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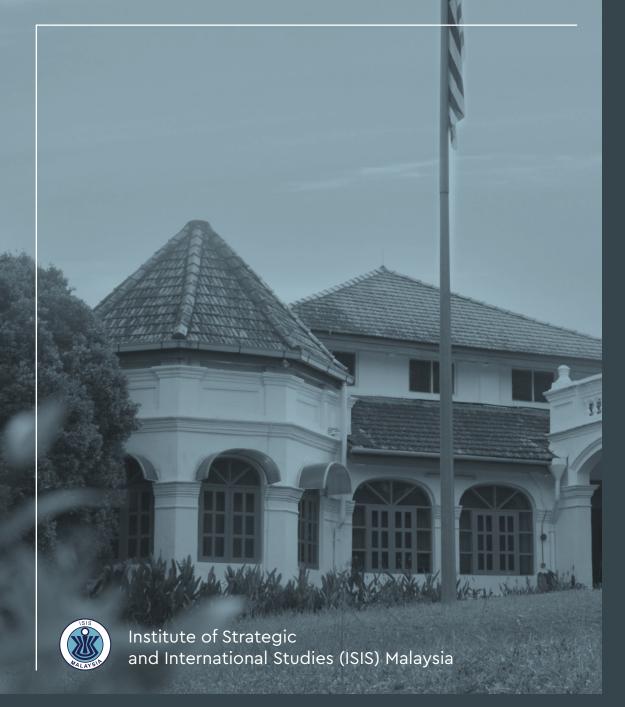
VISITS FROM 26 COUNTRIES IN ONE YEAR



"Throughout 2019, ISIS Malaysia had had the pleasure of hosting conversations with friends and partners from across the globe. Besides those already based in Malaysia, our visitors had travelled a great distance to take part in dialogues with our researchers, participate in a variety of events and coordinate joint projects with us. We are humbled to note that ISIS Malaysia continued to have impacts beyond national borders and appealed to foreign officials, the academia, journalists as well as fellow think tankers. Needless to say, their interest in ISIS Malaysia contributed immensely to the successful and vibrant year that we experienced in 2019."



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ABOUT US





Track Two Diplomacy



Research and Consultancy



Public Engagement



Foreign Policy and Security Studies



Economics, Trade and Regional Integration



Social Policy and National Integration



Technology, Innovation, Environment and Sustainability 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 foreign policy, security studies, economics, social policy, nation-building, 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 Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR), ASEAN Institutes of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS), Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC), Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT), Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks (NACT), ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT), and 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 2019 CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The ISIS Malaysia Annual Report 2019, in keeping with previous years, features the activities of the Institute and provides information on activities, projects, published works, presentations as well as media engagement of our research staff.

The Institute remains steadfast in pursuing 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 was well achieved through the many conferences, meetings, roundtable discussions and seminars that were organised throughout the year, some of which were done in collaboration with other local and foreign institutions. The year 2019 had been another eventful and fulfilling year for us.

ISIS Malaysia embarked on a variety of research projects throughout 2019. A notable study we engaged in was "The Top Issues Faced by Bumiputera-Owned Enterprises and Bumiputera Individuals in Malaysia", commissioned by Unit Peneraju Agenda Bumiputera (TERAJU). The study aimed to discover the socio-economic challenges faced by Bumiputera-owned enterprises and individuals through surveys and focus group discussions. Our findings were presented to TERAJU on 4 September 2019.

In July 2019, the Ministry of Economic Affairs commissioned ISIS Malaysia to redraft the National Blueprint on Sustainable Development Consumption and Production. The final product of this project is expected to be completed in 2020.

ISIS Malaysia also finalised its collaboration with UNICEF Malaysia on a study entitled "Situation Analysis of Children in Malaysia (SitAn)". The study assessed and analysed the situation with respect to children's rights and development, highlighting potential and critical issues in such areas as legal and policy framework; demographic and socio-economic status; education and child development; health and nutrition; and child protection. The study aimed to make a valuable contribution in identifying the trends and key issues especially towards the agenda of child development in Malaysia. The sectoral report was finalised and submitted to UNICEF Malaysia in October 2019.

ISIS Malaysia successfully convened two flagship events in 2019. The 33rd Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) was held from 24–26 June 2019 and attracted over 280 participants, including ministers, policymakers, security experts, scholars, researchers, journalists and business leaders from the Asia Pacific, Americas and Europe. The then Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad delivered a keynote address entitled "New Malaysia in a Changing Regional Order", which laid out the foreign policy priorities and outlook of the Pakatan Harapan government. Dr Mahathir's appearance at the 33rd APR drew a warm and enthusiastic reception from the audience as it was his first engagement in an ISIS Malaysia event since making a comeback as Malaysia's eighth prime minister.



In addition, ISIS Malaysia organised ISIS PRAXIS Conference 2019 with the theme "Malaysia Beyond 2020" on 21–22 October 2019. The conference was designed to spur a domestic conversation among economists, politicians, government entities, industry players as well as academics on economic, social and political issues that Malaysia will face in the years ahead. ISIS PRAXIS Conference was highly praised by participants, with its choice of topics and quality of conversations highlighted as its best features.

Throughout 2019, ISIS Malaysia held multiple meetings and roundtable discussions with distinguished individuals and experts on diverse interests – children and women in Malaysia; violent extremism in Asia; current economic issues; the 2030 agenda for sustainable development; developing a health response towards Amphetamine-Type Stimulant (ATS) use; and Malaysia-China relations, among others. A significant event that convened on 26 June 2019 was the "Meeting of the ASEAN Circle Malaysia and Book Launch", which saw the launch of Does ASEAN Matter? A View from Within by HE Dr Marty Natalegawa, former Indonesian Foreign Minister.

