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Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin launched the Malaysian Universities UNESCO Club (MUUC) at IDFR

Celebration of Malaysia's First Ever UNESCO Day!

By the trust given by the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO (SKUM) under the Ministry of Education along with its counterpart, Policy and International Division under the Ministry of Higher Education has made possible for the University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) to successfully contributed to the preparation of an inaugural celebration of Malaysia's UNESCO Day on 18 and 19th November 2011.

University of Malaya UNESCO Club has stepped forward in shouldering responsibilities as a representative of the other UNESCO Clubs from all 20 public Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) in Malaysia. Additionally, UMUC's role in this celebration are as follows:

- Under the Ministry of Higher Education: UMUC has joint the MoHE team as a Sub-Committee for Exhibition of Malaysia's UNESCO Day 2011 (*Jawatankuasa Kecil Pelaksana Pameran bagi Sambutan Hari UNESCO Malaysia 2011*)
- Under the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Education: UMUC was responsible for the launching of the official web-site of Malaysian Universities UNESCO Club (MUUC)

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Message from UMCCD's New Director



Welcome to our new Bulletin!

It gives me great pleasure to write this message to you as the new Director of the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD). First and foremost, I would like to evince my highest gratitude and appreciation to University of Malaya as well as Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Ghauth Jasmon, Vice Chancellor of UM, for putting his trust in me and giving me the honour of being the new Director of this Centre. I am highly honoured to be appointed as the new Director and I will try my very best to up-keep, if not strengthen, the standard of service and the image of the Centre.

I was appointed as the Director of this Centre after the former Director; Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin was nominated as the new Deputy Director-General of the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) from 1 November 2011. I have had the privilege of working under her as the Deputy Director for the Centre from 2008 to 2009. She is someone I have had the great pleasure to work with, dedicated and knowledgeable, she is a great colleague. I would like to take this opportunity to convey my congratulations to Professor Azizan on her appointment as well as to express my sincere thanks for her effort in developing the Centre as it is today.

Starting this year, we aim to bridge the world through dialogue. We intend to internationalize the Centre by reinforcing our international networks through collaborations with international organizations, centers and universities. With this in mind, many events and activities have been planned for 2012, including the International Symposium to be held this coming October. This symposium is a collaborative effort between the Centre, Soka Gakkai Malaysia and the Institute of Oriental Philosophy (IOP), Japan. Seminars, Dialog Perdana, discourses, round-table discussions and a series of public lectures by prominent Visiting Scholars will be scheduled for this upcoming year with the aim to promote the dissemination of knowledge on intercivilisational dialogue, Malay civilisation and the importance of dialogue in the promotion of peace and sustainability.

"I see... dialogue as a chance for people of different cultures and traditions to get to know each other better, whether they live on opposite sides of the world or on the same street."

When 2001 was designated the year of dialogue by the United Nation, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the above statement. We hope that we at the Centre can play our part by creating chances for people of different cultures, religions and traditions to gather together in a central forum or platform to develop an improved understanding on the role and functions of dialogue through the activities conducted as well as the publications published; be it articles, journals, monographs, books or proceedings by the Centre.

Lastly, as the Centre's new Director, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new members to our Centre. I look forward to working with the staff of UMCCD, together, we hope to inculcate the spirit of togetherness amongst all the staff of UMCCD in order to progress further as a Centre that develops, expands and fosters the importance of dialogue locally and internationally.

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University of Malaya UNESCO Club: Opening Young Eyes!

14—16 October 2011

Ayer Keroh Country Resort, Malacca UNESCO World Heritage City

(Reported by: Mohd Fadhli Rahmat Fakri)

University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) together with University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and Science and Technology Society (STS) Club, Department of Science and Technology Studies, Faculty of Science, University of Malaya jointly organized a project with the title, “**Opening Young Eyes!**” (OYES!) at Ayer Keroh Country Resort, Malacca UNESCO World Heritage City recently with the aims to:

- Instill the spirit of patriotism and thus expand knowledge-and-experiences in exploring Malaysia unique historical and cultural heritage by looking at the angle of human development and innovation.
- Foster and encourage positive values on participants especially values of tolerant, self-resilience, and self-confident.
- Provide a good platform in supporting the processes of brainstorming, collecting and sharing of ideas along with experiences among participants and between participants and secretariats of OYES!

This project was cooperatively joined by 18 members of University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) comprises of combination of students from both the Department of Science & Technology Studies, Faculty of Science and the Department of Media Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya. Together with the co-advisors of OYES!; Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah and Dr. Zeeda Fatimah Mohamad, 6 dedicated members of UMUC has played their role as a Secretariat cum Coordinators of this project. They are Miss Zazren Ismail, Mr. Mohd Fadhli Rahmat Fakri, Miss Lili Fariza Ariffin, Miss Norshahzila Idris, Mr. Fadhurul Hezley Juhari and Miss Ridzma June.

Through this project, participants were exposed to the importance of self-development and ways to explore holistic leadership core competencies in a special slot with Malaysian UNESCO Figure, **Professor Dato’ Dr. Hussin Hj Ahmad** from the Institute of Educational Leadership, University of Malaya. In this slot, honorable Dato’ has shared his vast-and-holistic knowledge based upon his past experiences and involvement with UNESCO at the local and international level.

