisation as well as collaboration of numerous conferences and meetings in 2016. This section highlights twelve major conferences, a public lecture, a documentary screening, a book launch and a series of ISIS International Affairs Forums. The forums covered a wide variety of topics on economics, human rights as well as 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, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Pakistan, Bhutan, Côte d'Ivoire and Kenya.

Conferences

Roundtable on The Future of Think Tanks and Nation Building in Malaysia

27 January 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

ISIS Malaysia hosted the first-of-its-kind roundtable for the Malaysian think tank community. Prof Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram, third holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies, gave the keynote address entitled "Malaysia's Development Challenges and the Role of Think Tanks". The event also saw the launch of the 2015 Global Go To Think Tank Index Ranking with the theme "Why Think Tanks Matter to Policy Makers and the Public".

The roundtable discussions focused on:

- Why think tanks matter?;
- Emerging policy challenges in Malaysia; and
- Think tanks in Malaysia post-2020.



- 1 From left: First Admiral (Rtd) Dato' Chin Yoon Chin, Prof Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram and Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa
- 2 From left: Distinguished Prof Datuk Dr Shamsul Amri Baharuddin, Assoc Prof Datuk Dr Marzuki Mohamad and Ms Elina Noor
- 3 Mr Wan Saiful Wan Jan, Chief Executive, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs
- 4 Dato' Charon Wardini Mokhzani, Managing Director, Khazanah Research Institute
- 5 Prof Dr Rajah Rasiah, Department of Development Studies, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya
- 6 Lt Gen Datuk Azizan Md Delin, Chief Executive, Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security

ASEAN in 50 Years: Forged, Ahead and Together? A Regional Roundtable on ASEAN's Future in a Rapidly Changing World

3–4 February 2016, Le Meridien Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

ISIS Malaysia organised a regional roundtable on ASEAN's future over the next half century. The two-day closed roundtable aimed to discuss, dissect and project the organisation's future in a rapidly changing world. It saw a gathering of academics, policy makers, diplomats and bureaucrats. Old ASEAN hands as well as young opinion shapers and potential future leaders of the region were present.



Among the issues raised at this roundtable were:

- ASEAN and world order: The next 50 years;
- ASEAN economic integration in 50 years;
- ASEAN's social trajectories: Unity, disunity or indifference amidst diversity?;
- Synthesis: Cross-cutting issues for ASEAN in the next 50 years; and
- Projection: A centennial ASEAN.

The outcome of the roundtable will be a long-term publication outlining the various challenges, issues and potential solutions identified throughout the event.



- 1 Participants of the roundtable
- 2 From left: HE Mr Kim Young Sun, Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa and Amb Yong Chanthalangsy
- 3 From left: Dr Tran Viet Thai and Ms Elina Noor
- 4 From left: Amb Yong Chanthalangsy and HE Dr AKP Mochtan

Workshop and Seminar: Responsibility to Protect and Atrocities Prevention in Malaysia

15 April 2016, Pullman Kuala Lumpur

ISIS Malaysia, in collaboration with the Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (APR2P), co-hosted the workshop and seminar in Kuala Lumpur. The purpose of the morning session was to explore the opportunities and enabling factors that will help strengthen the capacity of Malaysia to prevent and respond to risk factors related to mass atrocity crimes.

The morning session was followed by a public seminar in which HE Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Chair of the High Level Advisory Panel (HLAP) and former ASEAN Secretary General, presented the HLAP Report. The objective was to generate comments and inputs from the participants on how the HLAP Report on Mainstreaming the Responsibility to Protect in Southeast Asia and mass atrocities prevention can be pursued effectively. The public seminar also sought ideas to operationalise the Report's recommendations in the domestic and regional contexts.

About 35 selected participants from government agencies, academia, think tanks, civil society organisations, international organisations and special interest groups attended the event.



- 1 Dr Noel Morada, Director, Regional Diplomacy and Capacity Building, Asia Pacific Centre for the Responsibility to Protect
- 2 HE Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Chair of the High Level Advisory Panel
- 3 From left: Dr Noel Morada, HE Dr Surin Pitsuwan, Ms Elina Noor, HE Mr Rod Smith and Dato' Steven CM Wong
- 4 Participants during the breakout session

30th Asia-Pacific Roundtable

30 May–2 June 2016, Hilton Kuala Lumpur



- ① The Hon Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak delivering the keynote address
- ② The Hon Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein giving the special address in Plenary One
- ③ From left: Dr Xu Jian, Tan Sri Dato' Seri Mohamed Jawhar Hassan, Amb Shivshankar Menon and Dr Seichiro Takagi

The Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) is a project of the ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS), with ISIS Malaysia as the anchor institution for convening the conference. This year's roundtable saw the attendance of over 300 scholars, government officials, policy makers and opinion leaders from across the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe and West Asia.

The 30th APR was officially opened by The Honourable Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, who also delivered the keynote address at the Welcoming Dinner. Among the key issues he addressed included the issue of migrants at sea and those seeking refuge from war and persecution, as well as efforts to fight the propaganda of terrorists by exposing falsehoods and misinformation.

A special address was given by The Honourable Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence of Malaysia, in Plenary One on "Regional Security in the Asia Pacific: Present State and Future Trajectories". He underlined the many complex issues in the region – returning fighters from the West Asian conflicts and self-radicalised individuals; territorial disputes and recent developments in the South China Sea; food security; and cyber security.



He posited, nonetheless, that a strong and successful ASEAN can be a stabilising influence in the region.

There were six plenary and six concurrent sessions altogether. Discussions in the plenary sessions addressed the present state and future trajectories of regional security in the Asia Pacific; the ASEAN Community; strategies to battle ignorance, violence and extremism; energy prices, climate change and geopolitics; human insecurity; and security and stability in the South China Sea. The concurrent sessions focused on regional strategic updates – Northeast Asia, The Americas, South Asia, Southeast Asia and Oceania, West Asia and Africa, and Europe.

Some of the high-level role players include Amb Shivshankar Menon, Distinguished Fellow,

Brookings Institution and former National Security Advisor of India; Dr James Boutlier, Special Advisor, Maritime Forces Pacific, Canada; HE Mr Carlos Isauro Félix Corona, Ambassador of Mexico to Malaysia; Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, Chairman, Cordoba Initiative, the United States; Amb Rae Kwong Chung, Former Principal Advisor on Climate Change, Executive Office of the Secretary-General, United Nations; Dr Wu Shicun, President, National Institute for South China Sea Studies, China; and Major General Steven R Rudder, Director, Strategic Planning and Policy (J5), US Pacific Command, the United States.

The 30th APR was successfully convened with the partnership of six sponsors and ten other supporters. New Straits Times Press Berhad was the official media partner.



- 4 From left: Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Prof Carolina G Hernandez, Amb Ong Keng Yong and Tan Sri Dato' Dr Mohd Munir Abdul Majid
- 5 From left: The Hon Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein and Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa
- 6 Participants at the 30th APR
- 7 From left: HE Mr Carlos Isauro Félix Corona and Pengiran Datin Shazainah Pengiran Dato Shariffuddin
- 8 From left: Mr Ralph Cossa and Dr James Boutlier
- 9 From left: Amb Pou Sothirak, Dr David Capie, Mr Khin Maung Lynn and Dr Aries A Arugay

The Second International Conference on ASEAN's Multilateral Cooperation and Its Lessons for Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Initiative

24–25 August 2016, The Westin Kuala Lumpur

The conference was jointly organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and ISIS Malaysia. Participants from ASEAN and South Korea exchanged views and shared insights on multilateral cooperation in East Asia, particularly on ASEAN's past experience and its implications for Northeast Asia. The keynote address was given by HE Dr Yu Hyun Seok, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Malaysia.

Deliberations at the conference centred on:

- Regional strategic environment and cooperative institutions: An update;
- Learning from the past: Managing actual tensions and disputes; and
- Harmonising and restructuring existing regional cooperative institutions.



- 1 From left: Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, HE Dr Yu Hyun Seok and Prof Kim Sung Han
- 2 Dr Kitti Prasirtsuk, Director, Institute of East Asian Studies, Thammasat University, Thailand
- 3 Prof Emeritus Carolina G Hernandez, Founding President and Vice-Chair, Institute for Strategic and Development Studies, The Philippines
- 4 Dr Park Jae Jeok, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of International and Area Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Republic of Korea
- 5 Participants of the conference

The Second International Symposium on Asian Development Studies on Asian Development: Past and New Interpretations

1-2 September 2016, University of Malaya

The symposium was coordinated by the Korean Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC), ISIS Malaysia and University of Malaya. ISIS Malaysia's Deputy Chief Executive Dato' Steven Wong delivered the welcoming remarks.

The three panel sessions touched upon the following topics:

- New approaches of development policies in Asia;
- Labour migration, remittances and gender in Asia; and
- Urbanisation, social economy and inclusive growth in Asia.



- 1 Group photo of the symposium participants
- 2 Dato' Steven Wong delivering the welcoming remarks
- 3 Audience at the symposium



Third Meeting of the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration

4-6 September 2016, Sheraton Imperial Hotel Kuala Lumpur

Hosted by ISIS Malaysia, this Dialogue meeting was the third in a series of meetings, which began in August 2015. The meeting follows the Bali Process meetings, in which ministers agreed to review the Andaman Sea Crisis of 2015 to draw lessons learned and work to implement necessary improvements, including to contingency planning and preparedness. They also created a new mechanism, which authorises senior officials to consult and convene meetings with affected and interested countries in response to irregular migration issues or future emergency situations, which had previously not been possible.