The Institute was also able to host prominent leaders, policymakers, legislators, diplomats and scholars, who spoke at our ISIS International Affairs Forum (IIAF) and ISIS National Affairs Forum (INAF) series. These speakers included HE Dr Mohammad Javad Zarif, Iran's Minister of Foreign Affairs; Prof Satoshi Morimoto, Japan's former Minister of Defence; Dr Rashmi Banga, Senior Economic Affairs Officer in United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); Ms Sanya Reid Smith, Legal Advisor and Senior Researcher, Third World Network (TWN); Dr Sinderpal Singh, Senior Fellow and Coordinator of South Asia Programme, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS); Mr David R Stilwell, Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State, United States of America; Dr Kenneth Simler, Senior Economist, World Bank Global Knowledge and Research Hub; Dr Salmah Zakaria, Chair of ASM Water Committee, Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM); and Dr Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid, Professor of Political Science, School of Distance Education, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM).

ISIS Malaysia continued to receive visitors from various institutions and organisations in Malaysia and overseas. These included Japan Economic Forum (JEF), Japan; Ministry of External Affairs, India; Brenthurst Foundation, South Africa; Senator Penny Wong, Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Australia; and University of Nottingham Malaysia, among others.

The Institute actively engaged and maintained close links with other think tanks and institutions at home and abroad by co-hosting several events in Malaysia. These included the 50th Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Steering Committee Meeting; The ASEAN Sustainability Forum (ASF) 2019; Network of Malaysian Think Tanks (NMTT) Meeting on Rising to the Malaysia Baru Challenge: How do Think Tanks Remain Relevant and Meet the Aspirations of the People; Asia Pacific Forum: The Future of Asia-Pacific Economies Beyond 2020; and ISIS Malaysia Forum on Korea entitled "The New Southern Policy: Catalyst for Deepening ASEAN-ROK Cooperation".

ISIS Malaysia also organised and coordinated events with our long-standing partners. The 12th ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue was successfully convened in September 2019, a product of close collaboration with Asialink (Australia) and Asia New Zealand Foundation (ANZF). Furthermore, ISIS Malaysia and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) regularised engagements in the area of sustainable development and jointly organised as many as three Roundtables on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

A delegation from ISIS Malaysia visited Haikou, Zhuhai and Guangzhou at the invitation of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) on 4–9 August 2019. In Haikou, ISIS Malaysia and CPIFA convened the 5th Seminar on China-Malaysia Relations in cooperation with China Institute of Reform and Development (CIRD). Discussions on Malaysia-China relations were similarly held with scholars and officials in Zhuhai and Guangzhou. This visit was pursuant to a 2014 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ISIS Malaysia and CPIFA.

On 15–19 December 2019, ISIS Malaysia hosted a delegation from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS). Led by Professor Ye Hailin, Deputy Director-General of the Academy's National Institute of International Strategy (NIIS), the seven-member delegation consisted of scholars from several CASS institutes. On 16 December, the annual ISIS Malaysia-CASS Roundtable on Malaysia-China Relations was convened, in which exchanged perspectives on the changing global and regional order as well as the global economic slowdown. ISIS Malaysia also organised discussions between the CASS delegation and Institut Darul Ehsan (IDE) as well as the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA).

This visit stemmed from a 2015 MoU between ISIS Malaysia and CASS.

As in the past, we attended numerous conferences, seminars and colloquia at home and abroad, including Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks (NACT) Working Group Meeting in Langkawi, April 2019; ABAC Meetings in Atlanta and Jakarta, February and April 2019; Formosa Forum: 2019 Maritime Security Dialogue in Taipei, June 2019; 4th Rangsit China Forum in Bangkok, July 2019; International Symposium on Towards Building a Sustainable Society in Asia in Tokyo, August 2019; 46th Session of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco on Asia as a Horizon for Thought: Experiences in Modernization and Development in Rabat, September-October 2019; Dialogue of Continents 2019: The New Age of Progress in Hamburg, October 2019; Technology and Geopolitics: Navigating a Future of Tech Uncertainty in Toronto, October 2019; 2019 ASEAN-ROK Think Tank Strategic Dialogue in Seoul, October 2019; Research Institute Network Meeting in Bangkok, November 2019; and 6th Annual Abu Dhabi Strategic Debate in Abu Dhabi, November 2019, among others.

I wish to record here that the accomplishments attained by ISIS Malaysia would not have been possible without the support 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.

In September 2019, ISIS Malaysia joined many others in mourning the passing of the late Mr Wolfgang Hruschka, KAS Malaysia's Country Director, who passed away in Kuala Lumpur. He was instrumental in further cementing the close ties and cooperation between ISIS Malaysia and KAS Kuala Lumpur for which we owe him our utmost admiration and gratitude.

I also thank and commend all staff of ISIS Malaysia for their dedication and commitment in ensuring that ISIS Malaysia remains as the nation's premier think tank. Despite the monumental challenges that the world and Malaysia are facing right now, I look forward to continued success and greater achievements in the coming year for ISIS Malaysia.

Last, but not least, allow me to extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the Board, management and staff of ISIS Malaysia, and all friends and colleagues at home and abroad for the support, friendship and cooperation given to me as Chairman and Chief Executive of ISIS Malaysia prior to my retirement on 8 January 2020.

Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa

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Chairman and Chief Executive

May 2020

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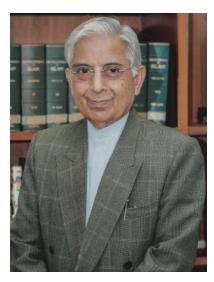


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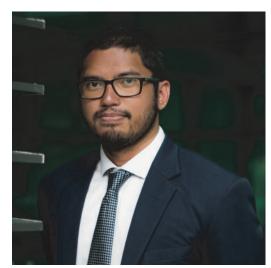
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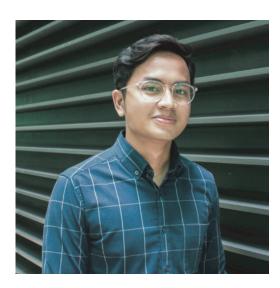
Publications



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Mr Muhammad Sinatra



Mr Ridzwuan Rosli

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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

AINUN Jaabi

Published Works

- 1. Championing Palm Oil's Cause, New Straits Times, 11 June 2019.
- 2. (Co-author) Turkish Template on Equal Education Access for All Kids, *New Straits Times*, 23 July 2019.

