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STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN NUNJI ACADEMY AND UM CENTRE FOR CIVILISATIONAL DIALOGUE (UMCCD)

UMCCD was honoured to host a strategic meeting with NUNJI Academy, chaired by YB Senator Datuk Seri Dr. Mujahid Yusof Rawa, on the 6th May 2025. The session was led by Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, Director of UMCCD, who was accompanied by Dr. Alwani Ghazali and Dr. Asmawati Muhamad, Core members of UMCCD.




[Datuk Seri Dr. Mujahid Yusof Rawa handing his book to Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, as a token form NUNJI Academy to UMCCD.


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WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEW SENIOR RESEARCH OFFICER

We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Azrin Md Kasim as our new Senior Research Officer to the team. Mrs. Azrin brings with her a strong background in research coordination and data management, along with a deep interest in advancing scholarly and community-based projects. Her expertise and dedication are expected to further strengthen our ongoing initiatives and contribute to new research directions in line with our centre's mission. In her new role, Mrs. Azrin will be involved in supporting research planning, data analysis, and publication activities, working closely with academic and administrative teams to enhance the quality and impact of our research output. We wish her every success in her journey with us.



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The discussion, themed “Countering Extremism through Dialogue and Education,” focused on a shared realisation of the need to respond to the growing threat of extremist ideologies. Both parties agreed that promoting an inclusive, non-violent and progressive Islamic narrative is important to maintain social order and to foster intercivilisational harmony.



The key areas of discussion included strengthening intercivilisational dialogue as a platform for combating radicalism, developing strategic collaborations between academic institutions and civil society, and developing an inclusive Islamic narrative based on *Rahmatan Lil 'Alamin* and the Malaysia Madani framework. Both NUNJI Academy and UMCCD expressed their strong commitment to promoting intellectual agenda based on harmony, peace, and universal compassion, in order to protect against hate politics, discrimination, and religious misuse.

This meeting is the starting point for a larger national and ASEAN regional effort to revive Islamic principles in the public domain. In order to further this purpose, UMCCD is eager to collaborate closely with NUNJI Academy and believes that a combined effort will help create a more peaceful, forward-thinking, and civilised future.

BENGKEL PEMURNIAN PIAGAM HARMONI



On the 14th May 2025, *Bengkel Pemurnian Piagam Harmoni*, jointly led by IKIM, UMCCD, the Academy of Islamic Studies Uniiversiti Malaya (APIUM), and Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), was held at Acaella Hotel and Suites, Shah Alam, Selangor, to update and finalise the research that has been carried out from late 2023 to 2025. The findings of this study are expected to serve as a valuable guide in nurturing multi-ethnic understanding, attitudes, and behaviours among Malaysians. Thus, fostering a spirit of harmony, goodwill, and madani values towards building a meaningful sense of identity as a “Malaysian nation,” grounded in shared values as the foundation of daily life.

FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION ON “PEMBANGUNAN GARIS PANDUAN ETIKA BIOTEKNOLOGI”



The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) is currently leading the Development of Bioethics Guidelines Project, a national initiative to establish a comprehensive framework for ethical practices in biotechnology across Malaysia. The project seeks to produce guidelines that are relevant, dynamic, and grounded in Malaysia’s legal, cultural, and religious context, while meeting the ethical demands of modern scientific advancement. The guidelines are envisioned to serve as a central reference for researchers, healthcare professionals, policy makers, industry players, and other stakeholders involved in biotechnology and related fields.

Covering topics on agricultural biotechnology, healthcare and wellness, and industrial biotechnology, among the questions discussed included bioethical issues and challenges for emerging biotechnologies, its relevance to the Malaysian context, proposed solutions (local context), bioethical principles that need to be emphasised, strategies to make Malaysia a leader in biotechnology ethics, and ways in improving governance and ethics monitoring. Besides that, components in the framework that are still missing, unclear or too general, or irrelevant, together with suggestions for improvements were also discussed.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON "IDENTIFYING THE BACKGROUND AND FACTORS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAMOPHOBIA AND DEVELOPING METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR MEASURING ISLAMOPHOBIA IN MALAYSIA"



On the 23rd June 2025, a Roundtable Discussion (RTD) on “*Mengenal Pasti Latar dan Faktor Perkembangan Islamofobia serta Membangunkan Kaedah dan Piawaian Pengukuran Islamofobia di Malaysia*” was organised by the Department of Islamic Development of Malaysia (JAKIM). The objective of the RTD was to identify the background and key factors contributing to the development of Islamophobia, as well as to explore the development of appropriate methods and standards for its measurement. The session gathered stakeholders consisting of religious figures, academicians in the fields of religion, sociology, psychology, and communication, representatives of interfaith and human rights NGOs, officials from related government agencies, media practitioners, cross-party politicians and representatives of non-Muslim communities.

