



Partners in Recovery:

Malaysia and the New Southern Policy Plus

DoubleTree Kuala Lumpur
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PROGRAMME

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1030	Opening ceremony Welcoming remarks Alizan Mahadi Senior director (research), ISIS Malaysia Opening remarks H.E. Lee Chi Beom Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia
1040	Keynote address Tan Sri Dr Munir Majid Chairman, Asean Business Advisory Council Malaysia
1110	Renewal of MoU and MASK Network membership Group photo Venue: Ballroom B, Level 10
1130	Refreshments Venue: Foyer, Ballroom B, Level 10
1145–1300	Session 1: The NSP as sustained partnership between Malaysia and ROK Special address I Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood Professor and director, Sunway Centre for Planetary Health Moderator Dr Nurliana Kamaruddin Deputy executive director (academic), Asia-Europe Institute, Universiti Malaya MASK Network member Co-moderator Farlina Said Senior analyst, ISIS Malaysia MASK Network member Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Hoo Chiew-Ping Senior lecturer, School of History, Politics and Strategic Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia MASK Network member• Dr Lee Jaehyeon Senior fellow and director, External Relations Department, Asan Institute for Policy Studies Discussants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Peter Ngeow Chow Bing Director, Institute of China Studies, Universiti Malaya MASK Network member• Dr Kim Hyung Jong Associate professor, Department of International Relations, Yonsei University Wonju Campus
1300	Lunch Venue: Makan Kitchen, Level 11



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1400–1530

Session 2: The NSP-Plus, Malaysia and a recovery

Special address II

Fabian Bigar

CEO, Strategic Change Management Office (MyDIGITAL), Economic Planning Unit,
Prime Minister's Department Malaysia

Moderator

Harris Zainul

Senior analyst, ISIS Malaysia
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Speakers

- **Dr Zokhri Idris**
Director, External Relations, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs
MASK Network member
- **Dr Ko Young Kyung**
Senior research fellow, Institute of Social Sciences, Seoul National University
- **Dr Danial Mohd Yusof**
Associate professor, Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences,
International Islamic University Malaysia

Discussants

- **Dato' Steven Wong**
MASK Network member
- **Dr Roy Anthony Rogers**
Senior lecturer, Department of International and Strategic Studies, Universiti Malaya
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- **Aaron Denison Deivasagayam**
PhD candidate, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University
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1530

Closing ceremony

Closing remarks

- **H.E. Lee Chi Beom**
Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia
- **Thomas Daniel**
Senior fellow, ISIS Malaysia

1545

Event ends

OPENING CEREMONY

Welcoming remarks

Alizan Mahadi

Senior director (research), ISIS Malaysia

Alizan is currently completing his PhD at Keio University on understanding the influence of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to address interlinkages across SDGs. His research area includes governance of and for sustainable development and global environmental governance. He was the lead author for the national readiness study to implement the SDGs for the Economic Planning Unit. His other areas of research include institutions for sustainable development and sustainable consumption and production.



Opening remarks

H.E. Lee Chi Beom

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Malaysia

Ambassador Lee was a former environment minister (2006-2007). He has held various senior appointments in the field of environment, including secretary-general of the Korean Federation for Environment Movement, head of Korea Institute for Social and Environmental Policy, and president of Korea Environment and Resources Corporation. Prior to the posting as ambassador to Malaysia in 2019, Lee was chairman of the Northeast Asia Peace Economic Association of Korea.



Keynote address

Tan Sri Dr Munir Majid

Chairman, Asean Business Advisory Council Malaysia

Dr Munir is currently the chairman of Asean Business Advisory Council, Malaysia, CARI Asean Research and Advocacy, and president of the Asean Business Club. He also sits on the board of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, is board chairman of the Institute for Capital Market Research Malaysia (ICMR) and is on the honorary council of advisers for EUROCHAM Malaysia. He is an active advocate of deeper Asean economic integration.





SESSION 1

The NSP as sustained partnership between Malaysia and ROK

The New Southern Policy would have brought positive changes to Malaysia-ROK relations. As the NSP hits a five-year mark, identifying areas of priorities to adjust or revise could build sustained relations. These include institutionalisation of the NSP, Southeast Asia's participation in peace in the Korean Peninsula and areas for future collaboration. The NSP-Plus is unfolding against shifting strategic circumstances in the region, such as access to vaccines, enhanced alliances and major power competition.

- What is the strategic outlook for Malaysia and ROK, which could prompt strategic convergence in the mid to long term?
- What are the mechanisms to ensure sustained NSP presence and areas of priorities?
- Is there a possibility for cooperation to bring peace in the Korean Peninsula or Asean? Could there be cooperation in traditional or non-traditional security areas?