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- 2. (Co-presenter) "A Preliminary Proposal for the Sustainable Consumption and Production Blueprint", organised by Ministry of Economic Affairs, 29 May 2019, Putrajaya.
- 3. "Sesi Perbincangan Terbuka", Focus Group Discussion on Halatuju Baharu Agenda Bumiputera, organised by ISIS Malaysia and Peneraju Bumiputera (TERAJU), 5 August 2019, Pulau Pinang.
- 4. "Sesi Perbincangan Terbuka", Focus Group Discussion on Halatuju Baharu Agenda Bumiputera, organised by ISIS Malaysia and Peneraju Bumiputera (TERAJU), 8 August 2019, Kota Kinabalu.
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- 3. "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Towards a Framework for Action Coherence", Seminar on Energizing Sustainable Development Goals (SESDG) 2019: For People, Ecosystem and Planet, 25 April 2019, Kuala Lumpur.
- 4. Panellist in "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Humanitarian/Peace/Development Nexus: Which Angle for the ICRC?", Humanitarian Diplomacy and Multilateral Affairs in the Asia Pacific Region, 29 April 2019, Kuala Lumpur.
- 5. Panellist in "Environmental Protection (Air, Land & Water): Challenges & Prospects", NACT Working Group Meeting, 17 May 2019, Singapore.
- 6. Moderator for "Environmental Cooperation: Within ASEAN and Between China and ASEAN", NACT Working Group Meeting, 17 May 2019, Singapore.
- 7. Panellist in "ASEAN-China Partnership & Connectivity", NACT Country Coordinators Meeting, 13-14 June 2019, Bangkok, Thailand.
- 8. "Future of Food and Agriculture: Prospects for Utilising Internet of Things Towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)", 30th Malaysia International Machinery Fair 2019, 18 July 2019, Kuala Lumpur.
- 9. "The Challenge of Managing the Environment in a Developing Southeast Asia", 12th ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue, 22-24 September 2019, Kuala Lumpur.
- 10. "Towards Sustainable Development in Malaysia: From Tiger Cub Economy to the New Malaysia", 46th Session of the Academy of the Kingdom of Morocco on Asia as a Horizon for Thought: Experiences in Modernization and Development, 29 September 3 October 2019, Rabat, Morocco.
- 11. Panellist in "Prospects and Issues for the Future Sustainable and Inclusive and Growth in the Asia-Pacific Region", Asia Pacific Forum: The Future of Asia-Pacific Economies Beyond 2020, 16-17 October 2019, Kuala Lumpur.

- 12. Moderator for "Confronting A New Scarcity in Securing Sustainable Development", ISIS PRAXIS Conference on Malaysia Beyond 2020, 21-22 October 2019, Kuala Lumpur.
- 13. "Monitoring & Evaluation of SDG", Malaysia SDG Summit 2019, 6-7 November 2019, Kuala Lumpur.
- 14. Panellist in "IOM's Global Migration Film Festival", 11 December 2019, Selangor.

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- 2. Panellist in "International Conference on Straits of Malacca", Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace (LIMA) Exhibition, 27 March 2019, Pulau Langkawi.
- 3. Panellist in "2019 Maritime Security Dialogue", Formosa Forum, organised by Prospect Foundation, 19-20 June 2019, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 4. "Vision 2025/30 Paper (Review and Update)", ISIS Staff Presentation, 24 July 2019, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.
- 5. Moderator for "Common Security in the Islamic World", ISIS International Affairs Forum (IIAF) by Iranian Foreign Minister HE Dr Mohammad Javad Zarif, 29 August 2019, ISIS Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.
- 6. Panellist in "ASEAN and Southesat Asia", IDEAS ASEAN Prosperity Forum, 26 September 2019, Kuala Lumpur.
- 7. Panellist in "The South China Sea: Global Epicentre of Superpower Conflict?", organised by Perak Academy and Perak Bar Committee, 18 October 2019, Ipoh.

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- 5. "Malaysia's New Foreign Policy Framework", interview on Astro Awani, 18 September 2019.
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- 2. "Bantuan Sara Hidup (BSH) and Social Assistance", interview on Astro Awani, 28 August 2019.
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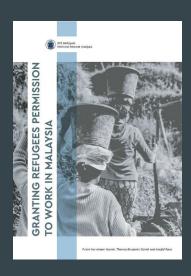
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EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

33rd Asia-Pacific Roundtable

Hilton Kuala Lumpur 24–26 June 2019

The 33rd Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR) was convened from 24–26 June 2019. It was ISIS Malaysia's key Track Two forum in 2019 aimed to build trust and confidence in the Asia-Pacific region by bringing together government officials, think tanks, academics, media representatives, policymakers, experts and business leaders from the Asia Pacific, Americas, and Europe to engage in candid dialogue regarding major security challenges in the region. This year's theme was "A Great Unwinding? Rules-Based Regional Security Order to 2020 and Beyond". The 33rd APR attracted over 280 participants.

The roundtable saw the inclusion of five plenary sessions, four oncurrent sessions, one keynote address and one special luncheon session. Topics discussed in the plenary sessions included: Asia Pacific vs Indo Pacific: Rationale, Contestation & Implications; Asia-Europe Partnership: Stasis or Elevation?; Amid Rifts & Reforms: Political Contestations in Southeast Asia; The People's Republic Of China @ 70: Establishment, Evolution & Expectations; and State Sponsored Influence Operations in The Digital Age.

The four concurrent sessions brought up the following topics: Nuclear Arms Control in Crisis: A Gamechanger for the Asia Pacific?; The Humanitarian Crisis Along the Bangladesh-Myanmar Border: Responses & Challenges; Technological Rivalry & National Security; and Summits on the Korean Peninsula: Light at the End of the Tunnel?.