Other than that, led by Mr. Mohamed Azmi Mohd Rasheed Khan, one of the invited speakers, participants were also introduced to the importance of developing effective communication skills, problem solving skills, creativity, project management, and basic knowledge in preparing project proposal through group activities conducted throughout the project. Special video screening and oral presentation on UMUC, UNESCO, The Earth Charter, sustainability and Malacca: The Empire of Sultanate of Malacca & Present Malacca as UNESCO World Heritage City were also presented during this three days two nights project. Participants also had the opportunity to participate in a mini “Green Race”, jungle trekking at *Sungai Udang* Recreational Forest, Malacca and a study tour to the Malacca Sultanate Palace and The Stadhuys.

At the end of this program, participants were satisfied and extended their hope that this program can be organized and conducted more often by increasing number of participants and diversifying target group of this program. Furthermore, the idea of collaboration with external parties were suggested by participants in order:

- To expand the University of Malaya UNESCO Club’s networking
- To gain new/more knowledge-experiences
- To build-up and to strengthen quality and personality of participants’ leadership

Overall, the project was smoothly conducted and was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants. This project provided a good platform for UMUC to extend its networking for future projects with its counterpart such as UMUC-STS Club which emphasize more on the five thrusts of UNESCO, namely, Natural Science, Education, Humanities and Social Science, Culture, Communication and Information.



Some of the Secretariat-cum-Coordinators of the project



Professor Hussin sharing his past experiences and knowledge on his involvement with UNESCO locally and internationally



Group photo in front of the Christ Church Building



Group photo of secretariat and participants at the Balairong Seri, Muzium Istana Kesultanan Melayu Melaka



Group Photo with Ranger of Sg. Udang Recreational Forest

Malaysia's UNESCO Day 2011

18—19 November 2011

Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) &
Central Market, Kuala Lumpur

(Reported by: Mohd Fadhli Rahmat Fakri)

Malaysia's UNESCO Day was celebrated for the first time on Friday, 50 years after the country became a member of the international organization. The celebration, aimed at highlighting Malaysia's active involvement and successes in UNESCO was declared open by Deputy Prime Minister Honorable **Tan Sri Dato' Hj Muhyiddin Hj Mohd Yassin** on Friday evening, 18 November 2011.

Aimed at enabling the public and foreign tourists to view closer Malaysia's involvement in UNESCO, an exhibition was held at the Central Market Kuala Lumpur from 10am to 6.30pm on Saturday, 19 November 2011. It showcased various cultural performances, traditional dances, costumes and games for about 3,000 visitors. The event aimed to increase the visibility and role of the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO (SKUM) as well as strengthen cooperation between the commission and government agencies, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and the public. SKUM consists of six permanent sub-committees. They are Education Ministry; Higher Education Ministry; Information, Communications and Culture Ministry; Science, Technology and Innovation Ministry; Women, Family and Community Development Ministry; and Foreign Affairs Ministry.

The celebration was proposed by Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin, the Deputy Prime Minister as well as the Minister of Education, on 12 April after chairing the 37th Annual General Meeting of the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO. It was apt for Malaysia to celebrate a day to highlight the nation's successes in UNESCO and to honor and award those who have enhanced Malaysia's image, considering the country as being so active in UNESCO. November was picked to hold this celebration because UNESCO was set up by the United Nations on 16 November 1946.

Malaysia (then Malaya) joined UNESCO on 16 June 1958, a year after achieving independence. Malaysia sat on the UNESCO executive board six times and had just completed a three-year term from 2008 to 2011. The executive board is an important body in UNESCO which discusses issues and implementation strategies of programs of the organization.

Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin also launched the Malaysian Universities UNESCO Club (MUUC) at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations on Friday, 18 November 2011. Members of University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) has played a crucial role in coming out with gimmick and multimedia presentation during the launching ceremony. In his speech, Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin, who is also president of the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO, said celebrating UNESCO Day in the country for the first time was proof of the commitment to enhance the relationship between Malaysia and UNESCO headquarter in Paris and its regional counterparts.

Secretariat of UMUC would like to convey our sincere thanks to the following parties and individuals for their supports in making this event a success:

- Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Education
- Policy and International Division, Ministry of Higher Education
- BERNAMA Online
- Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin and Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah as the co-advisors of UMUC
- Members of the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya
- Members of Science, Technology and Society Club (STS Club), Department of Science and Technology Studies, Faculty of Science, University of Malaya
- Any individuals/parties involves directly or indirectly with the celebration of Malaysia's UNESCO Day 2011



Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin at the launching of the first UNESCO Day in Malaysia



Tan Sri Dato' Muhyiddin writing his special dedication of peace on a piece of leaf for the Tree of Peace



"Kesejahteraan Sejagat": Special dedication from the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Education of Malaysia



Exhibition booth at the Central Market Kuala Lumpur



Miss Halmiza Md. Halil (Far left), representative from the Policy Coordination & International Division, Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin (Second left), co-advisor for UMUC together with some of the secretariats of UMUC



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UMUC Broadcasting Live on Television: Representing Malaysian Universities UNESCO Clubs (MUUC)

17 November 2011

Radio Televisyen Malaysia (RTM), Wisma TV, Angkasapuri, Kuala Lumpur

(Reported by: Mohd Fadhl Rahmat Fakri)

In conjunction with the celebration of Malaysia's UNESCO Day 2011, Ministry of Information, Communications and Cultures (KPKK) has been appointed to lead the promotion and publication of this inaugural event of UNESCO. KPKK with collaboration from their counterparts has set-up numbers of programs via mass media in reaching out larger audiences to serve the publicity purposes.