This Dialogue meeting focused on:

- Security and forced migration;
- Role of business in responding to forced migration;
- Regional architecture development, including the Dialogue's contribution to the Bali Process Andaman Sea Crisis Review; and
- Role of ASEAN in responding to forced migration.



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- 1 Participants of the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration
- 2 From left: Dato' Steven CM Wong and Mr Travers McLeod
- 3 From left: Mr Chowdhury Abrar and Ms Anne Gallagher
- 4 Mr Paris Aristotle, CEO, Victoria Foundation of Survivors of Torture, Australia
- 5 HE Mr Kasit Piromya, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Thailand
- 6 From left: Mr Naufal Fauzi, Ms Puteri Nor Ariane Yasmin and Mr Thomas Benjamin Daniel



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Fifth Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue

19–20 September 2016, Majestic Hotel Kuala Lumpur



- ① Participants of the fifth dialogue
- ② From left: Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa and Mr Jan Sentyr
- ③ From left: Prof Dr Eberhard Sandschneider and Dato Dr BA Hamzah

This annual event is jointly convened by ISIS Malaysia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS). The closed-door conference aims to bring together experts and decision-makers for the purpose of examining and developing strategies to improve bilateral and regional security cooperation as well as reduce international security risks.

The following themes were discussed:

- ASEAN's post-2015 political-security community;
- Syria (and Iraq) – Future of state and militancy;
- South China Sea – How best to proceed?;
- Beyond Brexit – The future of the European Union;
- Mindanao – Peace prospects after Duterte's first 100 days;
- Terrorism and counter-terrorism update; and
- China's One Belt One Road initiative – Towards multilateral consultation, cooperation and participation.



Ninth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue

31 October –1 November 2016, DoubleTree by Hilton



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The Ninth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue was held by ISIS Malaysia in partnership with Asialink and the Asia New Zealand Foundation. The event brought together key academics, economists, security analysts, business people and diplomats to provide an opportunity for Australia and New Zealand to engage with their ASEAN counterparts on key regional issues. These annual dialogues – informal meetings among the ASEAN states, Australia and New Zealand – focus around major issues in the region and the roles that this group can play in their resolution.

Discussion topics this year included:

- Perspective on major power competition in the Asia Pacific;
- Developments in Southeast Asia and Oceania;
- National security, political stability and civil liberties: Achieving equilibrium and balance; and
- The future of regional trade arrangements and ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand: Prospects for policy coordination.



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- 1 Participants of the Ninth AANZ Dialogue
- 2 From left: The Hon Mr John Luxton and Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa
- 3 From left: HE Ms Jane Duke and Ms Lee Chen Chen
- 4 From left: Mr Allaster Cox, Mr Shahrizan Lockman and Pengiran Datin Shazainah Pengiran Dato Shariffuddin

Workshop on the Private Sector Engagement in Responding to the Use of the Internet and ICT for Terrorist Purposes

2–4 November 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

Bringing together experts from the private sector, civil society, and academia, the workshop was facilitated by the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED) and organised by the ICT4Peace Foundation, with the assistance of ISIS Malaysia. This workshop followed two similar events held in Zurich and Silicon Valley.

The aim of the series of workshops was to deepen understanding of the industry's response to terrorists' use of such tools, identify progress and challenges, and facilitate dialogue on emerging issues. Workshop participants discussed their respective approaches; emerging practices, norms, and principles; and trends in public-private partnerships.

The workshop series was supported by the Governments of Spain and Switzerland, as well as Facebook, Microsoft and Kaspersky Labs.



- 1 From left: Mr Marc Porret, Dato' Steven CM Wong and Dr Camino Kavanagh
- 2 Mr Alfred McGeachy, Maritime Security Sub-Directorate Director, Interpol
- 3 Dr Rafal Rohozinski, Principal and CEO, The SecDev Group, Canada
- 4 Ms Navhat Nuraniyah, Analyst, Institute for Policy Analysis of Conflict
- 5 Participants of the workshop

Unboxing the Trans-Pacific Partnership: For the Textile and Apparel Industry in Malaysia

7–9 November 2016, Hilton Kuala Lumpur

The seminar, co-organised by ISIS Malaysia, Ministry of Trade and Industry (MITI) Malaysia and Malaysian Textile Manufacturers Association (MATAC), focused on the future of Malaysia's textile industry in the event that the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) comes to fruition.

The sessions delved into these issues:

- Human capital development in the textile industry: The role of Human Resource Development Fund (HRDF);
- Overview and update of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP);
- Market access for goods and rules of origin;
- Regulatory coherence, anti-corruption and transparency;
- Government procurement, state-owned enterprises and competition;
- Labour; and
- Textiles and apparel goods.



- 1 From left: Dato' Sri Tan Thian Poh and Datuk J Jayasiri
- 2 Mr Arunan Tan Sri Kumaran, Senior Principal Assistant Director, International Section of Policy Division, Ministry of Domestic Trade, Co-operatives and Consumerism of Malaysia
- 3 From left: Ms Rita Elisha Mering, Dato' Steven CM Wong and Prof Dr Tham Siew Yean
- 4 Ms Sarah Khalilah Abdul Rahman, Senior Federal Counsel, International Affairs Division, Attorney General's Chambers of Malaysia
- 5 From left: Mr Syahril Syazli Ghazali and Mr Firdaos Rosli

Summit of Malaysian Think Tanks

1 December 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur

The Summit was a follow up to the Roundtable on the Future of Think Tanks and Nation Building in Malaysia, held earlier in the year. The keynote address was delivered by YB Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan.

Discussions centred around four themes:

- The current state of play of national unity and integration: What are we doing right? And what are we doing wrong?;
- Territorial integration: What has been done and what could be done better?;
- What do we want to see in an integrated and united Malaysia?; and
- How do we craft a Malaysian ethos of unity and cohesiveness?.



- 1 YB Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department
- 2 Dr Mazalan Kamis, CEO, Institut Darul Ridzuan
- 3 Dr Syed Farid al-Attas, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore
- 4 From left: Dr Suraya Ismail and Distinguished Prof Datuk Dr Shamsul Amri Baharuddin
- 5 From left: Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa and Assoc Prof Dr Neilson Ilan Mersat

Public Lecture

Back to the Future: Malaysian Lessons from the 1970s

7 April 2016, 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 Jomo Kwame Sundaram, third holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies, delivered a public lecture entitled "Back to the Future: Malaysian Lessons from the 1970s". While acknowledging the public policy errors and excesses of the period, the lecture highlighted how developments then laid the foundations for subsequent Malaysian progress, some of which have been undermined later. Dato' Haris Onn Hussein, son of the late Tun Hussein Onn, 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 Jomo Kwame Sundaram
- 2 Dato' Haris Onn Hussein
- 3 Representatives of the late Tun Hussein Onn's family and the Noah Foundation with Prof Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram (*third from right*) and Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa (*second from right*)
- 4 Audience at the public lecture

Documentary Screening

"Jihad Selfie"

16 August 2016, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, Kuala Lumpur

The documentary, "Jihad Selfie", traces the journey of a 16-year old Indonesian student in Turkey wishing to travel to Syria to join Daesh following a number of his friends. Filmed in cinéma vérité style, the documentary was produced by Mr Noor Huda Ismail, founder of the Institute for International Peace Building in Indonesia and an expert on radicalisation and extremism.

The filmmaker looked at the impact of Daesh's online presence on young Indonesians and examined the stronghold of Daesh supporters in Lamongan, Jakarta, Cairo and on the border of Syria. The film also depicted interviews with returned Daesh fighters. The axis of this movie centred on the need to produce counter-narratives in response to Daesh's campaign.

The screening, co-organised with the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, was followed by a discussion moderated by ISIS Malaysia's Senior Fellow Mr Sholto Byrnes.



- ① Mr Noor Huda Ismail
- ② From left: Mr Sholto Byrnes and Mr Noor Huda Ismail
- ③ Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa delivered the welcoming address
- ④ An audience member participating during the Q&A session

Book Launch

The Sustainability Shift – Refashioning Malaysia's Future

29 November 2016, Le Meridien Putrajaya

ISIS Malaysia organised a book launch and short seminar in conjunction with the release of the publication *The Sustainability Shift – Refashioning Malaysia's Future* by Dr Hezri Adnan, Visiting Fellow at ISIS Malaysia. This book shows how, by reforming its institutional hardware, software and "heartware", Malaysia can adopt a green economy agenda and nurture an inclusive, sustainable society.

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa delivered the keynote address and officiated the book launch. The seminar, which was held following the launching of the book, featured a panel of young leaders to deliberate on the future they want. Dr Hezri Adnan was the moderator while Dr Rita Padawangi, Senior Research Fellow at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, was the main speaker.