Meanwhile, the keynote address was delivered by the Honourable Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, who touched upon the subject of New Malaysia in a Changing Regional Order. He shared his views on Malaysia's domestic development, the state of the Asia-Pacific region and the trajectory of global affairs. Last, but not least, the Honourable Dr Marty Natalegawa, Indonesia's former Minister for Foreign Affairs, addressed the special luncheon session with his views on ASEAN: Towards Vision 2025.

Among the prominent role players were: Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak, Director, Institute of Security and International Studies (ISIS), Thailand; HE Mr Francisco Fontan, Ambassador of the European Union to ASEAN, Indonesia; YB Dato' Saifuddin Abdullah, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia; Dr Bridget Welsh, Associate Professor of Political Science, John Cabot University, Italy; Mr Ralph Cossa, President Emeritus, Pacific Forum, United States of America; Ms Lilianne Fan, Co-Founder & International Director, Guetanoye Foundation and Chair, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights' Rohingya Working Group, Malaysia; Prof Aileen SP Baviera, Chair, ASEAN-ISIS Network and President, Asia Pacific Pathways to Progress Foundation, the Philippines; Ms Nur Sulyna Abdullah, Chief Transformation Officer, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission, Malaysia; Ambassador Chun Yung-woo, Chairman, Korean Peninsula Future Forum, former National Security Advisor and Six-Party Talks Chief Negotiator, Republic of Korea; and Mr Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, Director, European Centre for International Political Economy, Sweden.

Key sponsors and supporters of the 33rd APR included: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS); Embassy of Japan; Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau; and Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad.

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Keynote Address by the Honourable Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia



Plenary Session 1

(from left) Prof Akio Takahara, Prof C Raja Mohan, Dr Wu Shicun, Mr Elbridge Colby and Dr Thitinan Pongsudhirak

Plenary Session 2



Mr Patrick Rueppel



Dr Le Dinh Tinh



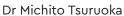
Ambassador Pou Sothirak

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Plenary Session 2







HE Mr Francisco Fontan



Plenary Session 3

(from left) Dr Pandit Chanrochanakit, Dr Bridget Welsh, Dr Philips J Vermonte and Mr Aaron Connelly

Plenary Session 4



Dr Bates Gill



Prof Aileen SP Baviera



(from left) Prof Gao Jian and Dr Paul Evans

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Plenary Session 5

(from left) Mr Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, Mr Dev Lewis, Dr Shashi Jayakumar and Mr John J Brandon



Concurrent Session 1

(from left) Dr Manpreet Sethi, Mr Andrey Baklitskiy, Mr Ralph Cossa and Dato' Nadzirah Osman

Concurrent Session 2





(from left) Ms Lilianne Fan, Dr Chowdhury Abrar, U Kyaw Myaing and Dato' Steven CM Wong

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(from left) Ms Nur Sulyna Abdullah, Dr Jasmine Begum, Dr Zheng Liang, Mr Hosuk Lee-Makiyama and Prof C Raja Mohan



Concurrent Session 4

(seated from left) Ambassador Chun Yung-woo, Dr Geetha Govindasamy and Mr Ralph Cossa

ISIS PRAXIS Conference on Malaysia Beyond 2020

Hilton Kuala Lumpur 21–22 October 2019

The ISIS PRAXIS Conference returned in 2019. Titled "Malaysia Beyond 2020", the event aimed at creating a conducive environment for robust and constructive discussions among government officials, business communities as well as the public on cultivating Malaysia's opportunities and addressing its challenges in the future. The conference emphasised on equipping participants with novel and information-rich analyses on political, social and economic sectors in Malaysia.

Among the role players were: YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Chairperson, Special Select Committee on the Budget; Datuk A Kadir Jasin, Media and Communications Adviser, Prime Minister's Office; Ms Melisa Idris, Assistant Vice President and Editor, Astro Awani; Ms Julia Goh, Senior Economist and Senior President Global Economics and Market United Overseas Bank (UOB); Mr Patrick Tay, Deals Partner, Economics and Policy, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC); Prof Datuk Dr Mazlan Othman, Project Director, Mega Science 3.0; Dr Farish A Noor, Senior Fellow, S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Singapore; Dr Verinderjeet Singh, Member Tax Reform Committee; Dr Serina Abdul Rahman, Visiting Fellow, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore; Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Zakri Abdul Hamid, Founding Chair, Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES); Dato' Seri Ir Dr Zaini Ujang, Visiting Professor, Imperial College London; Emeritus Prof Datuk Dr Norma Mansor, Director, Social Wellbeing Research Centre (SWRC), University of Malaya (UM); and Prof Datuk Dr Tengku Aizan Hamid, Director, Malaysian Research Institute on Ageing, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

This year's conference saw six sessions, two concurrent sessions, a keynote address, a luncheon tête-à-tête session and a wrap-up chat. The topics of the main sessions were: Revisiting Vision 2020: Challenges and Prospects for Malaysia for 2020 & Beyond; Navigating Turbulent Waters: Global Macro and Geopolitical Risks in 2020 and Beyond; Financing Shared Prosperity: Government Revenue and Economic Development; Achieving Bangsa Malaysia: Socio-political

Considerations Beyond 2020; Confronting a New Scarcity in Securing Sustainable Development; and Comprehensive Social Assistance & Protection in an Ageing Malaysia. The two-day event attracted more than 200 participants.

Subjects that transpired in the two concurrent sessions included: The Next Decade of Regional Competition, Trade and Investment in ASEAN; and Technology, Human Capital and Upskilling: the Malaysian Workforce Beyond 2020.

The Honourable Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad delivered the keynote address on "Malaysia Beyond 2020". The Prime Minister shared his



The Honourable Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Prime Minister of Malaysia, delivered the Keynote Address

reflections on Malaysia and the Vision 2020 aspirations, while lamenting unachieved targets before the year 2020. The Prime Minister also reaffirmed his belief in the Shared Prosperity Vision (SPV), which he believed would be able to remedy the shortfalls in the effort to achieve Vision 2020.