One of the programs that has been successfully conducted was through the live talk-show named Dialog on TV1: RTM with special slot entitled "Malaysia's UNESCO Day". UMUC has been invited to participate in this talk show on behalf of the Malaysian Universities UNESCO Clubs; as such Honorable Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, former Director of University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and currently the Deputy Director General, Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) has been called upon by SKUM to be one of the invited guests.

This 2 hours live-talk show was hosted by Mr. Shuhaimi Mohamed of *Radio Televisyen Malaysia* (RTM) with three special invited guests namely as follows: Honorable Mr. Mohd Zulkifli Mohammed (Secretary General of Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO), Honorable Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin (Co-Advisor of University of Malaya UNESCO Club), and Mrs. Hjh Rashidah Md. Arif (Principal, *Sekolah Seri Puteri Cyberjaya—ASP Net School*). Consequently, 40 members of UMUC has shown their endless support by voluntarily joined this event.

All in all, Secretariat of UMUC would like to extend their deepest appreciations to all who have made this event successful.



From left to right: Mr. Shuhaimi (Host), Mr. Mohd Zulkifli, Professor Azizan and Mrs. Hjh Rashidah



Special invited guests together with some of the secretariats of UMUC



Group photo: Invited speakers and Participants

UMUC Exhibition at 2011 Kuala Lumpur Eco Film Fest

28—30 October 2011

Front yard of *Dewan Tunku Canselor*, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

(Reported by: Mohd Fadhl Rahmat Fakri)

The 4th Kuala Lumpur Eco Film Festival (KL EFF), organized by the EcoKnights and UM Cares was held at the front yard of *Dewan Tunku Canselor*, University of Malaya last October. Started in 2008, this festival created a platform for young Malaysians to explore, learn and be inspired from the showcases of environmental films, exhibition by local green NGOs and green business owners promoting their efforts, products and services. Participants will also have the opportunity to learn more on sustainable consumption and green lifestyle changes and options through this festival.

With the aims to promote and recruit more members, the University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) shown their support for this event by organizing an exhibition that focuses on social transformations through humanities, environment, culture, science & technology.

In-line with this exhibition and continuity to one of the outputs of OYES! 2011, UMUC has shown support for his brother's club of Science & Technology Society Club initiated project entitled "Life for Asia" through various interactive activities:

- Tree of Peace: Special dedication of peace on a piece of leaf.
- Donation for "Life for Asia"
- Pledge Signing focusing on humanities
- Membership Registration
- Selling of UMUC's official t-shirt



Snapshots of some of the activities conducted on KL EFF

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International Seminar Commemorating UNESCO's World Philosophy Day: Equitable Sharing of the Benefits of Science

30 November 2011

Court Room, Chancellery Building, University of Malaya

(Reported by: Siew Wai Ling)

World Philosophy Day is a day for people to share thoughts, openly explore and discuss new ideas and inspire public debate or discussion on society's challenges. Philosophy has opened the door for new concepts and innovative ideas, laying the foundations of critical thinking, independence and creativity across cultures for many centuries.

As explained by UNESCO's Director - General Koichiro Matsuura in his public message about World Philosophy Day in 2004, philosophy gives the conceptual grounding to the principles and values that shapes the possibility of world peace – democracy, human rights, justice and equality. Thus, the theme on "Equitable Sharing of the Benefits of Sciences" comes into the picture as one alternative solution for today's crucial problems that is related to science and technology in a globalized world, for example.

The seminar began with the opening speech by the Director of University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, Associate Professor Dr. Raihanah binti Haji Abdullah. Miss Sharizad binti Sulaiman, Assistant Secretary for the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO, was then invited to give a brief speech on today's function. Overall, this one-day seminar was divided into three sessions:

- The Role of Science and Dialogue in a Globalized World
- Science in Society and Science for Society
- Science for Peace

Session I: The Role of Science and Dialogue in a Globalized World

Professor Dr. Karim Douglas Crow was the invited speaker for this first session and Associate Professor Dr. Faridah Noor Mohd Nor, an associate professor of the *Unit Lonjakan Pencapaian Akademik (Ulpa)* was appointed as the moderator.

Professor Dr. Karim Douglas Crow

Professor Karim's presentation focused on the history of science and the social impact of science in a globalized world. He explained that human nowadays are very dependent on science and technology (S&T), embedding them in our daily lifestyle and globalizing the value of science. It is undeniable that through development of S&T, those living in an industrialized world will have a higher standard of living, lower birth rates and lower mortality rates. However, these benefits and development of S&T are not evenly distributed around the world. Professor Karim also added that not all scientific and technological development is beneficial. "Moderation is fundamental", stressed Professor Karim. One must be moderate and not let greed and ignorant consume us when it comes to scientific and technological development.

Session II: Science in Society and Science for Society

Professor Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah was invited to deliver a presentation for this session and Dr. Shaharir Mohd Zain, Senior Research Felloof UMCCD was the moderator.