- ① The official book launch
- ② Role players at the seminar
- ③ Dr Hezri Adnan
- ④ From left: Ms Nurul Fitrah Mohd Ariffin Merican and Mr Aiman Azlan
- ⑤ From left: Dr Hezri Adnan, Dr Rita Padawangi and Mr Rashvin Pal Singh
- ⑥ From left: Ms Katie Bong Hui Ping, Mr Adrian Yeoh and Ms Sofia Johari

ISIS International Affairs Forums



Topic

Maritime Fulcrum Policy Under President Jokowi's Administration, Achievements and Challenges

Speaker

Prof Dr Ir Rokhmin Dahuri, Chairman for Maritime and Fisheries Affairs, Central Leadership Board, Indonesian Democratic Party of Struggle

Date

23 February 2016



Topic

The US 2016 Elections and Their Implications for Asia Policy

Speaker

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

Date

18 March 2016



Topic

Reassessing Indonesia's Religious Conservatism: Political and Policy Implications

Speaker

Dr Dicky Sofjan, Core Doctoral Faculty, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS), Graduate School of Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM), Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Date

1 April 2016



Topic

The EU in Crisis?

Speaker

Dr Fraser Cameron, Director, EU-Asia Centre, Brussels, Belgium

Date

6 April 2016



Topic

US-Cuba Relations

Speaker

HE Mr Carlos Miguel Pereira, Director General, Strategic Planning and Coordination, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cuba

Date

20 April 2016



Topic

The Economic and Social Survey of Asia and Pacific 2016

Speaker

Mr Zheng Jian, Economic Affairs Officer, UN-Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)

Date

28 April 2016



Topic
Indonesia: Human Rights and Inclusive Development

Speaker
HE Dr Dinna Wisnu, Indonesian Representative, ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)

Date
17 May 2016



Topic
Extremism and Terrorism in the Muslim World: Challenges and Responses?

Speaker
HE Dr Riad Malki, Foreign Minister of the State of Palestine

Date
19 August 2016



Topic
US Foreign Policy in Asia: Politics and the 2016 Elections

Speaker
Dr Walter Lohman, Asian Studies Center, Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, DC, The United States

Date
23 August 2016



Topic
North Korean Human Rights

Speaker
Prof Lee Jung Hoon, Ambassador-at-Large for North Korean Human Rights

Date
10 November 2016



Prof Dr KS Nathan

Topic
What Do the US Elections Mean for Malaysia and the Region?

Speakers
Prof Dr KS Nathan, President, Malaysian Association for American Studies (MAAS); Dr Bridget Welsh, Senior Research Associate, Center for East Asia Democratic Studies, National Taiwan University; and Maj Gen John T Quintas, Deputy Director for Politico-Military Affairs for Asia Joint Staff, The Pentagon, Washington, DC, The United States

Date
11 November 2016



Dr Bridget Welsh



Maj Gen John T Quintas



Topic
Generating Respect for International Humanitarian Law in Today's World and the Launch of "People on War" Global Survey

Speaker
Ms Fiona Barnaby, Legal Advisor of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Date
5 December 2016

Roundtable Discussions



Topic

Discussion on New Developments in South China Sea and Assessment of ASEAN

Speakers

Delegation from the Embassy of France in Kuala Lumpur

Date

15 March 2016



From left: Ms Collin Willett and Rear Admiral Charles Williams

Topic

Roundtable Discussion on the South China Sea

Speakers

Ms Collin Willett, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, and Rear Admiral Charles Williams, Commander, US Pacific Command

Date

6 April 2016



Topic

Counter Terrorism in Southeast Asia

Speaker

HE Miles Armitage, Australia's Ambassador for Counter Terrorism

Date

6 April 2016



Topic

North Korea and Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation Initiative (NAPCI)

Speaker

Mr Lee Duk Heang, Senior Policy Cooperation Officer, Ministry of Unification the Republic of Korea

Date

21 April 2016



Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa with members of the Chiefs' Circle

Topic

Chiefs' Circle Roundtable on South China Sea

Speakers

Former Chiefs of the Malaysian Armed Forces

Date

5 May 2016



Prof Xu Liping



Prof Zhang Jianping

Topic

Roundtable on Malaysia-China Relations and the Belt and Road Initiative

Speakers

Prof Xu Liping and Prof Zhang Jianping, Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA)

Date

9 May 2016

**Topic**

Current State of the Region with Focus on China and ASEAN

Speaker

HE Mr Pham Cao Phong, Ambassador of Vietnam to Malaysia

Date

12 May 2016

**Topic**

Malaysian Unity, Cohesion and Reconciliation Plan

Speaker

Prof Datuk Dr Shamsul Amri Baharuddin, Director, Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

Date

18 May 2016



Mr Kenichi Masamoto (left)

**Topic**

Japan's Role in the Region

Speaker

Mr Kenichi Masamoto, Director of Policy Planning Division and Delegation, Foreign Policy Bureau of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan

Date

19 October 2016

Visits from Other Institutions



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1 Delegation from the US Senate Committee on Finance, 5 January 2016



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2 Malaysian Armed Forces Defence College (MPAT), 22 January 2016



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3 Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), 14 March 2016



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4 Command and Staff College, Saudi Arabia, 14 March 2016



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5 The Royal Jordanian National Defense College, 29 March 2016



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6 Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College, Singapore, 12 April 2016



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- 7 National Defence University (NDU), Pakistan, 4 May 2016
- 8 The Royal Brunei Armed Forces Command and Staff College, 11 May 2016
- 9 Sabah Economic Development and Investment Authority (SEDIA), 25 July 2016
- 10 The Royal Institute for Governance and Strategic Studies (RIGSS), Bhutan, 22 September 2016
- 11 Mrs Nialé Kaba, Minister of Planning & Development of Côte d'Ivoire, and her delegation, 26 September 2016
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16 Embassy of the Republic of Korea, 14 November 2016



17 International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, 14 November 2016



18 Delegation from various Ministries of Sudan, 12 December 2016

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

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

Projects

The Institute routinely undertakes research and consultancy projects at any one time. Some of the projects, which started in the previous year, were continued in 2016.

Granting Refugees Permission to Work from the Perspectives of Malaysia's National Interest and National Security

The study sought to determine whether granting refugees and asylum seekers permission to work, through their registration in a national database, was a feasible solution to managing the refugee problem in Malaysia. It aimed to explore the risks and benefits of granting refugees and asylum seekers permission to work from the perspectives of Malaysia's national interest and national security. The study concluded that, on balance, the Government should consider regularising registered refugees and asylum seekers and granting them permission to work.

The study for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Malaysia began in August 2016, and the First Draft Paper was submitted in December 2016.

Green Growth Strategy Towards Sustainable Perak 2030

The ten-month study is funded by Institut Darul Ridzuan (IDR), 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.

The Inception Report was completed and presented on 26 January 2016 at the Pangkor International Development Dialogue (PIDD) 2016, held in Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

The study team participated in a field trip to Taiping and Ipoh from 5 to 11 March 2016. They had also organised a Roundtable on Perak Green Growth Strategy 2030 at Institut Darul Ridzuan (IDR) in Ipoh, which was attended by 19 participants representing various organisations from both the private and government sectors.

A paper on "Green Growth Strategy Towards Sustainable Perak 2030" was presented at the Third IDR Annual Research Seminar & Pangkor Dialogue Expose 2016: Creating Knowledge – Generating Impact on 25 April 2016 at Casuarina Meru, Ipoh.

The Draft Final Report was submitted on 5 May 2016. A comprehensive policy document entitled "Final Report of Perak 2030: A Vision for Green Growth and Sustainable Development" was submitted to IDR on 1 August 2016. The final report consisted of a SWOT analysis of five main development sectors in Perak and a policy brief or *iltizam* – The Road to a Green Perak by 2030: A Vision for Green Growth and Sustainable Development.

Low Carbon Langkawi (LCL) Model and Roadmap for Langkawi Island 2050

ISIS Malaysia was appointed as consultant by the Ministry of Energy, Green Technology and Water Malaysia (KeTTHA) from 26 August to 25 September 2016 to facilitate a workshop in preparation for a preliminary recommendation of the Low Carbon Langkawi (LCL) Model and Roadmap for Langkawi Island 2050.

The workshop draft report was submitted on 5 September 2016. On 9 September 2016, two deliverables from the project's Terms of References was submitted, namely "Comprehensive Workshop Reports" and "Policy Brief – Summary for Policymakers on the Preliminary Recommendations of Low Carbon Langkawi (LCL) Model and Roadmap Towards Low Carbon Island Langkawi 2030".

ISIS Malaysia has submitted its feedback on "Laporan Komprehensif Bengkel" (Comprehensive Workshop Report) and "Keterangan Dasar (Policy Brief) Bagi Penyediaan Awal Modal dan Roadmap Pulau Rendah Karbon Langkawi Sebagai Saranan Kepada Pembuat Dasar". Details of the feedback are in the "Ulasan Laporan – ISIS Malaysia", which was submitted to the KeTTHA on 19 October 2016.

Research Paper on Malaysian Defence Modernisation

The research paper was commissioned by the Malaysia Programme of the S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore. The paper aimed to examine the factors influencing the modernisation and transformation efforts of the Malaysian Armed Forces (MAF) and the way that the MAF views security threats against Malaysia. Given the then increase of the defence budget, especially in the areas of procurement and research, the project sought to examine then recent developments, which included threats from the southern Philippines and growing Chinese assertiveness in the South China Sea around James Shoal. The entire timeline of the project stretched from October 2015 to April 2016.