The luncheon tête-à-tête session was conducted by Dato' Rohana Tan Sri Mahmood, Board Member of ISIS Malaysia, as Moderator and YB Dr Ong Kian Ming, Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry, as Speaker. The two role players discussed about Malaysia's leadership role in charting APEC in the year 2020 and beyond. Finally, the wrap-up chat was headlined by Datuk Seri Azman Ujang, Chairman, Berita Nasional Malaysia/BERNAMA, who served as Moderator and Tun Daim Zainuddin, Former Chairman of the Council of Eminent Persons and Former Minister of Finance, as Speaker. The session reflected on issues and topics that had transpired throughout the conference and suggested ways forward to meet Malaysia's future opportunities and challenges.

Among the key sponsors and supporters of PRAXIS 2019 included: Bank Muamalat Malaysia Berhad; Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS); PwC; Hong Leong Investment Bank; and CGS-CIMB.



Tun Daim Zainuddin at the Wrap-up Chat: Reflections, Insights and Ways Forward

Dr Ong Kian Ming delivered the Luncheon Tête-à-tête Address on Malaysia's Leadership Role in Charting APEC 2020 and Beyond



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Session 1

(from left) Datuk A Kadir Jasin, YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed and YBhg Tan Sri Kamal Salih

Session 2



Ms Julia Goh



Dr Anthony Dass Dr Richard Record Ms Melisa Idris

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Concurrent Session 1



Mr Patrick Tay



(from left) Mr Ryohei Gamada and Prof Dr Tham Siew Yean



Concurrent Session 2

(from left) Dr Farish A Noor, Dato' Boonler Somchit, Prof Tan Sri Dzulkfli Abdul Razak and Prof Datuk Dr Mazlan Othman



Session 3

(from left) Dr Verinderjeet Singh, Dato' Seri Subromaniam Tholasy and Dato' Haji Abdul Aziz Abu Bakar

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Session 4

(from left) Dato' Dr Ooi Kee Beng, Mr Sharaad Kuttan, Dr Serina Abdul Rahman and Distinguished Prof Datuk Dr Shamsul Amri Bakar Baharuddin

Session 5



(from left) Dr Nagulendran Kangayatkarasyu and Mr Alizan Mahadi



(from left) Ms Rama Iyer, Dato' Seri Ir Dr Zaini Ujang and Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Zakaria Abdul Hamid

Session 6



(from left) Prof Datuk Dr Tengku Aizan Hamid, Prof Dr Sulochana Nair, Dr Achim Schmilen and Emeritus Prof Datuk Dr Norma Mansor



Tuanku Alizakri Alias

The ASEAN Sustainability Forum (ASF) 2019

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre (KLCC) 14 September 2019



Together with Yayasan Budi Penyayang Malaysia (PENYAYANG), ISIS Malaysia co-organised this event to discuss the economic impact on natural resources and the environment. Participants explored on the importance for businesses to be as involved as the government in engaging with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) framework. The forum demonstrated how businesses in Southeast Asia have responded to the SDGs by embedding the principles and goals of the SDGs into their organisations as well as utilising them to foster a community-based approach in enterprises.







12th ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue

Pavilion Hotel Kuala Lumpur 23–24 September 2019



The 12th ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand (AANZ) Dialogue was convened at the Pavilion Hotel on 23–24 September 2019. It was organised in alliance with Asialink and Asia New Zealand Foundation (ANZF). A total of 66 participants, including government officials, academicians, journalists and analysts, attended the one-and-a-half-day event.

Alongside the dialogue was the NextGen activity, a platform for younger delegates and researchers from Southeast Asia, Australia and New Zealand to network and discuss issues highlighted at the dialogue.







This year's dialogue focused on the following subjects: Regional Perspectives on Managing the US-China Strategic Competition; Moving Forward with Regional Trade Mechanisms; The Challenge of Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism on Social Media; The Challenge of Managing the Environment in a Developing Southeast Asia; Evaluating Regional Architectures and Mechanisms; and Perspectives on ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Cooperation and Challenges.

Asia Pacific Forum: The Future of Asia-Pacific Economies Beyond 2020

The Westin Kuala Lumpur 16–17 October 2019



The event was the product of a joint effortt between ISIS Malaysia and Japan Economic Foundation (JEF). Themed "The Future of the Asia-Pacific Economies Beyond 2020", the forum attempted to respond to the question on ways for the Asia-Pacific region to achieve a better globalisation in coping with rising populism and emerging inequality. YB Dr Ong Kian Ming, Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry, delivered the keynote address.







The forum was divided into three sessions covering these topics: Prospects and Issues for the Future Sustainable and Inclusive Growth in the Asia-Pacific Region; Progress of Regional Integration in the Asia-Pacific Region and Its Outlook; and New Challenges for Achieving Economic Prosperity.

CHD - ISIS Dialogue: Exploratory Roundtable on a Voluntary Return and Reintegration Programme for Sabah-based Filipinos

6 November 2019



The event was the latest collaboration between ISIS Malaysia and Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD). This dialogue brought together government officials and experts to explore the merits of establishing an Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) programme for Sabah-based Filipinos in order to facilitate people displaced by conflict to return to their homes and restart their lives.







ISIS Malaysia Forum on Korea

InterContinental Hotel Kuala Lumpur 13-14 November 2019





The forum was arranged in partnership with Korea Foundation and supported by Malaysian Scholars on Korea (MASK) Network. It was part of the project commemorating 30 years of ASEAN-Korea relations. Attendees included government officials, academics and think tankers from ASEAN countries and the Republic of Korea. Championing the theme "The New Southern Policy: Catalyst for Deepening ASEAN-ROK Cooperation", participants discussed the potentials of the New Southern Policy, particularly regarding cooperative measures towards furthering connectivity on security, diplomatic and economic dimensions, as well as ASEAN's potential role in the managing the issue of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.