Professor Dr. Ahmad Farhan Mohd Sadullah

Professor Farhan began his presentation by defining the words 'Arts', 'Science' and 'Engineering'. Through these definitions, Professor Farhan defined that engineering is the application of science and technology for the benefit of human, or in simple term, engineering is science for society. He also said that science development is guided by what society needs but science also influence and form thoughts on society. Using "Road Safety" as an example, Professor Farhan explained how we identify a problem, think of a solution and ensure that these solutions work. He ended his presentation by saying that science in society and science for society are both important in acting as the guiding principles for science development.



Dr. Raihanah delivering the opening speech for the seminar



Miss Sharizad binti Sulaiman delivering her speech during the opening ceremony of the seminar



Professor Karim (Left) was invited as the speaker for Session I with Professor Faridah as the moderator



Dr. Raihanah giving a little token of appreciation to Professor Ahmad Farhan (Left) for his willingness to be one of the presenters for this seminar



Professor Azizan answering some questions posed by the participants during the last session of the seminar, with Dr. Shaharir (Right) as moderator

Session III: Science for Peace

Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin was the speaker for this last and final session with Dr. Shaharir Mohd Zain as the moderator.

Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin

Professor Azizan started her presentation by discussing the purposes of the establishment of the United Nations. She then highlighted that one of the purposes is to maintain international peace and security. Professor Azizan also defined the terms 'Science', 'Technology', 'Ethnics' and 'Peace'. According to Professor Azizan, peace is not merely the lacks of wars or conflicts, but also exists when cultural and economic understanding and unity. We must have a sense of tolerance in international relations for the realization of true peace. She also emphasized the important of ethnics and religions in sciences. In her opinion, religion is not to be taken lightly and that people are not taking religion seriously despite 90% of the people in the world are religious. Religion gives meaning to life and it is the lack of religion that causes conflicts and intolerance in our society. Professor Azizan concluded her presentation by saying that in order for a sustainable society to exist, both science and religion have to work together.

WRAP UP & CLOSING

The Director of UMCCD, Associate Professor Dr. Raihanah binti Haji Abdullah was invited to deliver a closing speech for this seminar.

From the discussion and Q&A sessions, it can be concluded that we, human beings, are one species despite having different religions and there will be a few common universal similarities in all religions that will be able to unite us all. Other than that, Associate Professor Dr. Raymond Ooi, one of the participants of this seminar voiced out that academicians and scientists should assist and involve in helping the politicians to monitor and improve science development as academicians and scientists are the 'brain pool' of the country. Another conclusion reached was that Malaysians need to learn to appreciate and respect people from all walks of life; with different religions, background and beliefs and not merely judge someone by his or her appearance. Moderation is the key to ensure that we work together in treating Planet Earth with respect.

In conclusion, the seminar was able to fulfill the objectives of:

- Promoting and popularizing philosophical reflection on the role of science and technology to achieve more equitable sharing of the benefits of sciences;
- Facilitating recognition of the importance of dialogue as a vehicle to promote science, thus to stress the responsible use of science for the benefit of society;
- Enhancing the commitment to being a just and responsible scientific society that promotes science as part of the sustainable culture of life through a dedication to peace-building and the construction of world peace.

Through this seminar, participants were exposed to the importance of science and technology in achieving equitable sharing of the benefits of sciences. With this new gained knowledge and understandings, participants can assist in promoting the responsible use of science for the benefit of society and the construction of world peace.

The Centre for Civilisational Dialogue records its thanks to the National Commission of UNESCO Malaysia for sponsoring the event and to the University of Malaya UNESCO Club for their supports in making this event a success.



Some of the participants of the seminar



One of the participants posing questions to the presenter during one of the Q&A sessions



Dr. Raihanah giving her closing speech for this seminar; thanking all the presenters, moderators and participants for making the seminar an enjoyable one



Professor Karim, Professor Azizan, Dr. Shaharir together with one of the participants continuing their discussion after the seminar



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Global Peace Leadership Exchange Malaysia—Korea Peace Forum

30 September 2011

Asian Europe Institute, University of Malaya

(Reported by: Siew Wai Ling)

“Unity in Diversity, The Malaysian Experience” was the theme of a peace forum conducted on the 30 September 2011 that was attended by a delegation of 80 Korean leaders comprising former members of parliament, head of government agencies, councillors of province and country, social activists and academicians. In addition, 76 students from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) also participated in this forum.

Hosted at University of Malaya, the forum was jointly organized by GPF Malaysia, Malaysia’s Department of National Unity and Integration and the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD). The focus of this forum is to promote and share best practices of Malaysia’s multi-cultural and multi-religious unity, which can be a model for International understanding and global peace.

Among the distinguished panellists were Dato’ Azman Amin Bin Hassan, Director General of the Department of National Unity and Integration; Tan Sri Datin Paduka Seri Hajah Zaleha Ismail, Chairman of the Global Peace Festival (GPF) Malaysia; and Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, Board of Trustees, Yayasan IMalaysia.

Dato’ Azman Amin Bin Hassan voiced that Malaysians must understand that Unity in Diversity is the real strength of our country. “By looking after the interests of every races in our diverse community, we strengthen our unity”, noted Dato’ Azman Amin Bin Hassan.