ROLEPLAYERS SESSION 1

Special address 1

Tan Sri Dr Jemilah Mahmood

Professor and director, Sunway Centre for Planetary Health in Malaysia

Dr Jemilah is a medical professional with more than 20 years' experience managing crises in health, disasters and conflict settings. She is currently professor and director of the newly established Sunway Centre for Planetary Health. She is also the pro-chancellor of Herriot-Watt University Malaysia. She served as special adviser to the prime minister on public health from April 2020-September 2021. She was also a member of the government's Economic Action Council and sits on the Malaysian Climate Action Council and Consultative Council for Foreign Policy.



Moderator

Dr Nurliana Kamaruddin

Deputy executive director (academic), Asia-Europe Institute, Universiti Malaya

Dr Nurliana is deputy executive director (academic) at the Asia-Europe Institute, Universiti Malaya. Her area of research includes international politics and development with a focus on Asean and East Asian relations. She was a recipient of the Korea Foundation Asean fellowship (2013-2015), Posco TJ Park Foundation Asia fellowship (2009-2011) and Ewha global partnership programme scholarship (2006-2009). She is the co-editor of Asean Post-50: Emerging Issues and Challenges (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019).



Co-Moderator

Farlina Said

Senior analyst, ISIS Malaysia

Farlina is a senior analyst who was involved in crafting various dialogues and forums on cybersecurity, radicalisation and Malaysia-Korea relations. Her work and comments have appeared in the local and international media, such as New Straits Times and South China Morning Post. She was a part of SEARCCT's Experts on Violent Extremism and Community Engagement (EVOKE) Council (2018-2019).





ROLEPLAYERS SESSION 1

Speakers

Dr Hoo Chiew-Ping

Senior lecturer, School of History, Politics and Strategic Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Dr Hoo is senior lecturer in the Strategic Studies and International Relations Programme at the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. Her main research interests include Korean Peninsula issues, international relations theory, and relations between Southeast Asia and the two Koreas. Hoo was editor of *The New Southern Policy: Catalyst for Deepening Asean-ROK Relations* (ISIS Malaysia, 2020) and co-editor of a forthcoming volume on North Korea-Southeast Asia relations.



Dr Lee Jaehyon

Senior fellow and director, External Relations Department, Asan Institute for Policy Studies

Dr Lee is a senior fellow and director of the External Relations Department at the Asan Institute for Policy Studies. He is also a member of advisory groups for the Foreign Ministry and for the Presidential Committee on New Southern Policy. Lee focuses on Southeast Asian politics and international relations, East Asian regional cooperation, and non-traditional and human security issues. His recent publications include *South Korea and The South China Sea* (2016), *A South Korean Perspective on the Potential Contributions and Limitations of the ADMM-Plus* (2016), and *What Asia Wants from the US: Voices from the Region* (2018).



ROLEPLAYERS SESSION 1

Discussants

Dr Peter Ngeow Chow Bing

Director, Institute of China Studies, Universiti Malaya

Dr Ngeow is director of the Institute of China Studies at Universiti Malaya. He is the editor of *Researching China in Southeast Asia* (Routledge, 2019) and *Southeast Asia and China: Exercises in Mutual Socialisation* (World Scientific, 2017, together with Lowell Dittmer). Ngeow has also written more than 40 articles in scholarly journals and book chapters and published short pieces in *South China Morning Post*, *East Asia Forum* and *Channel News Asia*.



Dr Kim Hyung Jong

Associate professor, Department of International Relations,
Yonsei University Wonju Campus

Dr Kim is an associate professor in the Department of International Relations at Yonsei University Wonju Campus. Before joining Yonsei University, he served as an assistant professor in the Department of International Relations at Changwon National University and as a senior lecturer in the Department of Southeast Asian Studies, Universiti Malaya. His research areas include Asean and East Asian regionalism. He has authored a number of journal articles and presented papers at domestic and international conferences on regionalism and normative matters in international relations.





SESSION 2

The NSP-Plus, Malaysia and a recovery

After a pandemic-dominated 2020, the end of 2021 sees South Korea and Malaysia presenting recovery programmes. South Korea's New Deal focuses on job creation through investments in digitalisation, including green and emerging technologies. Malaysia unveiled recovery plans, such as Penjana, Permai and the 12th Malaysia Plan. MP12 focuses on eight sectors inclusive of electrical and electronics, creative, tourism, smart farming and halal. Areas for greater cooperation include exchanges in digital economy and cultural diplomacy.

- How are Malaysia and ROK managing the Covid-19 recovery and are there challenges for its execution?
- Are there best practices that can be learned from South Korea's experience?
- Are there areas of cooperation for ROK and Malaysia as recovery phases progress?