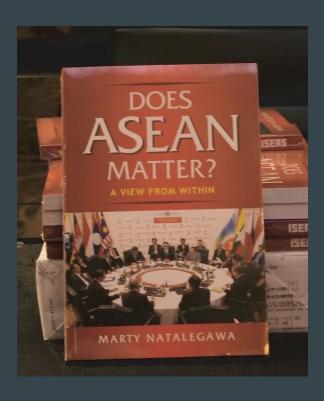


BOOK LAUNCH

Meeting of the ASEAN Circle Malaysia and Book Launch

Hilton Kuala Lumpur 26 June 2019

HE Dr Marty Natalegawa, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, delivered a special address on "Does ASEAN Matter?", followed by an interactive Q&A session with participants. He subsequently proceeded with the book launching ceremony of his latest publication entitled Does ASEAN Matter? A View from Within.













PUBLIC LECTURE

The Tun Hussein Onn Chair Public Lecture on Multiculturalism and Nation Building in Plural and Divided Societies: Constitutional Experiences

DoubleTree by Hilton 18 September 2019

Emeritus Prof Datuk Dr Hj Shad Saleem Faruqi's lecture explored the concept and role of constitutional designs, especially in multicultural, pluralistic and divided societies. He argued that a constitution's role as a political master plan for the nation can be challenged in such diverse societies, much like one in Malaysia's context. Areas of misperceptions were addressed, such as the extent of constitutional powers and the rights of ethnic groups. Also highlighted were case studies comparing constitutional experiments around the world, evaluating their successes and failures.



Emeritus Prof Datuk Dr Hj Shad Saleem Faruqi, Holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies at ISIS Malaysia



HRH Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah Al-Maghfur-Lah, Royal Fellow of ISIS Malaysia, graced the event



YBhg Dato' Mohammed Rhiza Ghazi, family representative of the late Tun Hussein Onn

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Group photo with HRH Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah Al-Maghfur-Lah, Emeritus Prof Datuk Dr Hj Shad Saleem Faruqi, Tan Sri Rastam Mohd Isa, members of The Noah Foundation and ISIS Malaysia Board Members



Q&A session

22 January 2019



Dr Samuel Potolicchio
Director of Global and Custom Education
McCourt School of Public Policy at
Georgetown University
United States of America

"Trumpism and the Future of American Global Leadership"

Dr Potolicchio presented on the characteristics of Trumpism and the growing source of uncertainty for the broader international community. He discussed how this approach eschewed from Trump's predecessors' policies and commitments, and the isolationist slant's effect on a country that has long enjoyed the privileges as an acting global hegemon. He also questioned if the overall persuasiveness and appeal of Trumpism was a product of engaging in short-term domestic grievances or American sentiment left ignored by past administrations.

30 January 2019



Dr Edward W Boyer Associate Professor Harvard Medical School United States of America

"Using Emergency Room Data and Wastewater Analysis to Monitor Drug Use"

Dr Boyer explained novel approaches used in measuring drug usage and abuse. He reviewed methods, such as natural language processing, microfluidic and combinatorial mathematical methods, in order to conduct surveillance of emerging drug use patterns as well as to identify new substances of abuse. Additionally, Dr Boyer discussed confirmatory laboratory testing practices that are used to validate results obtained by virtual surveillance methods.

11 March 2019



Mr Philip Bowring Columnist International Herald Tribune

"History and its Lessons for Maritime Southeast Asia"

The session was based on Mr Bowring's recently published book, *Empire of the Winds: The Global Role of Asia's Great Archipelago*. It recounted the history of the Austronesian peoples of the islands and coasts of maritime Southeast Asia. It illustrated a history of common heritage and the constant impact of trade on the evolution of the region over the past two millennia, highlighting how future directions can be derived from past experiences.

13 March 2019



Dr Shin Kawashima Professor The University of Tokyo Japan

"China-Japan Relations in the Context of Current Competition Between China and the United States

Dr Kawashima presented on developments of Sino-Japanese relations in light of ongoing tensions between China and the United States. He highlighted how technological developments and the interconnectedness of economics and security have made it difficult to consider such matters in isolation anymore. There were further discussions concerning conflicting priorities and interests, particularly noted in examples such as the American Free and Open Indo-Pacific Strategy, and the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative.

14 June 2019



Dr Rashmi Banga Senior Economic Affairs Officer United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)



Ms Sanya Reid Smith Legal Advisor and Senior Researcher Third World Network (TWN)

"The CPTPP: Economic and Legal Implications"

Dr Rashmi and Ms Sanya compared the merits and demerits for Malaysia to consider in proceeding with the ratification process of the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). The topics were discussed in the context of decisions made after the American withdrawal from the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), including the suspension of the 22 key provisions and the choice for the remaining 11 signatory countries to continue pursuing such an agreement.

18 July 2019



Dr Hugo Slim
Head of Policy
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
Switzerland

"Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement's Response in Rakhine State in Myanmar"

The session was based on the existing work the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) over the past 30 years. Dr Slim spoke about the organisation's unique approaches, responses and challenges thus far to the current conflict and fragile humanitarian situation in Rakhine State, and the way forward. Many of its humanitarian activities were jointly carried out alongside the Myanmar Red Cross Society and operated in the Kachin, Shan and Rakhine states.

29 August 2019



HE Dr Mohammad Javad Zarif Foreign Affairs Minister Islamic Republic of Iran

"Common Security in the Islamic World"

HE Dr Zarif discussed the challenges faced by the Islamic world, notably the challenges brought by threats of terrorism and extremism. In his presentation, he outlined three major priorities that needed to be achieved: the ability to provide a proper understanding of such threats; the ability to reach a common understanding on the desired end goal; and creating a conducive environment to achieve such goals.