Throughout the RTD, participants shared insights and research findings related to the background & forms of Islamophobia in Malaysia, contributing factors to Islamophobia, experiences in dealing with or witnessing Islamophobia, perceptions of Islam among non-Muslims, proposed measurement criteria of Islamophobia, standards & policy actions. The outcome of the discussion were valuable recommendations and proposed frameworks that are expected to inform future research directions, support evidence-based policymaking, and strengthen collaborative efforts in addressing Islamophobia at the national and international levels.



ECOTALK “ECO BAZAAR MASJID WADAH EKONOMI KITARAN DAN KELESTARIAN BUMI”



On the 14th June 2025, the ECOTALK 2025, themed “Eco Bazaar - The Mosque as a Platform for Circular Economy and Environmental Sustainability,” was held at Masjid Tun Abdul Aziz (Masjid Bulat), Petaling Jaya. The session explored the role of mosques beyond its well-known spiritual role. Mosques serve as centres for sustainable economic activity and catalysts for environmental awareness.

Speakers include Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin (Advisor, UMCCD) and Mrs. Isham Romli (Chairperson, Lembah Subang Women Empowerment Association), with Tuan Mahadi Mohd Ismae'ly, Secretary-General of the National Mosque Council, as moderator. The dialogue aimed to inspire communities to embrace faith-based sustainability and support a greener, MADANI Malaysia through collaboration and mindful action.

WACANA ILMIAH IKIM SIRI 1/25



The Research Management Unit (RMU), IKIM successfully held the *Wacana Ilmiah Siri 1/2025* on the 25th August 2025 at Dewan Sajjan, IKIM. The program was attended by Assoc. Prof. Dato’ Dr. Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil, Director-General of IKIM and Dr. Mohd Zaidi Ismail, Deputy Director-General.

The discourse featured three insightful research presentations: “Piagam Harmoni” by Mr. Mohd Noor Omar and Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, UMCCD Director; “Worldview of Islam for Living and Leading (WILL): Praiseworthy Leadership” by Dr. Nik Roskiman Abdul Samad and Dr. Muhammad Syafiq Borhannuddin; and “Development of the IKIM Academic Writing Style Guide” by Dr. Nik Roskiman Abdul Samad. Moderated by Dr. Shaikh Mohd Saifuddeen Shaikh Mohd Salleh, the session encouraged meaningful discussions aimed at improving understanding of harmony and ethical leadership in the Islamic intellectual tradition.



SIMPOSIUM SMILED ASEAN 2025: SOLUSI KESIHATAN MENTAL DARI PENDEKATAN DAKWAH

The SMILED ASEAN Symposium 2025, themed “Towards the Well-being of the ASEAN Community,” was successfully held on the 29 & 30 April 2025 at the Academy of Islamic Studies, Universiti Malaya (APIUM). Organised by YADIM in collaboration with APIUM and several partner agencies, the symposium served as a regional platform to address mental health issues from the Islamic and dakwah perspectives. The event aimed to raise public awareness of mental health, enhance knowledge from both medical and Islamic psychospiritual angles, and empower dakwah as a relevant and practical approach in addressing contemporary challenges.

YB Senator Dato’ Setia Dr. Haji Mohd Na’im Mokhtar, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department (Religious Affairs), presided over the opening ceremony and launched two important publications: the “SMILED Module: Dakwah-based Mental Health Solutions” by the YADIM Research Management Centre (YMRC) and “Mental Health: Solutions from a Dakwah Perspective” (edited by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Raudah Haji Siren and Prof. Dr. Sharifah Hayaati Syed Ismail). The YMRC team includes Prof. Dr. Khadijah Khambali @ Hambali, Director of UMCCD. Prof. Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman, Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaya, delivered the welcoming remarks to over 700 participants, including academics, civil servants, and religious leaders.

Keynote speakers included Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar (IIUM) and Prof. Dr. Che Zarrina Sa’ari (UM), who emphasized integrating spiritual and community-based approaches to mental health. A total of 52 presenters from Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Thailand, the Philippines, and Cambodia shared their research. The symposium concluded with closing remarks by YB Dato’ Lukanisman Awang Sauni, Deputy Minister of Health, reaffirming the importance of collaboration among different agencies in promoting holistic mental well-being across ASEAN.





WESAK HI-TEA RECEPTION 2025

On the 3rd May 2025, the Buddhist Missionary Society Malaysia (BMSM) celebrated Wesak Month 2025 with a Hi-Tea Reception at Pusat Buddhis Dhammaduta Malaysia (PBDM) in Presint 20, Putrajaya. The event, themed Madani Harmoni: Faham, Hormat, Terima (Understand, Respect, Accept), brought together religious leaders, academics, and government representatives, including Senator Puan Saraswathy Kandasamy, Deputy Minister of National Unity, in a powerful display of interfaith harmony. Prof. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, UMCCD Director (third from right, front row) and Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, UMCCD Advisor (fourth from right, front row) also attended the reception. The Wesak Exhibition, which featured the Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment, and Passing Away, was a major highlight, inspiring mutual respect across communities. PBDM, now serving as a hub for spiritual and community programmes, aims to host national-level interfaith initiatives that strengthen Malaysia's multicultural fabric.