ROLEPLAYERS SESSION 2

Special address 1

Fabian Bigar

CEO, Strategic Change Management Office (MyDIGITAL),
Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department

Bigar assumed the CEO post at SCMO in April 2021. The mandate for the SCMO is to drive change management and ensure the successful delivery of the Malaysia Digital Economy Blueprint. The office also serves as the main secretariat for the National Digital Economy and 4IR Council. His previous assignments include undersecretary for policy and international relations in the Health Ministry, director of the Civil Service Delivery Unit in the Prime Minister's Department and director for the National Key Economic Area – Healthcare and Low-Income Households in the Performance Management and Delivery Unit (Pemandu).



Moderator

Harris Zainul

Senior analyst, ISIS Malaysia

Harris' primary research areas include policy responses to mis- and dis-information; the consequences of mis- and dis-information on democracy and society; and Southeast Asian and Malaysian politics, human rights, and democratisation. His other research areas include China's Belt and Road Initiative, Asean-Korea relations, and the geopolitics of the Mekong River.





ROLEPLAYERS SESSION 2

Speakers

Dr Zokhri Idris

Director, External Relations, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs

Dr Zokhri has held some academic positions in international relations (IR) research and teaching, serving as the deputy dean of student affairs at Management and Science University. His area of research focuses on the changing nature of diplomacy and sovereignty of developing nations, especially Malaysia. This led to the establishment of Eirene Research to explore leadership and diplomacy in IR. He co-founded ARUS, an avenue to nurture talents and empowerment for Malaysian youth. He is now the director of external relations at the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs, Malaysia (IDEAS).



Dr Ko Young Kyung

Senior research fellow, Institute of Social Sciences, Seoul National University

Dr Ko is currently a senior research fellow at the Institute of Social Sciences, Seoul National University and adjunct senior lecturer, Sunway University Business School in Malaysia. She is the author of Asean Super App War and Future Growth Market Asean, which are the first Korean books to analyse tech firms and business environment and market trends with many business cases in Asean. She has conducted research on directors' remuneration, corporate reforms and mutual fund performance in Malaysia and has extended her research work across the whole area of emerging and frontier markets.



Dr Danial Mohd Yusof

Associate professor, Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia

Dr Danial is associate professor at the Department of Political Science, Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, IIUM. He is chief editor of Intellectual Discourse Journal of IIUM, and an editorial board member of Jurnal Parlimen Malaysia and Al-Shajarah Journal. He is also principal researcher for the Extremism Analytical Research Unit and project leader of the award-winning flagship project on peacebuilding and civilisational development or 2LEAD4PEACE. The project focuses on creating platform, bridging the gap and capacity building for PCVE (preventing and countering violent extremism) stakeholders. Danial is also Malaysian coordinator for collaborative research between IIUM and the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland.



ROLEPLAYERS SESSION 2

Discussants

Dato' Steven Wong

MASK Network member

Wong is former deputy chief executive and board member of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia. He is now an independent researcher and consultant on human security and political economic matters, as well as a mental health practitioner in training.



Dr Roy Anthony Rogers

Senior lecturer, Department of International and Strategic Studies, Universiti Malaya

Dr Rogers is senior lecturer with the Department of International and Strategic Studies, Universiti Malaya. He has also taught at the Malaysian Armed Forces Staff College and the Malaysian Defence Armed Forces College. His area of specialisation includes political science, international relations and history (China and Central Asia). His research interests are government and politics of the Central Asian republics and human rights conditions in Xinjiang.



Aaron Denison Deivasagayam

PhD candidate, Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hiroshima University

Aaron served as an international programme officer at the British High Commission in Kuala Lumpur between June 2019 and June 2021. He has also worked as a social research officer at the Centre for Asean Regionalism Universiti Malaya and Asia-Europe Institute, UM. His research interests are in Korean studies, inter-Korean relations, regionalism in the European Union, Asean and the Pacific Islands, and Malaysian and Japanese politics.





CLOSING CEREMONY

Closing remarks

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Thomas Daniel

Senior fellow, ISIS Malaysia

Thomas is a senior fellow in the Foreign Policy and Security Studies Programme. His interests lie in the security/strategic challenges and impacts of major power dynamics on Asean and its member states, the South China Sea dispute, and Malaysia's national security and foreign policies. Thomas also looks at the policy implications of refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced people in Malaysia, and the government's refugee policy of "not having a policy".



The Malaysia Scholars on Korea (MASK) Network

MASK links Malaysian scholars, policymakers and think-tankers in conversations about Malaysia-South Korea relations. MASK events have explored the intricacies of a Malaysia-South Korea comprehensive strategic partnership, following President Moon Jae-in's visit to Malaysia and possibilities for Asean engagement in the Korean Peninsula.





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