Role of Parliament in Security Sector Governance

Commissioned by the Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance (IPFSSG) Southeast Asia, this paper aimed to discuss the parliament's role in ensuring effective governance of the security sector in Malaysia. It also discussed the prospects of establishing relevant parliamentary oversight bodies to overlook decisions made by security sector agencies. The completed paper was then presented by Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa before the committee members of the IPFSSG Southeast Asia at Siem Reap, Cambodia, in November 2016.

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

The project, which began in August 2015, was commissioned by the ASEAN Secretariat to study the socio-cultural implications and challenges 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. The final report of the study was given to the ASEAN Secretariat in May 2016.

MOU

MOU with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea

10 November 2016



ISIS Malaysia and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Malaysia signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Kuala Lumpur. The Parties intend to promote research in political, security, economic and social matters, information and knowledge exchange, as well as understanding and cooperation between the Republic of Korea and Malaysia, and their respective regions. The MOU, which is valid for three years, was signed on behalf of ISIS Malaysia by Chairman and Chief Executive Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa.

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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The Future of Think Tanks in Malaysia, *ISIS Focus* 2/2016, Issue No. 1, May 2016.

Healing the Wounds of War in Sri Lanka, *New Straits Times*, 17 May 2016.

Brexit, What of Malaysia? *Harper's Bazaar Malaysia* (online), 3 July 2016.

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The Emotional Appeal of Brexit and Trumpism, *Harper's Bazaar Malaysia* (online), 11 August 2016.

Forced Migration Still a Big Problem in Asia, *New Straits Times*, 20 September 2016.

Mr Shahrman Lockman

The SCS Arbitration: A Malaysian View, *ISIS Focus* 3/2016, Issue No. 3, October 2016.

Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram

Thinking Allowed, *ISIS Focus* 2/2016, Issue No. 1, May 2016

Dato' Steven CM Wong

Be the Agent of Change You Want to See, *New Straits Times*, 5 January 2016.

Is the TPP in Malaysia's National Interest? *The Edge Malaysia*, 26 January 2016.

Trapped by How We Think, *New Straits Times*, 16 February 2016.

Are People Victims of Unintended Consequences? *New Straits Times*, 19 April 2016.

The Early Years, *ISIS Focus* 2/2016, Issue No. 1, May 2016.

Have Stronger Sanctions Against Dishonesty, *New Straits Times*, 10 May 2016.

Lessons from UK's EU Referendum, *New Straits Times*, 28 June 2016.

Trust Deficits Hinder Economic Progress, *New Straits Times*, 12 July 2016.

Respect is Appreciation for Others' Morality, Humanity, *New Straits Times*, 30 August 2016.

A Time for Caution, *New Straits Times*, 11 October 2016.

Manoeuvring Malaysia's Societal Web, *New Straits Times*, 6 December 2016.

Mr Yong Hee Kong

TPP's Positive Impact on Textile Industry, *New Straits Times*, 5 April 2016.

China's Infrastructure Financing Diplomacy, *New Straits Times*, 2 August 2016.

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 2016, both nationally and internationally.

Dr Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori

"A Proposal for the National Integration Initiative: Mapping the Way Towards National Integration," 11 March 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"The Future of Iraqi Kurdistan," 24 April 2016, University of Human Development, Kurdistan, Iraq.

"Future Studies (Theories and Methods)," 26 April 2016, Komar University of Science and Technology, Sulaymaniyah, Iraq.

Ms Ainun Jaabi

"Towards Sustainable Cocoa Farming Scheme for the Small Growers," 11 November 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Mr Alizan Mahadi

"Green Growth Strategy Towards Sustainable Perak 2030," Bengkel Pembentangan Hasil Penyelidikan 2015, 26 January 2016, Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

Panellist in Session Three on "Country Development Results Framework: Data and Measurement," Symposium on Operationalising the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, organised by the Economic Planning Unit, 23 February 2016, Putrajaya International Convention Centre, Putrajaya.

"National Implementation Readiness – A Malaysian Perspective," Public Symposium on Road to 2030: Global and National Perspectives on Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), organised by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

and the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), 29 February 2016, Hotel Bangi-Putrajaya, Selangor.

"Implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Sustainable Consumption and Production," Workshop on National Perspectives on Implementation of the SDGs, organised by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) and the United Nations University Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), 1 March 2016, Hotel Bangi-Putrajaya, Selangor.

"Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): How They Fit Into the Post-COP21 Era?" Second Sustainability Research Network (SRN) Seminar (2K16) on After COP21-Paris: How to Keep the Promises?, 14 March, The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC), Semenyih, Selangor.

Panellist in session on "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Implementation in Malaysia: The Role of Youth," The Future We Want in 2030: Youth Ideas on SDGs Implementation, organised by the Malaysian Youth Council (Majlis Belia Malaysia), 17 March 2016, Junior Chamber International (JCI) Malaysia, Setiawangsa, Kuala Lumpur.

"From Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) – From Global Goals to National Implementation," 1 April 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"Mapping of Capacities Related to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," SDGs: Sharing of Recent Developments and Activities of the Civil Society SDGs Alliance, 20 April 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"National Readiness to Implement Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)," Bengkel Penyediaan Kertas Tema Kongres International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI), 27 April 2016, Akademi Audit Negara, Nilai, Negeri Sembilan.

"National Implementation Readiness for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Approach and Findings of Gap Analysis," Economic Planning Unit – United Nations Country Team (EPU-UNCT) Retreat on the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the SDGs, 25 May 2016, EPU, Putrajaya.

Mr Sholto Byrnes

"The Political-Strategic and Cultural-Religious Dimensions of US-ASEAN Relations," MAAS-TAF Seminar on The US Pivot to Asia: Economic, Political / Strategic and Cultural / Religious Dimensions of Current US Policy in the New Asia, 4 May 2016, Corus Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

"Writing for Media Publications by ISIS Researchers," 20 May 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"Stranger than Fiction: A Month of Turmoil in British Politics, from Brexit to Boxit, to Prime Minister May," 15 July 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Speaker at the AEI Roundtable on Europe: Post-Brexit, 4 August 2016, Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.

Q&A session with Mr Noor Huda Ismail, Director of "Jihad Selfie", documentary screening, 16 August 2016, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kuala Lumpur.

Mr Thomas Benjamin Daniel

"South China Sea Update," 6 May 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Speaker at the Third Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks (NACT) Country Coordinators Meeting (CCM) and NACT Seminar, 15-16 August 2016, Mercure Hotel, Vientiane, Laos.

"Granting Refugees Permission to Work from the Perspectives of Malaysia's National Security, National Prestige and National Interest," 2 September 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"The Strategic Challenges of the South China Sea (SCS) Dispute to Brunei and Malaysia," Conference on the South China Sea in the Broader Maritime Security of the Indo Pacific, jointly organised by University of New South Wales Canberra's Australian Defence Force Academy (UNSW-ADFA), the Diplomatic Academy of Vietnam and the Japan Institute of International Affairs, 28-30 September 2016, UNSW Canberra at the ADFA, Australia.

Panellist at the Young Leaders Programme, Eighth South China Sea International Conference, 13-15 November 2016, Nha Trang City, Vietnam.

Panellist and discussant in the session on "Promoting the ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership," China Malaysia Strategic Cooperation Forum, 5-9 November 2016, Beijing, China.

Ms Dwintha Maya Kartika

"Crisis-Proofing the Malaysian Economy: Policies and Perspectives in the 21st Century," World Bank 'Half-Baked' Seminar Series, organised by the World Bank, 17 May 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Deepening Income Inequality and the Case for Negative Income Tax," 22 July 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"2017 Jakarta Gubernatorial Election: A

Politicisation of Identity in Indonesia," 2 December 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Discussant in Session One on "Human and Locality" and Session Four on "Employment," International Conference 2016 on Urban and Regional Development, organised by Gyeonggi Research Institute (GRI), 20-21 December 2016, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea.

Mr Firdaos Rosli

Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) and Its Impact on Malaysian Industries and Businesses, hosted by Majlis Tindakan Ekonomi Melayu (MTEM), 6 January 2016.

Presentation on ISIS Malaysia's Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Study to KAF Group, 11 January 2016.

Presentation on ISIS Malaysia's Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Study to Ahli Dewan Undangan Negeri Selangor, 2 February 2016.

Panellist at the International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property (AIPPI) ASEAN Regional Meeting 2016, hosted by The International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property, 3 March 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Pengguna Dalam Era Kegawatan Ekonomi," 20th Malaysian Consumer and Family Economics Association (MACFEA) Annual General Meeting, organised by MACFEA, 23 March 2016, Hotel Bangi-Putrajaya, Selangor.

"Bumiputera Retailers: Heading Towards Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Era," Perbadanan Usahawan Nasional Berhad (PUNB) Industrial Talk, organised by PUNB, 23 March 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) Boon or Bane?" United Kingdom & Eire Council of Malaysian Students (UKEC) Event: Projek Amanat Negara XIII 2016, organised by the UKEC, 5 March 2016, London, The United Kingdom.

"The Impact of Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) in Malaysia, Specifically Amongst the GLCs and Perhaps, Specifically on Our Procurement Policies or Practices," Sime Darby's Procurement Leadership Council (PLC), organised by Sime Darby, 29 March 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Will Things Get Better for Malaysians?" organised by the Employees Provident Fund (EPF), 6 April 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Addressing Non-Economic Concerns: A National Interest Analysis," Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) Seminar: What's in it for Accountants, organised by Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA), 11 April 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

Presentation at the Workshop on the Collective Strategic Study for the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific (FTAAP), organised by the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), 24 April 2016.

