

Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies public lecture:

# "The politics of biodiversity loss: International responses & Malaysia"

with Emeritus Prof Tan Sri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid



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Le Meridien Kuala Lumpur



# The politics of biodiversity loss: International responses & Malaysia

Humanity depends entirely on biodiversity for our survival. Yet, over the last half-century, biodiversity has been lost at a catastrophic rate. According to a 2019 assessment by the intergovernmental science-policy platform on biodiversity and ecosystem services (IPBES), one million species of plants and animals are under threat of extinction.

Biodiversity and ecosystem services are declining at an unprecedented rate: one out of every eight birds, one out of every four mammals, and one out of every three amphibians are threatened with extinction. Some 75% of the genetic diversity of agriculture crops has been lost and three quarters of world fisheries are fully or over exploited.

Malaysia is stuck in between the gene-rich countries of the Global South and the technology-rich countries of the Global North. How do we balance conservation with the right to development? How do we ensure biodiversity becomes a common concern of humankind but still subject to the sovereign rights of nations?

It is not too late to make a difference but only if we start now at every level from local to global. Nature can still be conserved, restored and reused sustainably through transformative change, namely a fundamental, system-wide reorganisation across technological, economic and social factors.

ISIS Malaysia, in collaboration with the Noah Foundation, is proud to host the fifth holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies Emeritus Prof Tan Sri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid, who will delve into what we collectively can do to adopt a positive mindset and create effective changes to address our ecological crisis.

9:30am	Registration
10:05am	Welcoming remarks by <b>Herizal Hazri</b> Chief executive Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia
10:15am	Remarks by <b>YAB Datuk Onn Hafiz Ghazi</b> Representative of the late Tun Hussein Onn's family
10:25am	Introduction to the fifth holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair by <b>Alizan Mahadi</b> Senior director (research) Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia
10:30am	Public lecture on <b>The politics of biodiversity loss: International responses &amp; Malaysia</b> by <b>Emeritus Prof Tan Sri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid</b> Fifth holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia
11:15am	Question & answer session
12:00pm	Public lecture ends  Lunch

# Emeritus Prof Tan Sri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid

Fifth holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies  
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Zakri is the chairman of Atri Advisory, a consultancy company advising governments, regional bodies and international organisations on science, technology and innovation for sustainable development, the governance of biodiversity and science diplomacy. He is currently pro-chancellor of Multimedia University and Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris respectively. He is a senior fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia as well as holding fellowships with The World Academy of Sciences in Trieste, Italy, the Islamic World Academy of Science in Amman, Jordan, and the World Academy of Art and Science in California. He is also vice-chair, Governing Council of the UN Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries based in Gebze, Turkey, member of the Presidential Council of the New York Academy of Sciences, and member of the Governing Board, Science and Technology for Society Forum in Kyoto.

Among his recent appointments are ambassador and science adviser to the US-based Campaign for Nature; chairman of the Business Council on Sustainable Development, Malaysia; chairman of the ASM national task force to review the Environmental Quality Act (1974); chairman of the Auckland-based International Network for Government Science Advice (INGSA)'s Southeast Asia Science Advice Network (SEA SAN); joint-chairmen of the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT); member of the board of trustees of ALAM LESTARI; and member of the Islamabad-based OIC standing committee on S&T cooperation. Currently, he sits on the National Climate Change Action Council and National Science Council, both chaired by the Prime Minister.

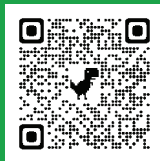
Zakri's expertise lies in higher education, governance of biodiversity, science diplomacy and international relations. As a science thought-leader, he has contributed to the observation, analyses and assessment of global biodiversity and ecosystem services, fostered the remediation and protection of the natural environment and promoted environmental sustainability.

Zakri's achievements have been recognised at various levels: national (Merdeka Award; National Academic Laureate), regional (Asean Biodiversity Hero; Matsuda Award), and internationally (Zayed International Prize for the Environment; Midori Biodiversity Prize). He is one of 66 foundation fellows recently inducted by the International Science Council.

Zakri assumed the post of distinguished professor at UCSD University from 1 September 2022. He is also the founding director of the newly established Institute for Science Diplomacy and Sustainability at the university.



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