Tan Sri Datin Paduka Seri Hajah Zaleha Ismail explained that, Unity in Diversity does not come naturally by itself. One has to work for it constantly and consistently. Malaysia has come a long way in the last few decades since its independence in 1957 to inculcate a sense of belonging among the Malaysians in order for us to really achieve unity in diversity in Malaysia.

“How are we going to get everyone to pull together for a united nation and 'value differences' at the same time?” questioned **Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye** during the forum. He emphasized that understanding of the principle of ‘Unity in Diversity’ is very important and every Malaysian citizen should appreciate the country’s history.

After the forum, Mr. David Yoo Kyung Eui, the President of GPF Foundation Korea was invited to give an appreciation remarks. In his remarks, Mr. David introduced the Presidential Committee on Social Cohesion of Korea that was established to develop strategies for social cohesion and resolve regional conflicts arises in Korea.

Professor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, University of Malaya was subsequently invited to deliver the closing remarks of today’s peace forum. A brief but meaningful gift exchange ceremony between representative from the University of Malaya, Professor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof and the President of GPF Korea was carried out after the closing remarks. In addition, Special Congratulatory Gift was also presented to University of Malaya by the President of GPF Korea, congratulating the University for Being listed as the top 200 University of the QS World University Rankings 2011/12. The peace forum was ended with a group photography session.

This peace forum provided a platform for leaders of Korea and Malaysia to share the best practices in peace building and at the same time, established goodwill and friendship between the two nations.



From left to right: Tan Sri Lee Lam Thye, Dato’ Azman Amin, Tan Sri Datin Paduka Seri Hajah Zaleha and the moderator of the forum



Participants of the forum



Group picture of the presenters together with representatives from Korea and Professor Datuk Dr. Rohana



Siri Wacana Keterlestarian dan Ketamadunan Keterlestarian Kebudayaan Malayonesia (Discourse on Sustainability and Civilization: Sustainability of Malayonesian Culture)

25 Oktober 2011

*Dewan Semarak, Akademi Pengajian Melayu, Universiti Malaya
(Dilaporkan oleh: Siew Wai Ling)*

Wacana 3, Siri Wacana Keterlestarian dan Ketamadunan ini telah disampaikan oleh Dr. Shaharir Mohamad Zain, Felo Penyelidik Kanan Pusat Dialog Peradaban Universiti Malaya (PDPUM) dan dipengerusikan oleh Profesor Emeritus Datuk Dr. Nik Safiah Karim, Felo Penyelidik Kanan Akademi Pengajian Melayu (APM), Universiti Malaya. Wacana yang dianjurkan oleh PDPUM dan APM ini telah diadakan di Dewan Semarak, APM dan dihadiri oleh 101 orang ahli akademik dan pelajar ijazah sarjana tinggi daripada Universiti Malaya. Wacana kali ini dirasmikan oleh Profesor Madya Dr. Zahir Ahmad, Pengarah APM dan Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah, Timbalan Pengarah PDPUM telah dijemput untuk menyampaikan ucapan alu-aluan.

Wacana 3 ini merupakan lanjutan perbincangan Wacana 2, Siri Wacana Keterlestarian dan Ketamadunan yang telah dijalankan pada 24 Jun 2011 di PDPUM. Dalam Wacana 2, takrif keterlestarian yang dikemukakan oleh Dr. Shaharir ialah seperti berikut:

“Keterlestarian ialah keadaan tercapainya keperluan jasmani, sosial, politik, ekonomi, ilmu-pengetahuan, rohani-agama dan kelangsungan bahasa dan kebudayaannya sekarang serta pada aras wustdo tanpa pengorbanan sumber berkekaan dan sarwa makhluk supaya generasi kelak boleh menikmati kesubahagian hidup dunia dan akhirat sekurang-kurang baik generasi kini.”

Dalam Wacana 3 ini, Dr. Shaharir menyatakan bahawa kebudayaan sesebuah tamadun perlu dilestarikan untuk kemandirian tamadun tersebut. beliau memulakan wacana kali ini dengan memberi makna kebudayaan daripada segi etimologi dan penggunaannya di Malayonesia sebelum abad ke-18. Menurut beliau, makna kebudayaan bagi masyarakat awam di Malaysia bahkan di Malayonesia/Pascabima adalah berlainan dengan makna kebudayaan bagi orang Barat (Inggeris) awam.

Segi ilmiahnya, beliau meringkaskan, bagi Barat, Culture ialah cara hidup yang ber-evolusi dalam aspek kecendekiawanan, kerohanian dan keindahan kesenian, hasil pemikiran kesarjanaan atau keteknologian, karya sastera dan kesenian. Takrif kebudayaan yang lebih jitu terutamanya dalam konteks masyarakat Malayonesia adalah bahasa, agama dan ilmu, termasuklah wahyu dan ‘aql dengan segala manifestasi rohani-jasmaninya dan poisesnya. Kebudayaan inilah yang perlu dilestarikan dan keterlestarian kebudayaan ialah keadaan yang membolehkan bahasa, agama dan ilmu dipertahankan atau dikembangkan hingga ke hari kelak.