"The National Interest Analysis of Malaysia's Participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)," 29 April 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"The Impact of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) on Bumiputera," Government Linked Companies (GLC) explorAce 2016, organised by Sime Darby, 5 May 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

Presentation on ISIS Malaysia's Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Study to Gamuda Berhad, 6 May 2016.

Presentation at the Bengkel Kajian Kesan dan Peluang kepada Bumiputera di bawah Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA), organised by Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), 11 May 2016.

"Challenges and Opportunities from Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) for Malaysian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)," Roundtable Discussion on the TPPA, organised by Universiti Sains Malaysia, 19 May 2016, Penang.

Presentation at the Bengkel Kajian Kesan dan Peluang kepada Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) di bawah Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA): Peringkat Agensi MARA, 25 May 2016.

"Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) Development," Malaysia-Mexico Learning Event, co-hosted by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and World Bank, 29 May 2016.

"Roadmap Towards East Asian Economic Community 2020," Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT) Working Group Meeting, 1 July 2016, Beijing, China.

Presentation on the Services Liberalisation Project Proposal, 28 July 2016, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), Kuala Lumpur.

"Policy Advocacy," Second Malaysian Students' Global Policy Symposium (GPS), organised by the United Kingdom & Eire Council of Malaysian Students (UKEC), 6-7 August 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP): Opportunities and Challenges for the Energy Industry in Taiwan," hosted by Taiwan Research Institute, 21-24 August 2016, Taiwan.

"Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) - Obligations, Privileges, Challenges and Opportunities for Malaysia," CPA Congress, organised by CPA Australia, 20 September 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"National Interests Analysis of Malaysia's Participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)," Talk on the TPP, organised by Ernst & Young Tax Consultants Sdn Bhd, 22 September 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Let's Talk Business: Opportunity, Grants and Incentives for Exports of Training Services," Plenary Session Five at Trainers' Conference 2016, organised by the Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), 12 October 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Malaysian Perspective of '10+3' Connectivity," Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC), One Belt One Road (OBOR) and East Asian Connectivity Seminar, hosted by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Guangxi University, 24-26 October 2016, Nanning, China.

"Post-Budget 2017," Post-Budget 2017 Public Forum, organised by Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia (GERAKAN), 28 October 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Budget 2017: An Election Budget?" 28 October 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"Bumiputera Challenges Under the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)," hosted by Perbadanan Usahawan Nasional Berhad (PUNB), 1 November 2016.

"Unboxing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) for the Textile and Apparel Industry in Malaysia," hosted by the Malaysian Textiles Manufacturers Association (MTMA), 7-9 November 2016, Hilton Kuala Lumpur.

"Urban and Housing Policy," Session Two at the International Conference 2016: Urban and Regional Development, organised by Gyeonggi Research Institute (GRI), 20-21 December 2016, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea.

Mr Sathish Govind

"World, Regional and Domestic Outlook of the Economy," 19 August 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Hezri Adnan

"Gap Analysis Report on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Implementation in Malaysia," A Closed-Door United Nations Country Team (UNCT) Retreat on Sustainable Development Goals Gap Analysis Report, 22 January 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"The Water-Food-Energy Nexus in Malaysia," 18 February 2016, Academy of Sciences Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"The Overview Study of Water-Food Energy Security Nexus in Malaysia," Science, Technology & Innovation Policy & Advisory Committee (STIPAC) Meeting, 3 March 2016, The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus (UNMC), Semenyih, Selangor.

"Positioning Forests in the Securitisation of Water-Energy-Food Nexus," Colloquium on Future Forestry, jointly organised by Jabatan Perhutanan Semenanjung Malaysia (JPSM) and Institut Rimbawan Malaysia (IRIM), 12 April 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Green Growth Strategy Towards Sustainable Perak 2030," Third Institut Darul Ridzuan (IDR) Annual Research Seminar and Pangkor Dialogue Expose 2016 on Creating Knowledge - Generating Impact, 25 April 2016, Casuarina Meru, Ipoh, Perak.

Keynote speaker on "Sustainable Development and Education for Sustainable Development," Leading Academic Institution Through Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), co-organised by Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT), Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) and University College Technology Sarawak (UCTS), 26–27 April 2016, Negeri Sembilan.

Keynote speaker on "Commodifying Nature : Questioning Green Capitalism in Malaysia," workshop organised by the Institute of Agriculture and Food Policy Studies (IKDPM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), 19 May 2016, Putrajaya Marriott Hotel, Putrajaya.

"Water-Energy-Food Nexus in Malaysia: Emerging Risks and Opportunities," Seminar on Water Resources Security in The Context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2016, jointly organised by the Department of Drainage of the Natural Resources Ministry, Malaysian Water Partnership and Global Water Partnership, 25 May 2016, Palm Garden Hotel, Putrajaya.

"Sustainable Development Goals Readiness Assessment for Malaysia," The Fourth Asia Think Tank Summit on Sustainable Development Goals in the Asian Landscape: Think Tanks as Catalysts for Policy Analysis and Implementation, co-hosted by Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA), Korea Development Institute (KDI) and Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP), 8–10 June 2016, Seoul, South Korea.

"Greening of Society in Malaysia: Polycentricity and Institutional Fit," The 23rd Pacific Science Congress Science, Technology and Innovation – Building a Sustainable Future in Asia and the Pacific, organised by the International Council for Science (ICSU) Malaysia, 14–18 June 2016, Howard Plaza Hotel, Taipei, Taiwan.

"Broadening the Poverty Measures in Malaysia," Session II at the 10th China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction, 22–24 June 2016, Guilin, China.

"Embedding the Environmental Sustainability for the 2030 Agenda in Malaysia," Session Two at the National Population Conference on Sustainable Development Goals, 20 July 2016, Putrajaya.

Dr Juita Mohamad

"Malaysia's National Interest Analysis Study on Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)," The Raisina Dialogue 2016, organised by the Ministry of External Affairs of India, 1–3 March 2016, New Delhi, India.

Ms Michelle Kwa

"Green Growth Strategy Towards Sustainable Perak 2030," Bengkel Pembentangan Hasil Penyelidikan 2015, 26 January 2016, Royale Chulan Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

"Perak 2030: A Vision for Green Growth and Sustainable Development," 22 April 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Moonyati Mohd Yatid

"Malaysian Innovation: Where We Are and What's Next," 14 October 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Mr Muhammad Sinatra

"Post-2015 Terrorism Landscape: Emerging Trends in Southeast Asia," 8 April 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"2017 Jakarta Gubernatorial Election: A Politicisation of Identity in Indonesia," 2 December 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Mr Bunn Nagara

"ASEAN and the Security of the Asia-Pacific," Session One of the Academic Session at Delhi Dialogue VIII, 17–19 February 2016, New Delhi, India.

"Cross-Cultural Approaches to Security, Peace and Development," Session on Asia-Europe Cooperation on Quiet Diplomacy and Conflict Mediation, 18th Asia-Europe Think Tank Dialogue on The Age of Connectivity – Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) and Beyond, co-organised by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Institute for Strategic and Development Studies (ISDS Philippines), European Union (EU) Centre in Singapore and the Mongolian Institute for Strategic Studies (ISS), 11–12 May 2016, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

"Writing for Media Publications by ISIS Researchers," 20 May 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"President Duterte's Foreign Policy, Territorial Claims and Strategic Positioning: Possible Directions 2016–2022," 10 June 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"ASEAN Developments from the Perspective of Malaysia," Asia-Europe Institute Forum on Malaysian Approaches to ASEAN Regionalism, 21–22 July 2016, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.

"UN Global Peace Leadership and Peace Operations," Special Session One, Fifth Seoul Defense Dialogue (SDD), jointly organised by Hankuk University of Foreign Studies and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Korea, 7–9 September 2016, Seoul, South Korea.

"Mindanao – Peace Prospects After Duterte's First 100 Days," Session Five, Fifth Germany-Malaysia Security Dialogue, 19–20 September 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Prospects for a New Security Architecture and How It Could Be Shaped," Workshop on Revising the Security Architecture in the Greater East Asia, organised by the East Asian Institute (EAI) and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, 7 October 2016, National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore.

"Global ASEAN and the Evolving Regional Architecture," Conference on Major Powers and the Evolving Regional Economic Architecture, 22 December 2016, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr Naufal Fauzi

"Granting Refugees Permission to Work from the Perspectives of Malaysia's National Security, National Prestige and National Interest," 2 September 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"Malaysian Country Case Study: The Role of Parliament in Security Sector Governance," Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia (IPFSSG) 10th Anniversary Workshop, 15 September 2016, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Ms Elina Noor

"Malaysian Foreign Affairs," Session on Emerging Policy Challenges in Malaysia, ISIS Roundtable on The Future of Think Tanks and Nation Building in Malaysia, 27 January 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Speaker for Opening Session on "International Perspectives on Norms" and Closing Session on "Building a Normative Structure for Cyberspace," United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research – Center for Strategic & International Studies (UNIDIR-CSIS) International Security Cyber Issues Workshop Series: The Future of Norms to Preserve and Enhance International Cyber Stability, 9–10 February 2016, Geneva, Switzerland.