3 September 2019 -



Dr Rawindaran Nair Academic Cardiff Business School Wales The United Kingdom

"Global Maritime Challenges: Strategic Challenges and Perspectives for Malaysia"

In light of evolving claims to ocean resources, the session evaluated how states, based on their perspectives of sovereignty, attempt to define global challenges of seaborne navigation in order to secure wider economic interests. Dr Nair provided insight based on Malaysia's strategic dimensions, in addition to emerging ideas based on global institutional participation of states, such as the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and navigational rules by the International Maritime Organization (IMO).

26 September 2019



Dr Sinderpal Singh
Senior Fellow and Coordinator
South Asia Programme
S Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)
Singapore

"Modi 2.0: Domestic and Foreign Agendas and Challenges"

The presentation discussed the development of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) following its victory in the 2019 general elections. Dr Singh argued that it afforded the party a unique opportunity to pursue particular agendas. However, the party faced structural and cyclical challenges from internal and external sources, which can affect their progress in realising particular aspects of its agenda. Therefore, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's second term in office will be key to the party's aim of restructuring India in their image.

31 October 2019 -



Mr David R Stilwell
Assistant Secretary of State for the
Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs
Department of State
United States of America

"A Policy Discussion with US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs"

As part of the regional tour of the United States' State Department Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Mr Stilwell spoke about American commitments towards Southeast Asia. The policy discussion covered issues regarding the bilateral aspects of the Malaysia-US relationship, as well as broader regional and multilateral concerns of both countries and of Southeast Asia. These included promoting a free and open strengthening Indo-Pacific region, international resolve towards denuclearisation of North Korea and building a constructive, results-oriented relationship with China.

11 December 2019



Prof Satoshi Morimoto Chancellor of Takushoku University; Former Minister of Defence Japan

"The Indo-Pacific Strategy and Japan"

The speaker presented on the importance of the Indo-Pacific region and Japan's place within it. Sharing similar aspirations of the American initiative for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. Prof Morimoto emphasised Japan's commitment to join the United States, Australia and India to form a multinational cooperative network to properly implement freedom of navigation, transfer of defence equipment and other technologies to ASEAN nations, and seek appropriate ways to address contestations in the maritime domain.

27 August 2019



Dr Kenneth Simler Senior Economist World Bank Global Knowledge and Research Hub Malaysia



Mr Calvin Cheng Researcher Economics, Trade and Regional Integration (ETRI) Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia

"A Better Bantuan Sara Hidup (BSH): Cash Transfer Programming and Social Assistance"

The session covered the development of Bantuan Sara Hidup (BSH), Malaysia's cash transfer programme, since its introduction as the BR1M programme in 2012. In light of recent changes, the speakers discussed perspectives proposed by supporters and detractors concerning the impact of cash assistance. Further evaluations covered alternative forms of financial assistance and possible ways to improve the role of BSH in the future of social welfare in Malaysia.

12 December 2019



Dr Salmah Zakaria Chair ASM Water Committee Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) Malaysia

"Transforming the Water Sector into a Secure Dynamic Water Sector"

Based on the Academy of Science Malaysia's (ASM) report on "Transforming the Water Sector: National Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (NIWRPMP) – Strategies and Road Map", the forum discussed issues faced by the Malaysian water sector and efforts undertaken by the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MEA). Key areas covered included integrated water resources management (IWRM) and sustainable water security initiatives from the 12th Malaysia Plan to shape a more dynamic water sector.

ISIS NATIONAL AFFAIRS FORUM (INAF)

13 December 2019



Dr Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid Professor of Political Science School of Distance Education Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) Penang

"How Serious is the Threat of Violent Extremism in Malaysia Baharu?"

The speaker discussed the ideological drivers of Islamist violence in Malaysia. He covered the various social, political and psychological factors that influence militants into translating their violent extremist ideals into tangible acts of terrorism. Notably, there were criticisms on the Islamist line of reasoning – Dr Ahmad Fauzi found them to be politically arbitrary interpretations as opposed to teachings of the Islamic faith. He also discussed surveys in arguing his case and advocated for solutions derived from Sufi traditions.

COUNCIL FOR SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE ASIA PACIFIC (CSCAP) MEETINGS



Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Meeting 21-22 February 2019

Malaysia National Committee for CSCAP Meeting 29 May 2019





CSCAP Steering Committee Meeting 26 June 2019

Malaysia National Committee for CSCAP Meeting 10 September 2019





Second Meeting of the CSCAP Study Group in International Law and Cyberspace 11-12 November 2019

OTHER MEETINGS

5 March 2019



2nd Technical Meeting for Children First – Situation Analysis of Children and Women in Malaysia

17 April 2019



RLEF Focus Group Meeting

29-30 April 2019



Network of ASEAN-China Think Tanks (NACT) Working Group Meeting



Meeting with Unit Peneraju Agenda Bumiputera (TERAJU) for the Project on The Development of Halatuju Baharu Agenda Bumiputera

OTHER MEETINGS

31 July 2019







Memorandum of Understanding with Yayasan Budi Penyayang

17 September 2019



Network of Malaysian Think Tanks Meeting (NMTT) on Rising to the Malaysia Baru Challenge: How Do Think Tanks Remain Relevant and Meet the Aspirations of the People

29 October 2019



Meeting with the Secretariat of United Nations on Project Scoping Mission: Strengthening Resilience to Violent Extremism in Asia (STRIVE ASIA)

14 & 28 January 2019



Roundtable Discussion on Current Economic Issues

25 February 2019





Roundtable Discussion on China's Belt and Road Initiative: Implications for Southeast Asia and the United States

26 February 2019



Roundtable Discussion on Current Economic Issues

26-27 February 2019





Roundtable on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Revitalising Rural Malaysia

6 March 2019



Roundtable on Foregrounding Nuclear Responsibilities

26 March 2019



Roundtable on Malaysia's Economic Growth Pathway: Past, Present and Future

4 April 2019







Roundtable Discussion with the Minister of Foreign Affairs Malaysia on New Malaysia's Foreign Policy from the Lens of Non-Malaysian Academics