Selain itu, sejarah turun-naiknya bahasa dan ilmu di Malayonesia dibentangkan dalam wacana ini. Menurut Dr. Shaharir, daripada sejarah ilmu, beberapa fakta keterlestarian ilmu dapat diutarakan:

- Keiltizaman membina ilmu dalam acuan sendiri
- Kebebasan diri sarjana daripada pihak kuasawan
- Kemerdekaan jiwa kuasawan negara daripada penjajahnya
- Kesedaran dan keinsafan sejarah bangsa dan keperluan penginovasian dan petransformasian ilmu warisan bangsa

Kesimpulannya, unsur kebudayaan yang utama dan penting dalam sesebuah tamadun ialah ilmu, maka, unsur kebudayaan ini patut dilestarikan terutamanya bagi Malayonesia ialah ilmu dalam bahasa Melayu dan warisan ilmu Malayonesia yang dibina semula dalam acuan Islam. Keterlestarian bahasa dan agama adalah bergantung kepada keterlestarian ilmu dan untuk tamadun Malayonesia, faktor keterlestarian ilmu terbukti tidak tercapai di dalam keadaan ilmuwan yang tidak bebas kuasawan, membelakangi acuan dan warisan ilmu sendiri, taasub pendirian, mendokong nilai falsafah yang silap tentang ilmu, khususnya mengabaikan nilai/falsafah sejagat sejati (iaitu yang diwahyukan) dalam pembinaan ilmunya.



Dr. Shaharir sedang menyampaikan wacana di Dewan Semarak, APM



Profesor Emeritus Datuk Dr. Nik Safiah Karim telah dijemput sebagai pengerusi untuk sesi wacana ini



Peserta wacana yang terdiri daripada orang akademik dan pelajar ijazah sarjana tinggi



Sesi bergambar bersama peserta wacana



Public Lecture: Challenging the Western Model of Development

28 October 2011

Meeting Room, Department of Science and Technology Studies,
Faculty of Science, University of Malaya

(Reported by: Siew Wai Ling)

A public lecture with the title, “**Challenging the Western Model of Development**” was held on the 28th October 2011 at the Meeting Room of Department of Science and Technology Studies. The public lecture was delivered by Professor Dr. Claudia Derichs, a Professor at the Institute of Political Science, Philipps University Marburg, Germany and Professor Hazim Dr. Mohd Hazim Shah bin Hj. Abdul Murad was the moderator. It was jointly organized by University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and the Department of Science and Technology Studies. 13 participants consisting of lecturers and academicians from various universities and colleges in Malaysia attended this public lecture.

Professor Derichs started her lecture by explaining the ‘Tectonic Shift’ in the global normative order due to ideological depolarization in international relations after the end of Cold War and the emerging power, such as, South Africa, Turkey and China, gradually gaining mileage. Using the African continent as example, Professor Derichs explained the drivers of Africa’s economic recovery and growth. She also questioned the role of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Model, also known as the Western Model. Is this model hegemonic? What’s new about the new emerging powers?

Professor Derichs also discussed the importance of discussing today’s topic in Malaysia. This is because Malaysia is a middle income country on its way to become a high income country and Malaysia is never a follower of Western ideas. Malaysia is also a very unique and diverse country that provides for a plurality of opinions. Some of the Western Development Concepts discussed by Professor Derichs included:

- Gross National Income (GNI)
- Structure Adjustment Program (SAP)
- Human Development Index (HDI)
- Gender Related Development Index (GDI)
- Paris Declaration

According to Professor Derichs, most of the concepts focus on ownership, Eurocentric, authoritarian, de-politicising, power relation and are result orientated. She suggested that Sustainable Development to be included into these models to ensure long-term benefits. Professor Derichs also added that Japan was the first country to introduce the Asian Model of Development. Some of the focal points of Japan’s model were:

- Help to self-help
- Principle of “on request” aid
- Credits instead of grants
- Suspicious of ideas of complete debt reliefs
- Emphasis on ownership of African countries

In conclusion, this public lecture on the Western Model of Development provided a venue for participants coming from different disciplines and backgrounds to discuss and exchange views on the suitable Model of Development for Malaysia.



Professor Derichs delivering her presentation entitled, “Challenging the Western Model of Development”



Professor Hazim, moderator for the public lecture held at the Meeting Room of the Department of S&T Studies



Participants of the public lecture



A participant voicing out her questions during the Q&A Session with Professor Derichs



External Events and Networking

Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC)

The seventh session of the Intergovernmental Bioethics Committee (IGBC) was held at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris on 5 and 6 September 2011. The session was mainly conducted to examining the work done by the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) in the biennium 2010-2011. IBC's Report on the principle of respect for human vulnerability and personal integrity finalized at its 18th session (Baku, Azerbaijan, 31 May – 2 June 2011) was discussed. Information about the progress on human cloning and international governance, traditional medicine and its ethical implications were also provided to the participants.

Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin was invited to attend this session as a representative from Malaysia. Members of IGBC were also given the opportunity to express their opinion on the preliminary future work program of IBC for 2012-2013.