FORUM SEKITAR ISU TOLERANSI & HUBUNGAN MASYARAKAT MAJMUK

A forum on Issues of Tolerance and Multi-Ethnic Relations (*Forum Sekitar Isu Toleransi & Hubungan Masyarakat Majmuk*) was held on 28 May 2025 at Seminar Room 1, APIUM. Organised by the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, the forum discussed on the challenges and opportunities in fostering social harmony within Malaysia's diverse society. The moderator of the forum was Mr. Ungku Muhammad Fathul Nuaim Ungku Mohd Fadil.

The first panelist, Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, Professor at the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought and Director of UMCCD, highlighted the importance of education in promoting inclusivity and awareness of diversity as key elements in strengthening national unity. Meanwhile, the second panelist, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, Senior Lecturer at the same department and Core Member of UMCCD, shared how values of tolerance can be integrated into daily life and social relationships to enhance social stability. The forum offered valuable perspectives on nurturing understanding and goodwill among Malaysia's multi-ethnic communities.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE POWER OF DIALOGUE AND PARTNERSHIP

The International Association of Liberal Religious Women held its 2025 Conference from 11 - 16 June in Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia. The conference was hosted in a hybrid style, allowing for both in-person and online participation. Under the theme "Power of Dialogue and Partnership," participants explored indigenous views, interfaith interaction, and women's leadership in addressing global concerns. Dr. Alwani Ghazali, Core Member of UMCCD and Senior Lecturer at the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, APIUM (five from right, back row) presented a paper on the "Concept of Dialogue according to Islamic Perspective, and Practices in Malaysia". Among other scholars who presented were Prof. Dr. Kathy Matsui from the USA, Prof. Dr. Kamar Oniah Kamaruzaman from Malaysia, Dr. Christie Chang from Taiwan, Rev. Esther R. Suter from Switzerland as the president of the organisation (Women Wing), and Dr. Thea Mohr from Germany. A renowned Buddhist nun, Karma Lekshe Tsomo was also present to listen to the presentations.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN REGION: ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES"

On the 17th June 2025, the International Conference on "Interreligious Dialogue in Southeast Asian Region: Achievements, Challenges, and Opportunities" was held at Universitas Islam Internasional Indonesia, Depok, Jakarta Barat, to commemorate a decade of commitment in fostering interfaith understanding and peaceful coexistence. The conference, co-organized by the Center for Muslim Politics and World Society (COMPOSE) at UIII's Faculty of Social Sciences, the KAICIID International Programme, and Institut Dian Yogyakarta, brought together alumni and practitioners from Southeast Asia, including Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Brunei, and Singapore, as well as international guests from Portugal and Canada. Dr. Alwani Ghazali, Core Member of UMCCD, also a KAICIID fellow, presented on "Dialogue Case Study: Malaysian History, Current Practices and Prospects". The conference served as a platform to fostering interreligious and intercultural understanding.



BENGKEL TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOT) MODUL PERUNDINGAN AKIDAH JABATAN MUFTI WILAYAH PERSEKUTUAN (JMWP)

The Aqidah Consultation Unit of the Federal Territories Mufti Department (JMWP) hosted a three-day Training of Trainers (TOT) Workshop for the Aqidah Consultation Module at Hotel Concorde, Shah Alam between 24 - 26 June 2025. Thirty people attended the program, including nine JMWP officials and twenty-one Aqidah consultants. With the official JMWP Aqidah Consultation Module serving as the primary resource, it sought to instruct and train Aqidah Consultants and JMWP staff in conducting Aqidah Consultation Sessions with plaintiffs. The workshop's main goals were to familiarize participants with the JMWP Aqidah Consultation Module, clarify aqidah-related issues from the perspectives of Islamic psychology, law, and counseling, and improve knowledge of different religions and schools of thought.

Sahibul Fadilah Ustaz Muhamad Sujak bin Muhamad Dasuki, Chief Assistant Mufti (Fatwa Division), JMWP, officiated the opening ceremony. Module co-developers Dr. Wan Adli bin Wan Ramli, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Azmil bin Zainal Abidin, Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Md Noor bin Saper, and Dr. Yusri bin Mohamad were also invited to talk at the workshop.