8-9 April 2019





Regional Roundtable on Amphetamine-Type Stimulant (ATS) Use: Challenges, Lessons & Way Forward for Developing a Health Response



Malaysia Scholars on Korea (MASK) Network Roundtable on Malaysia-Republic of Korea Relations: Advancing the Case for a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

30 April 2019



Roundtable on Current Economic Issues

27 May 2019



Roundtable on Current Economic Issues: Pathways to Shared Prosperity 2030

23-24 July 2019



Roundtable on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

19 August 2019



Roundtable on Current Economic Issues: Services

30-31 October 2019







Roundtable on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Policy and Institutional Reforms to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

8 November 2019



Roundtable on Good Governance in New Malaysia

13 December 2019



Media Roundtable on the Launch of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) Annual Report on the State of the Region 2019-2020

16 December 2019





ISIS Malaysia-Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) Roundtable on Malaysia-China Relations

WORKSHOP

11-12 June 2019



Regional Workshop on Responsible State Behaviour in Cyberspace

ISIS Malaysia received numerous visitors from Malaysia and around the world involving prominent individuals of various organisations. The purpose of the visits ranged from courtesy calls to discussion sessions on relevant issues of the day.

14 January 2019



Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Singapore

18 January 2019



Center on Contemporary China Scholars, Princeton University, United States of America

23 January 2019



Cyber Tekijuku, Japan

18 March 2019



Goh Keng Swee Command and Staff College, Singapore

19 March 2019



Japan Economic Forum (JEF), Japan



Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Command and General Staff College, the Philippines

9 April 2019



Ministry of External Affairs, India



Faculty of 110, National School of Public Policy (NMC) of Pakistan, Pakistan

15 April 2019



Pakistan National Defence University, Pakistan



University of Nottingham Malaysia

24 April 2019



Lebanese Armed Forces Staff College, Lebanon, and Maktab Turus Akademi Pertahanan Angkatan Bersenjata Diraja Brunei, Brunei



Brenthurst Foundation, South Africa

2 May 2019



Prospect Foundation, Taiwan

2 May 2019



Daisuke Shibasaki, Regional Adviser for Multilateral Affairs in Asia and the Pacific, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

6 June 2019



Pakistan Air War College, Pakistan

28 June 2019

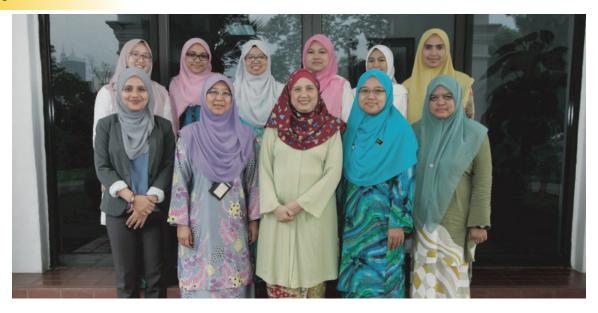


HE Lim Sungnam, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to ASEAN and former 1st Vice Foreign Minister, Republic of Korea

5 July 2019



MA Students, American University, Washington, DC, United States of America



Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM)

11 July 2019

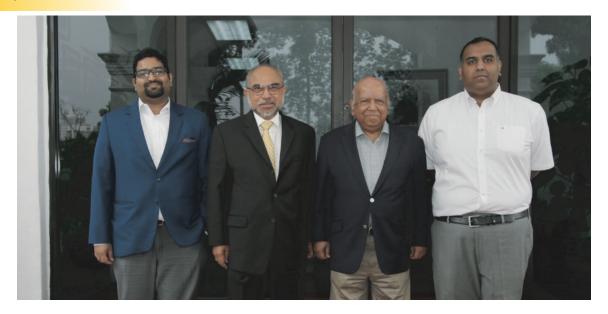


HE Jose Miguel Corvinos, Ambassador of Spain to Malaysia



Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Japan

16 July 2019



Major General Muniruzzaman and Shafqat Munir, Bangladesh Institute of Peace and Security Studies (BIPSS), Bangladesh



Pusat Pendidikan dan Pelatihan Pegawai Kementerian Pendidikan Nasional (PUSDIKLAT) Indonesia, Indonesia

26 July 2019



Counsellors' Office of the State Council of the People's Republic of China to Malaysia

5 August 2019



Research Department of Foreign Economic Relations (DRC) of the Development Research Centre of the State Council (DR), China

7 August 2019



Sekolah Staff Komando TNI Angkatan Darat (SESKOAD), Indonesia

15 August 2019



Belt and Road Studies Network and Xinhua News Agency, China

28 August 2019



Dr Michael Tai, Professor at Beijing Institute of Technology, China

30 August 2019



China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (CNCPEC), China

6 September 2019



American Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia

25 September 2019



Senator Penny Wong, Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, Australia

26 September 2019



Dr Anuson Chinvanno, Director, International Studies Centre, Thailand

27 September 2019



HE Mr Ravshan Usmanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan to Malaysia

4 October 2019



Mr Hirokazu Kobayashi, Special Advisor to the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan

10 October 2019



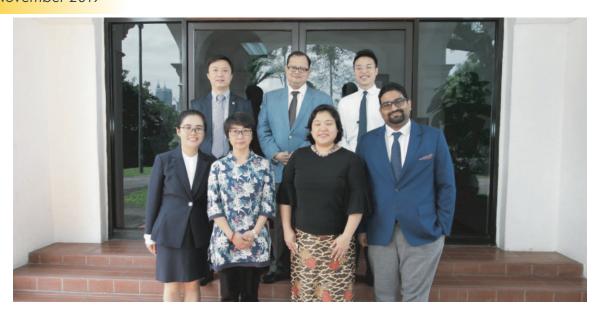
HE Ambassador Yutaka Iimura, Senior Fellow, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Japan

11 November 2019



Global Leadership Foundation

22 November 2019



Fudan University, China

22 November 2019



Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia

25 November 2019



Temasek Society, Singapore

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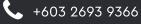
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