Soka Gakkai Malaysia Month of Peace

Soka Gakkai Malaysia (SGM) celebrated the Month of Peace last September with the theme, "Voices of Peace: The Creative Way of Life". In conjunction with the Month of Peace, the former Director of the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD), Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin was invited to deliver a public lecture to explore the role played by women in the field of peace on the 17th September 2011. The public lecture was delivered at the International Conference Hall of Wisma Kebudayaan SGM and focused on explaining the views, roles and contribution of women in achieving greater peace in Malaysia. Professor Azizan ended her lecture by emphasizing the important of bringing about and sustaining peace among people across religions and cultures through shared beliefs.



In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the death of National Literary Laureate Dato' Usman Awang, SGM organised an event entitled "Kekasih - A Tribute to Usman Awang and Peace" where his daughter and distinguished poets recited poems in up to six languages. Five members of UMUC; Miss Zazren Ismail, Miss Lili Fariza Ariffin, Mr. Mohd Fadli Rahmat Fakri, Mr. Fadhirul Hezley Juhari and Miss Ridzma June attended this event. This significant event hoped to create greater awareness in the role of literature in fostering peace and also a way of celebrating Malaysia Day. One of the most aspiring performance experienced by most of the audiences was a declamation of poem in the spirit of Malaysia entitled Bahasa Bonda in Bahasa Malaysia, Mandarin, English, Bahasa Iban, Bahasa Kadazan-dusun and Tamil.



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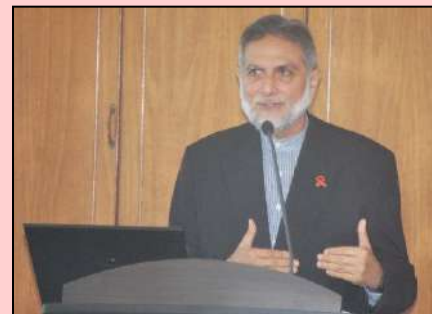
- Professor Azizan delivering her presentation
- Final Performance: Alam Tanahair sang by all performers of KEKASIH
- Members of UMUC with Spouse of Director of Soka Gakkai Malaysia



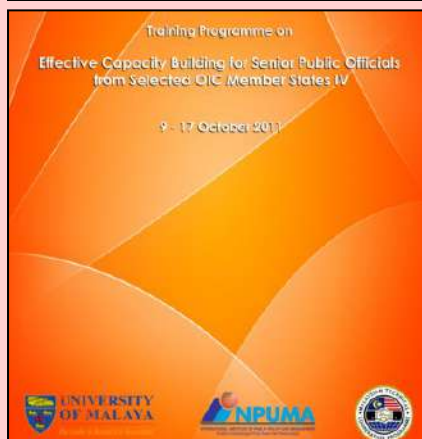
Reproductive and Sexual Health and Islamic Values: Ethical and Legal Insights

On the 20 September 2011, two representatives from UMCCD; Miss Priah Applanaidu and Miss Siew Wai Ling attended a public lecture organized by the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia. The public lecture with the title, “Reproductive and Sexual Health and Islamic Values: Ethical and Legal Insights” was delivered by Professor Abul Fadl Mohsin Ebrahim. The lecture was chaired by Emeritus Professor Dr. Datuk Osman Bakar, Deputy CEO of IAIS while Professor Hashim Kamali, Chairman & CEO – IAIS Malaysia provided a brief response at the end of the presentation.

Professor Ebrahim, a professor of Islamic Studies at the School of Religion and Theology at University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus, Durban, South Africa, presented four ethical principles for solving moral dilemmas; respect for persons, beneficence, non-malevolence, and justice. He recommended employing Islamic “legal tools”, in particular the maqāṣid or objectives of the Shari‘ah, for solving ethical dilemmas. He then talked about four case studies; adolescent sex education; the use of an anti-retroviral microbicide gel in a trial for HIV prevention; the issue of maternal–fetal conflict; and abortion together with rape related pregnancy. Each of these topics was examined from the viewpoint of the above four ethical principles, and from the juridical Shari‘ah perspective.



Photos (From top to bottom):
 • Professor Ebrahim delivering his lecture
 • Participants of the public lecture
 • Emeritus Professor Dr. Datuk Osman Bakar (Right), moderator of the event



Effective Capacity Building for Senior Public Officials from Selected OIC Member States

The Government of Malaysia through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs sponsored a two-week training program for senior government officials from selected OIC member-states. This program is part of Malaysian Government’s continuous effort to help enhance the knowledge and skills of public officials from developing countries in the areas of capacity building under the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP). The International Institute of Public Policy and Management (INPUMA) together with a number of prominent academicians, practitioners, journalists, business and religious leaders as well as government advisers from various organizations worked together to ensure the successful implementation of this program.

Inline with this program, on the 11 October 2011, the former Director of UMCCD, Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin was invited by INPUMA to deliver a presentation entitled, “Science and Technology for the Muslim World: Case Study of Biotechnology and Science, Technology and Innovation in Malaysia” at the Armada Hotel, Petaling Jaya. In the presentation, Professor Azizan explored the convergence of science and technology with Islam and its benefits to the Muslim world. According to her, it is necessary to understand that religion and scientific knowledge have always been in a symbiotic relationship. Each draws from the other insights, capacities and forms with which to serve the cause of humanity.