"The Role of Women in Public Policy and Think-Tanks in Malaysia," Nation Building School Forum – Who Runs the World?, Sixth School Assembly of Young Malaysian Leaders, 29 February 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"Counter-Terrorism in Southeast Asia," Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Asian Regional Conference, 16 March 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

Panellist in session on "Transnational Security Issues in Southeast Asia," Southeast Asian Perspectives on US-China Competition, 3–5 April 2016, Grand Hyatt Singapore, Singapore.

Panellist in session on "International Humanitarian Law, Cybersecurity and Human Rights," United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research – Center for Strategic & International Studies (UNIDIR-CSIS) Workshop on The Application of International Law and International Cybersecurity Norms, 19–21 April 2016, Geneva, Switzerland.

"Strategic Tensions," ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute Second East Asia Summit Forum: Security Cooperation in the East Asia Summit, 29 April 2016, Singapore.

"Malaysia-China Security Development Updates," Session One in the Roundtable on Malaysia-China Relations and the Belt and Road Initiative, 9 May 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"The Threat of Terrorism and Radicalisation in Malaysia and the Region," Oxford and Cambridge

Society Malaysia Talk on Terrorism and Radicalism – Social and Financial Impact, 18 May 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

Speaker at the Cyber Stability Conference Series: Taking Security Forward – Building on the 2015 Report on the GGE, 17 June 2016, Geneva, Switzerland.

Speaker for Session One on "Mapping the Geopolitics of Cyber in Asia, Geopolitics of Cyber in Asia," 7 July 2016, Paris, France.

Speaker for session on "The South China Sea in 2016," Sixth Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS) Annual South China Sea Conference, 12 July 2016, Washington, DC, The United States.

"ASEAN Developments from the Perspective of Malaysia," Asia-Europe Institute Forum on Malaysian Approaches to ASEAN Regionalism, 21–22 July 2016, University of Malaya (UM), Kuala Lumpur.

Respondent at the Third Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks (NACT) Country Coordinators Meeting (CCM) and NACT Seminar, 15–16 August 2016, Mercure Hotel, Vientiane, Laos.

"Legal and Policy for Cyber Operations," The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) New Technologies Conference, by ICRC and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Korea, 22–23 September 2016, Seoul, South Korea.

Panellist in session on "Looking Back, Looking Ahead: CyFy 2016 Stocktaking Session," CyFy 2016: The India Conference on Cyber Security and Internet Governance, organised by the Observer Research Foundation, 28–30 September 2016, New Delhi, India.

"Two Way Traffic: How to Deal with Terrorism," Middle East Turmoil: Lessons From and Implications for Asia, organised by the Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS) Thailand, 25–26 October 2016, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Speaker at the Public Forum on Islamist Movements and Middle East Turmoil: Lessons From and Implications for Asia, organised by the Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS) Thailand, 27 October 2016, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Speaker for session on "Singapore and Malaysian Foreign Policy," Conference on Great Power Rivalries, Domestic Politics and Southeast Asian Foreign Policy: Implications for the United States, organised by the Weatherhead East Asian Institute, Columbia University, 10 November 2016, New York, The United States.

Ms Nursalina Fairuz Salleh

"A Proposal for the National Integration Initiative: Mapping the Way Towards National Integration," 11 March 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"Sarawak's 11th State Election: Implications for National Integration, Social Cohesion and National Unity," 13 May 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Ms Nurul Izzati Kamarulbahri

"The National Security Council Bill 2015: An Analysis," 4 March 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"Malaysian Country Case Study: The Role of Parliament in Security Sector Governance," Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia (IPFSSG) 10th Anniversary Workshop, 15 September 2016, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

"Myanmar Updates," 23 September 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Ms Puteri Nor Ariane Yasmin

"Granting Refugees Permission to Work from the Perspectives of Malaysia's National Security, National Prestige and National Interest," 2 September 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

Speaker in the Plenary Session on "Latest Developments in South China Sea," Second Conference on Partnership for Regional Peace: Operationalising ASEAN-China Comprehensive

Strategic Partnership in Southeast Asia, organised by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia and the National Institute for South China Sea Studies (NISCSS) China, 17–20 January 2016, Haikou, Hainan, China.

"Malaysia from 2016 to 2020: Managing the Internal Dynamics and Adapting to the External Environment," 20 January 2016, Asia Society Hong Kong Center, Hong Kong.

"Creating a Virtuous Cycle between Trust and Cooperation in the South China Sea: Lessons from the Search for MH370," Session on The South China Sea: Maritime Cooperation and Confidence Building Measures (CBMS), Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2016, 25–26 March 2016, Hainan, China.

"The ASEAN Community: Lessons from the Past and Prospects for the Future," Regional Conference on Cambodia and ASEAN: Managing Opportunity and Challenges Beyond 2015, organised by the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP), 27–28 March 2016, Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

"50 Years of ASEAN: Cooperating for Peace in the Region," 15th Defence Services Asia (DSA) 2016 – Putrajaya Forum, organised by Malaysian Institute of Defence and Security (MiDAS), 18–19 April 2016, Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

"The Future of Geopolitics," Horasis Global Meeting, co-organised by the Horasis Group, Liverpool Vision and the International Festival of Business, 13–14 June 2016, Liverpool, The United Kingdom.

Panellist in session on "Security Cooperation in Southeast Asia" and "Security Cooperation in South China Sea," The Fifth World Peace Forum: The Order of Common Security – Cooperation, Inclusiveness and Open-Access, organised by the Tsinghua University, 16–17 July 2016, Beijing, China.

Luncheon keynote speaker, Workshop on Great Fall or New Normal? China's Economic Restructuring and Its Impact on Southeast Asia, organised by the Institute of China Studies, 28 July 2016, University of Malaya (UM), Kuala Lumpur.

"The ASEAN Community and ASEAN Competitiveness," and discussant on the Asia Competitiveness Institute's research on "2016 Annual Update on ACI's Competitiveness Ranking and Simulations of ASEAN-10," Asia Competitiveness Institute (ACI) ASEAN Economic Forum, organised by ACI, 9 September 2016, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYP), National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore.

"Current Status of Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia Case Study: Malaysia," The Inter-Parliamentary Forum on Security Sector Governance in Southeast Asia and 10th Anniversary Workshop on Good Governance of the Security Sector in Southeast Asia: What Role for Parliaments?, organised by the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) in cooperation with the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), 14–16 September 2016, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

"Setting the Priorities in ASEAN-China Cooperation," Session One on 25th Year of China-ASEAN Relations: Assessing Past Progress and Managing Ongoing Challenges, Fourth ASEAN-China Dialogue: The Essence of the 25th Year Relations and the Future Outlook, organised by the Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP), and hosted by China Institute of International Studies (CIIS) and ASEAN Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS), 21–24 September 2016, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

"Connectivity Through Tourism," Session on People-to-People Connectivity: Sharing Experiences and Exploring the Practicable Ways of Interconnecting Various Initiatives, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) Standing Committee Meeting and International Symposium on Connecting the Connectivities in Asia-Pacific, organised by China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CNCPEC) with the support of the Yangzhou local government, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Study Center of Nankai University and World Historic and Cultural Canal Cities Cooperation Organization (WCCO), 26–28 September 2016, Yangzhou, China.

Keynote speaker, Book Launch: *The Sustainability Shift – Refashioning Malaysia's Future*, organised by ISIS Malaysia in collaboration with the Prime Minister's Exchange Fellowship Programme Malaysia (The PROGRAM), 29 November 2016, Le Méridien Putrajaya, Putrajaya.

Mr Shahrizan Lockman

"South China Sea Update," 6 May 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

Panellist at the Ninth ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Dialogue, 31 October–1 November 2016, Double Tree by Hilton, Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram

Keynote address, Roundtable on The Future of Think Tanks and Nation Building in Malaysia, 27 January 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

"Back to the Future: Malaysian Lessons from the 1970," Public Lecture of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies, 7 April 2016, Sheraton Imperial, Kuala Lumpur.

Dato' Steven CM Wong

Keynote address entitled "ASEAN Post 2015: Together We Build the Future," Post-ASEAN Summit Roundtable Forum, organised by the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), 13 January 2016, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kuala Lumpur.

Panellist in session on "Political Changes Across Asia – Are We Better or Worse Off," Asia Liberty Forum 2016, organised by the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), 20 February 2016, Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.

"Why Japan, Malaysia and Vietnam participated in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)?" International Symposium on TPP and the Creation of New World, organised by Thailand

Development Research Institute (TDRI) and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Institute of Developing Economies – Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO), 24 February 2016, Bangkok, Thailand.

“National Interest Analysis of Malaysia’s Participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP),” Public Seminar on Weighing the Possibility of Indonesia’s Joining the TPP: Learning from Others’ Experiences, organised by Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Indonesia, 28 March 2016, Jakarta, Indonesia.

“Offensive Realism, Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA) and US Economic Policy,” Seminar on The US Pivot to Asia: Economic, Political/Strategic and Cultural/Religious Dimensions of Current US Policy in the New Asia, organised by the Malaysian Association for American Studies (MAAS) and The Asia Foundation (TAF), 4 May 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

Speaker in Session One, Roundtable on Malaysia-China Relations and the Belt and Road Initiative, organised by ISIS Malaysia, 9 May 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

“Crisis-Proofing the Malaysian Economy: Policies and Perspectives in the 21st Century,” World Bank ‘Half-Baked’ Seminar Series, organised by the World Bank, 17 May 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

“National Interest Analysis of Malaysia’s Participation in The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP),” Talk on Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreements (TPPA) – The Way Forward, organised by Taylor’s Business School, 23 May 2016, Taylor’s University, Subang Jaya, Selangor.

