Welcome to PRAXIS 2021

As the global economy moves into a post-pandemic mode, we, too, are looking at Recovering Malaysia.

What are the risks of economic inequality? How do we tap on youth resilience? Who will spearhead sustainable development?

These are just some of the issues and themes at ISIS Malaysia’s flagship conference for the economic and business community on 21 and 22 October.

For information on the sessions and speakers, visit https://www.isis.org.my/praxis2021/

Herizal Hazri
Chief executive
ISIS Malaysia
Welcoming remarks

Session time: 9:30am (UTC + 8) | 21 October

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Chief executive
ISIS Malaysia
Keynote address and official opening

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Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed
Minister (Economy)
Prime Minister’s Department
Session 1 - 2022 in Focus: Economic and Geopolitical Risks of a Post-Covid World

Many countries are still contending with the scars inflicted by the pandemic while geopolitical tensions across the world are mounting, exacerbated by the social unrest resulting from Covid-19. This session aims to outline the short- and long-term economic and geopolitical risks surrounding the global and regional economy - and explore what the world will look like in 2022.

Moderator

Alizan Mahadi
Senior director (research)
ISIS Malaysia

Speakers

Dr Apurva Sanghi
Lead economist
The World Bank

Intan Nadia Jalil
Regional head
Group Economic and Market Analysis
CIMB

Session time: 10.00am (UTC + 8) | 21 October
Session 2 - Future Pandemics: Preparing for the New Normal

With Covid-19 laying bare pain points in the country’s healthcare system, what can we do to build resilience to manage future pandemics? This session seeks to take stock of the experience in dealing with Covid-19, identifying what could have been done better, and what more can be done to prepare Malaysia for the next pandemic.

Moderator

Dr Helmy Haja Mydin
CEO
Social & Economic Research Initiative

Speakers

Dr Subatra Jayaraj
Primary care physician
Klinik Rakyat PJ

Dr Khor Swee Kheng
Visiting fellow
ISIS Malaysia

Session time: 11.15am (UTC + 8) | 21 October
Session 3 - Youth Rising: The Future for Young Malaysians

The pandemic has disproportionately hurt young workers and jobseekers while the closure of schools and social activities has taken a toll on their mental health and education. The pandemic also highlights the longstanding inequities that young Malaysians have had to contend with. This session aims to provide a platform for young Malaysians and investigate structural impediments and explore policy avenues for the youth.

Moderator

Saraya Mia
Broadcast journalist
Astro Awani

Speakers

Qyira Yusri
Co-founder and education director
UNDI18

Datuk Nicole Wong
Youth chairman
Malaysia Chinese Association

Tengku Nur Qistina
Senior researcher
ISIS Malaysia

Session time: 9.30am (UTC + 8) | 22 October
Session 4 - Going Digital: Transforming Micro-Enterprises in Malaysia and the Region

The pandemic led to the rapid growth of the digital economy and digital trade in Malaysia and the region from early 2020. Given that MSMEs in the country and the Asean region make up around more than 90% of businesses, how can they reap the benefits of a growing digital economy? What are their challenges, post-pandemic?

Moderator
Calvin Cheng
Senior analyst
ISIS Malaysia

Speakers
Smita Kuriakose
Senior economist
The World Bank

Aiza Azreen Ahmad
Chief digital business officer
Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation

Dr Lurong Chen
Senior economist
Economic Research Institute for Asean and East Asia

Session time: 10.40am (UTC + 8) | 22 October
Session 5 - Progress for All: Localising Sustainable Development across Malaysia

The realities and experiences of the marginalised and lower-income communities across the country are often underappreciated. How have communities fared amid the onset of the pandemic – and how have they recovered? This session spotlights the ongoing efforts of the bipartisan All-Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia for Sustainable Development Goals (APPGM-SDG) to localise sustainable development, identify local issues and implement solution projects.

Moderator

Tehmina Kaoosji
Independent broadcast journalist and gender activist

Speakers

Prof Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria
Senior fellow, ISIS Malaysia; Head of APPGM-SDG secretariat

Maria Chin Abdullah
Petaling Jaya MP; APPGM-SDG vice-chairman

Assoc Prof Dr Zainal Abidin Sanusi
Director
Sejahtera Centre
International Islamic University Malaysia

Session time: 11.50am (UTC + 8) | 22 October
Closing remarks

Session time: 12.50pm (UTC + 8) | 22 October

Alizan Mahadi
Senior director (research)
ISIS Malaysia