SCRIPTURAL REASONING PROGRAMME



On the 21st May 2025, a special Scriptural Reasoning session was held, exclusively for Year 2 and 3 students of the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, APIUM. The program provided a unique platform for students to engage in interfaith dialogue through shared study of sacred scriptures. The session featured Dr. Alwani binti Ghazali, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, and Reverend Father Eugene Benedict, Parish Priest of the Church of Sts Peter and Paul. The program aimed to provide students with early exposure to interfaith interactions and to educate them to think critically in discussions.



BENGGKEL PRE-TEST MODUL SMILED (SOLUSI KESIHATAN MENTAL DARI PERSPEKTIF DAKWAH)

The Pre-Test Workshop for the SMILED Module (Dakwah-Based Mental Health Solutions) was held on 17 July 2025, organized by the Family and Sociocultural Institution Expert Group, YADIM Research Management Centre. Chaired by Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali (UM), the session gathered experts including Prof. Dr. Sajaratulnisah Othman (UM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zaharah Sulaiman (USM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ratna Roshida Ab Razak (UPM), Dr. Nur Fatin Nabila Shahrom (UiTM), and Dr. Zarina Mohamad Esman (NCEMH). The workshop aimed to refine the SMILED Module ahead of its Training of Trainers (TOT) phase, ensuring its effectiveness in empowering dakwah practitioners to address mental health challenges. YADIM extended appreciation to all participants for their commitment to enhancing this impactful, faith-based initiative.



MAJLIS CENDEKIAWAN MADANI MALAYSIA-INDONESIA

The Malaysia–Indonesia Intellectuals Assembly (MALINDO MADANI) was held from 21 to 24 August 2025 at the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS), Kuala Lumpur. The event brought together scholars, Islamic leaders, policy-makers, and community figures from Malaysia and Indonesia to discuss on a civilisational agenda based on the values of Malaysia MADANI. MALINDO MADANI's main goals were to promote interfaith and cross-cultural understanding, encourage the pursuit of knowledge, and reaffirm Islam's place in Nusantara and the wider world. Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali (Director, UMCCD) (second from right, front row) and Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin (Advisor, UMCCD) attended the event. Emeritus Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Yusof Haji Othman (Deputy Chairman, IKIM), Assoc. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil (Director-General, IKIM), and Prof. Dr. Din Syamsuddin (Chairman, Indonesian Centre for Dialogue and Cooperation among Civilizations) were also present.

UPCOMING PROGRAMME

19th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF ASIA-PACIFIC NETWORK FOR MORAL EDUCATION (APNME)
ETHICS AND AUTHENTIC DIALOGUE IN THE AI ERA
SUB THEME

- Global Ethical Philosophy and Civilizational Dialogue**
 - Ethical philosophy for a global society
 - Ethics and civilizational dialogue
 - Civitas and social responsibility
- Authentic Dialogue for Leadership and Multicultural Engagement**
 - Authentic dialogue for school and society
 - Authentic dialogue for instructional leadership
 - Authentic dialogue in a multicultural society
- Ethics in the Era of AI and Technology**
 - Ethics and AI
 - Teaching ethics/moral in the AI era
 - STEM and ethical flourishing
- Ethics in the Humanities and Service Learning**
 - Humanities from an ethical perspective
 - SULAM @ Service Learning for Humanities
 - Service Learning International
- Moral and Ethical Education Development**
 - Religion and moral education
 - Training of Trainers (TOT) for moral education
 - Holistic assessment for moral education

*Other topics related to humanities and sciences within the realm of ethics, dialogue and AI are welcome.

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IMPORTANT DATES

1 June	30 June	15 July	31 July	15 September	5-7 November
Registration/Abstract Submission Deadline	Abstract Submission Deadline	Abstract Acceptance Notification	Early Bird Registration/Payment Deadline	Non Early Bird Final Registration/Payment Deadline	Conference Date

REGISTRATION FEES

	Early Bird	Non-Early Bird
Paper Presenters (Students)	USD 150 (RM 650)	USD 250 (RM 1100)
Paper Presenters (Non-Students)	USD 300 (RM 1300)	USD 350 (RM 1500)
Participants (Students/Public)	USD 130 (RM 560)	USD 150 (RM 650)

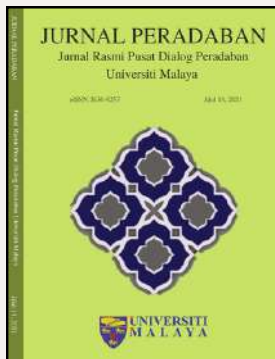
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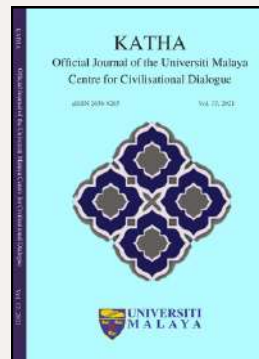
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