“What Do Think Tanks Do? The Research Dimension,” 27 May, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

“Forced Migration: The ‘Not-So Silent’ Crisis,” Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT) Working Group Meeting on Migration, organised by NEAT Thailand, 10 June 2016, Bangkok, Thailand.

Panellist in session on “National Security and Refugees: Exploring the Issues,” Expert Roundtable Discussion on Employing Refugees in Malaysia: A Win-Win for All?, organised by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Malaysia, 20 June 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

“A SWOT Analysis of Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT): A Malaysian Input,” NEAT Working Group on Institutional Sustainability of NEAT Towards the East Asian Community, organised by NEAT Korea, 23–34 June 2016, Seoul, South Korea.

“Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the Evolution of East Asia Cooperation,” East Asia Summit and East Asian Cooperation International Forum, organised by Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), 25 July 2016, Beijing, China.

“An Overview of the Global, Regional and Local Economies as a Broad Framework for Understanding Real Estate in Malaysia,” The Malaysian Property Market-Mid Year Review 2016, organised by the Association of Valuers, Property Managers, Estate Agents and Property Consultants in the Private Sector Malaysia (PEPS), 27 July 2016, Sime Darby Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

Discussant in Session Three on “The Road Toward East Asian Economic Community,” The 25th Network of East Asia Think Tanks Country Coordinators Meeting (NEAT CCM) and the 14th NEAT Annual Conference, organised by NEAT Thailand, 28–29 July 2016, Pathumwan Princess Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

Panellist in session on “Trends, Challenges and Expectations in the Industry,” organised by the School of Arts and Social Sciences, 2 August 2016, Monash University Malaysia, Subang Jaya, Selangor.

Opening remarks at The Second International Symposium on Asian Development Studies, organised by the Korean Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDEC), ISIS Malaysia and University of Malaya (UM), 1–2 September 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

Panellist in Session One on “Laying Out the Overview and Scenario: State of Affairs of the Economy – Where is the Economy Heading?” Roundtable on The Malaysian Economy Today, organised by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM), 4 October 2016, Menara MATRADE, Kuala Lumpur.

Discussant in Session One on “At What Income Level Does Housing Affordability Become a Public Policy Problem?” Fourth Annual Economics Research Workshop, organised by Bank Negara Malaysia, 10 October 2016, Sasana Kijang, Kuala Lumpur.

“Experience of Malaysia,” Study Committee on Comprehensive Development Strategy to Take Advantage of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Meeting, organised by Institute of Developing Economies – Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO), 13–14 October 2016, Bangkok, Thailand.

Panellist at the Sultan Nazrin Shah Lecture Series on Migration, Displacement and the Age of Humanitarian Crisis, organised by MERCY Malaysia, 23 November 2016, Sunway University, Selangor.

Keynote address entitled “China-ASEAN: 25 Years of Security and Prosperity,” Seminar on China-ASEAN 25 Years of Security and Prosperity: Looking Back, Looking Ahead, organised by Saranrom Institute of Foreign Affairs (SIFA) and the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, 8 December 2016, Bangkok, Thailand.

Mr Yong Hee Kong

“Mobilising Private Sector Funds for Infrastructure Development in Developing Economies Through Public Private Partnerships (PPP),” Seventh SC-OCIS Roundtable on Influencing Change in Finance and Society: Public Policy and Legislative Priorities, organised by Securities Commission and Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS), 5–6 March 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

“Mobilising Private Sector Funds for Infrastructure Development in Developing Economies Through Public Private Partnerships (PPP),” 25 March 2016, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

“Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA),” Talk to Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) Textile Faculty, organised by UiTM Textile Faculty, 28 March 2016, Shah Alam, Selangor.

“OBOR – The Way Forward,” One Belt One Road (OBOR) International Conference, organised by Kuala Lumpur Metropolitan University College (KLMUC), 20–22 July 2016, Kuala Lumpur.

"One Belt One Road / Belt Road Initiative (OBOR/BRI) – Key Issues and Way Forward," Conference on Building the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road and Advancing International Industrial Cooperation, organised by China Center for Contemporary World Studies (CCCWS), 6–9 September 2016, Xiamen, Fujian, China.

"Political Economy of China's Belt Road Initiative (BRI), Southeast Asia and Malaysia," International Conference on China's Maritime Silk Road Initiative (MSRI) and Southeast Asia, organised by School of Advanced International and Area Studies (SAIAS), East China Normal University (ECNU), 18–21 November 2016, Shanghai, China.

"Political Economy of One Belt One Road (OBOR)," China-ASEAN Think Tank Forum, co-hosted by Grandview Think Tank and Tsinghua University, 8 December 2016, Beijing, China.

Media Engagement

ISIS Malaysia staff frequently provides expert input on local and international affairs, including media interviews and commentaries/opinions, on *Astro*, *BFM89.9*, *Bloomberg TV Malaysia*, *Capital TV*, *Channel NewsAsia*, *RTM*, and other news media. Listed below is the media engagement of our staff in 2016.

Dr Abdul Wahed Jalal Nori

"Elakkan campur tangan asing," quoted in *Utusan Online*, 4 November 2016.

Mr Sholto Byrnes

Interview on the ASEAN Summit in Laos, *Al Jazeera*, 19 July 2016.

Interview on rumours of an early Malaysian general election, *Bloomberg*, 8 September 2016.

Interview on what to expect from the Bersih demonstration, *Bloomberg*, 18 November 2016.

Mr Firdaos Rosli

"TPPA signals Malaysia's readiness to conform to high standard treaties," quoted in *The Malay Mail Online*, *Free Malaysia Today*, *Bernama*, 16 January 2016.

"Malaysia perlu ambil peluang TPPA," quoted in *Utusan Malaysia*, 17 January 2016.

Interview on TPP issues, *Bloomberg TV Malaysia*, 18 January 2016.

Interview on TPP, *RTM Selamat Pagi Malaysia*, 21 January 2016.

Interview on medicine prices in the TPP, *BFM89.9*, 21 January 2016.

Interview on TPP issues, *Astro Awani* (*Bisnes Awani*), 21 January 2016.

Interview on TPP, *RTM Nasional 8*, 26 January 2016.

"Safety net for SMEs to leverage on TPPA already in place, says ISIS fellow," quoted in *The Rakyat Post* and *The Sun Daily*, 27 January 2016.

"Rangkaian jaminan untuk PKS tempatan manfaatkan TPPA sudah tersedia," quoted in *Bernama*, 27 January 2016.

"Prosedur ISDS dalam TPP diperketatkan," quoted in *Sinar Harian* and *Bernama*, 27 January 2016.

"Rebut peluang," quoted in *Harian Metro*, 28 January 2016.

Phone interview on "Budget recalibration 2016," *Astro Awani*, 28 January 2016.

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"GLC, swasta disaran semak skim gaji," quoted in *Utusan Malaysia*, 30 January 2016.

"PKS wajar manfaatkan langkah yang dlaksana dalam pengubahsuaian Bajet," quoted in *Bernama*, 30 January 2016.

"SMEs should capitalise on measures taken under recalibrated Budget," quoted in *Bernama*, 30 January 2016.

"Penambahbaikan Bajet 2016," *RTM Selamat Pagi Malaysia*, 3 February 2016.

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"Penarafan Fitch pulih keyakinan pelabur," quoted in *Utusan Malaysia*, 25 February 2016.

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Interview on PM Najib's InvestMalaysia speech, *RTM*, 20 April 2016.

Interview on BNM's new governor, *Bloomberg TV Malaysia*, 28 April 2016.

"Hutang negara," *RTM Selamat Pagi Malaysia*, 8 June 2016.

"Reaksi Britain keluar dari Kesatuan Eropah," *RTM Selamat Pagi Malaysia*, 24 June 2016.

Interview on the state of the Malaysian economy, *Asahi Shimbun*, 27 June 2016.

Interview on the cost of living, *Bloomberg TV Malaysia*, 15 August 2016.

Interview with Syed Jaymal Zahiid on current issues, *The Malay Mail Online*, 29 August 2016.

Interview on CPI article, *BFM89.9*, 5 September 2016.

"Is there really a gap between the official inflation rate and reality? Well, yes and no," quoted in *The Malay Mail Online*, 5 September 2016.

"Analysts: Numbers cloak Malaysia's income quagmire," quoted in *The Malay Mail Online*, 10 September 2016.

Phone interview on Malaysia economic competitiveness, *RTM Selamat Pagi Malaysia*, 4 October 2016.

"Suara Bajet 2017," *Capital TV*, 21 October 2016.

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Interview on BRIM under Budget 2017, *The Malay Mail Online*, 21 October 2016.

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"MoF official: One-fifth of Budget allocated for education but 75% of workers only with SPM qualification and below," quoted in *The Edge Malaysia*, 3 November 2016.

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"Global uncertainties cloud Ringgit's prospects," quoted in *The Malaysian Reserve*, 21 November 2016.

"APEC Summit 2016," *Channel NewsAsia*, 21 November 2016.

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Interview on President-elect Trump's intention to withdraw from the TPP and its implications to Malaysia, *TV3's Ringgit Sense*, 23 December 2016.

"Unjuran prestasi ekonomi 2017," *RTMI's BizMalaysia*, 28 December 2016.

"Racial quotas only work if right talent available, say economists," quoted in *Free Malaysia Today*, 3 December 2016.

Mr Bunn Nagara

Interview on the impending presidential election in the Philippines, *Sin Chew Daily*, 4 May 2016.

Skype interview on the Third ASEAN-Russia Summit in Sochi, *Channel NewsAsia*, 19 May 2016.

Interview on the origins and activities of the Abu Sayyaf Group, *Bernama*, 4 July 2016.

Email interview by Ms Alina Zaychikova, correspondent and English language editor, on the China-Russia Summit in Beijing held from 24-25 June 2016, *Penza News*, 7 July 2016.

Interview on Myanmar and the Rohingyas, *BFM89.9*, 10 November 2016.

Interview on Malaysia-Philippine relations under President Duterte, *BFM89.9*, 14 November 2016.

Two-part interview on Myanmar and the Rohingyas, *Astro Awani (Berita Al-Hijrah)*, 5-6 December 2016.

Interview on Malaysian protests against Myanmar on the Rohingya crisis, *Berita Daily*, 6 December 2016.

Skype interview on Russia-Japan relations and the disputed Kurile Islands during President Vladimir Putin's visit to Tokyo, *Channel NewsAsia*, 15 December 2016.

Ms Elina Noor

"An overview of Malaysia's foreign policy," *bloggingheads.tv*, 15 March 2016.

"Moving Malaysia," *Bloomberg TV Malaysia*, 24 March 2016.

"Defence and security dialogues," *BFM89.9*, 27 June 2016.

"Global Agenda: Asia's troubled waters," on panel with Brian Andrews, Principal, The Asia Group; Bonnie Glaser Senior Adviser and Director, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS); Yoji Koda, Former Vice Admiral, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force; and Xue Guifang, Professor, KoGuan Law School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University. *NHK World TV*, recorded at CSIS, Washington, DC, 13 July 2016 (Broadcasted on 6 August 2016).

"The bigger picture: South China Sea," *BFM89.9*, 19 July 2016.

Interview on US-Russia cyber attacks, *BFM89.9*, 10 August 2016.

Discussion on ASEAN Summit and Obama's last appearance at the East Asia Summit, *Bloomberg TV Malaysia*, 7 September 2016.

Interview on the South China Sea, Vietnamese Service of *Radio Free Asia*, 8 November 2016.

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

Interview on APR@30 (curtain raiser), *New Straits Times*, 25 May 2016.

Interview on China-Malaysia ties and current situation in Asia-Pacific region, *CCTV News Beijing*, 17 July 2016.

"Malaysia's presidency of the UN Security Council," *Traxx.fm*, 10 August 2016.

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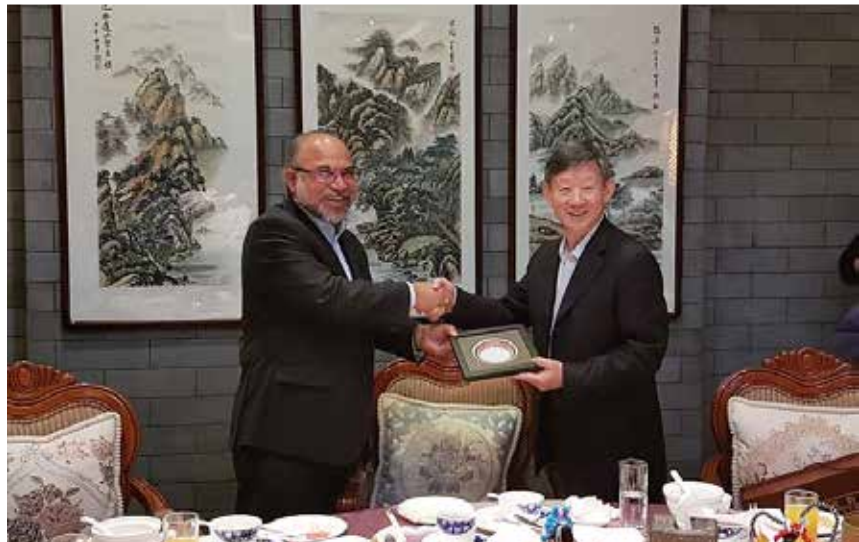
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Bilateral Visits & Exchange Programmes

ISIS Malaysia Delegation to Beijing

5-9 November 2016

A delegation from ISIS Malaysia visited Beijing at the invitation of the National Institute of International Strategy of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). The main purpose of the visit was to convene the first China-Malaysia Strategic Cooperation Forum between ISIS Malaysia and CASS. While in Beijing, the delegation also met with the China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations to discuss Malaysia-China issues and regional issues of concern.



2016 Taiwan Study Camp for Future Leaders: Southeast Asia and South Asia, Taiwan

2-11 November 2016

This study camp focused on the topics of democracy and foreign relations, economic and trade, technology development and green energy, history and culture, as well as international exchange and cooperation. Participants were from 10 ASEAN countries and India. Ms Nurul Izzati Kamrullah attended this programme as a participant.



Malaysia-Indonesia Business Meeting

4 November 2016

A closed-door discussion on “Enhancing Malaysia-Indonesia Economic Ties” was held at ISIS Malaysia. The delegation from Indonesia consisted of the following: Mr Diaz Hendropriyono, Special Staff to President Joko Widodo; Mr Gautama Adi Kusuma, Associate Deputy, Office of Special Staff Diaz Hendropriyono; and Mr Ray Hervandi, Associate Deputy, Office of Special Staff Diaz Hendropriyono. The visiting delegation was particularly interested in finding out perceptions regarding the challenges and opportunities of conducting businesses in Indonesia.

The event was an excellent opportunity for a select group of Malaysian business people and investors with extensive knowledge and interest in Indonesia to engage with an influential group of Indonesian policy makers.



Appointments

Mr Firdaos Rosli

Executive Committee Member of Malaysia-Japan Economic Association (MAJECA), 2016–2017.

Country Coordinator of the Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT) Malaysia.

Dr Hezri Adnan

Advisory Board Member of 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 Environment (NRE), Government of Malaysia.

Mr Bunn Nagara

Affiliate of the Thai Studies Programme, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya.

Member of the Perak Academy.

Ms Elina Noor

Commissioner for the Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace.

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

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

Member of the National Consultative Committee on Political Financing, Malaysia.

Member of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Advisory Council (ABAC).

Board Member of the China-Southeast Asia Research Center on the South China Sea (CSARC).

PUBLICATIONS

ISIS Malaysia produced several publications in 2016.

Books



ISIS Malaysia Annual Report 2015

Kuala Lumpur: ISIS Malaysia, 2016.



The ASEAN Community Beyond 2015

Carolina G Hernandez. The APR Series E-Monograph. Kuala Lumpur: ISIS Malaysia, 2016.

This e-monograph was a paper presented by the author at the 29th Asia-Pacific Roundtable, 1-3 June 2015 in Kuala Lumpur.



Surveying the Southeast Asian Political Terrain: Myanmar and Beyond

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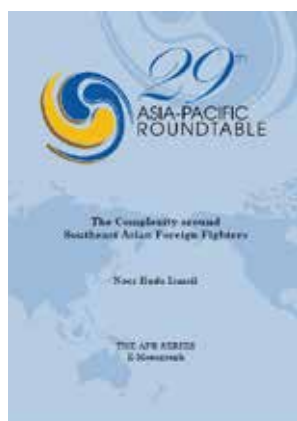
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Southeast Asia: Naval Capabilities and Regional Cooperative Mechanisms

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The Complexity Around Southeast Asian Foreign Fighters

Noor Huda Ismail. The APR Series E-Monograph. Kuala Lumpur: ISIS Malaysia, 2016.

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Cyber Conflict is Simply a Question of When, Not If

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China's Plan for Prosperity and Stability in Asia and Beyond

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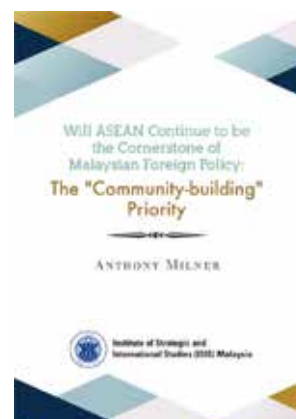
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Strengthening Mutual Confidence and Promoting Maritime Cooperation

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Will ASEAN Continue to be the Cornerstone of Malaysian Foreign Policy: The "Community-building" Priority

Anthony Milner. Kuala Lumpur: ISIS Malaysia, 2016.

This monograph is an edited version of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies Lecture 2015, given by the author on 3 December 2015 in Kuala Lumpur.

ISIS Focus

The newly revamped *ISIS Focus* is now a quarterly newsletter that features articles, research findings and commentaries on the important issues of the day and of concern to researchers, policy makers and the public. This publication is intended to reach a wider audience.



The Future of Think Tanks in Malaysia: Innovate – or Die

ISIS Focus 2/2016, No. 1, Kuala Lumpur: ISIS Malaysia, 2016.



Peace and Security Dialogue – More Urgent Than Ever

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