7th Interfaith Dialogue of the Asia-Europe Meeting, Manila

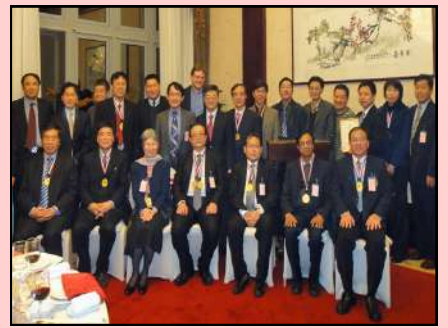
The 7th Interfaith Dialogue of the Asia-Europe Meeting, also known as the ASEM-IFD7 was held on the 13 to 14 October 2011 in Manila, Philippines. Under the theme, "Harnessing the Benefits and Addressing the Challenges of Migration through Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue", ways to promote mutual understanding, tolerance and respect for diversity of cultures and for freedom of religion and beliefs in the context of increased mobility and people-to-people interaction were discussed among representatives of ASEM partners and representatives of various religious, cultural and civilizational heritages.

The former Director of UMCCD, Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin was invited to share her views on the theme in conjunction with this meeting. In her presentation, Professor Azizan highlighted the importance of knowing and understanding the relationship of science and religion as well as the role and purposes of interfaith dialogue as an important catalyst in the human endeavour to know one another, to cooperate despite differences and to compete for excellence. Multiculturalism, ground rules for dialogue and some obstacles to dialogue were also discussed in the presentation. Lastly, Professor Azizan concluded her presentation by emphasizing the purpose of dialogue is to discover and rediscover the common humanity and for people around the world to have a better appreciation of similarities and difference, thus, creating oneness as a human family.



43rd Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health Conference, Korea

The 43rd Asia Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health Conference (APACPH) was held successfully on the 20 to 22 October 2011 at Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea. The main theme for this year's APACPH conference was, "Establishing Public Health Law and International Cooperative System to Improve Public Health Standards in the Asia-Pacific Region". The discussion of the conference was mainly focused on "Public Health Law" in the areas of establishment of public health law system in underdeveloped Asian countries and international cooperative system to improve public health standards in the Asia-Pacific region.



A paper entitled, "Religious Tradition, Culture, Health and Peace: An Overview and Focus on the Islamic Tradition" was presented by the former Director of the Centre. Professor Azizan's presentation aimed to relate Islamic Traditional medicine with other traditional medicine to create a dialogue of cultures towards peace as well as to create a justifiable space for inclusivity in today's culturally sensitized medicine and healthcare. By looking at the daily obligatory prayers of the *Muslims*, preventive health in the light of Prophet Mohammad's teachings and traditional healing in Malay culture, she concluded that peace is not separable from health and religion can make a contribution to improve public health, illness prevention and health promotion as religion supports attention to the health of the community in the broadest sense, its teachings can also form the life and practice of the individual healthcare professional.





Preparatory Meeting of the OIC Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission

In the 38th Session of the Council Meeting of Foreign Ministers of OIC (CFM) held from 28—30 June 2011 in Astana, Kazakhstan, Malaysia was honored to be chosen to fill one of the six seats contested for the Asia Region for the Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC). The other countries that were chosen include Indonesia, Pakistan, Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan. In line with this, the Director of UMCCD, Associate Professor Dr. Raihanah binti Haji Abdullah was nominated to be in the group of experts to IPHRC due to her extensive experiences and expertise in handling issues related to Islamic law and gender equality .

Dr. Raihanah together with 18 other commission members attended the Preparatory Meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission (IPHRC) on the 7 to 8 December 2011. The preparatory meeting which was held in Jeddah gathered all the members of the Commission to brainstorm ideas as well as to identify the work priorities of the Commission.

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Signing of MoU and Lecture on “Global Higher Education Challenges: Building World Class Universities”

A delegation representing the University System of Taiwan (UST) visited the University of Malaya (UM) on the 23 December 2011. The main purpose of this visit was to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UST and UM. The MoU was signed by Academician Dr. Yan-Hwa Lee Wu, Chancellor of UST and Tan Sri Datuk Dr. Ghauth Jasmon, Vice Chancellor of UM, witnessed by Prof. Hamzah Abdul Rahman (UM Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs) and Prof. Liu Yung-Sheng, Vice Chancellor of UST.



Following the signing of the MoU, Chairman of UST, Professor Dr. Jyh-Lang Tzeng delivered a lecture on “Global Higher Education Challenges: Building World Class Universities”. The Director of UMCCD, Associate Professor Dr. Raihanah binti Haji Abdullah together with Mr. Chang Lee Wei, Research Officer of the Centre attended the lecture that was held at the Auditorium Tun Mohamed Suffian, Faculty of Law, UM. After the lecture, the delegates from Taiwan were given a tour around UM. They visited several faculties to meet with academic staff as well as to explore research opportunities.

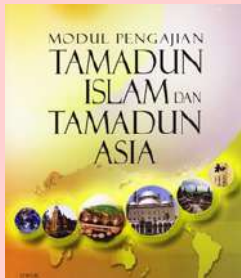
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Siri Ketiga Ceramah Teori Einstein dan Quantum

Dr. Shaharir Mohamad Zain, Felo Penyelidik Kanan PDPUM telah dijemput untuk menjadi penceramah untuk Siri Ceramah Teori Einstein dan Quantum yang dianjurkan oleh Institut Penyelidikan Matematik (INSPEM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM). Siri pertama dan siri kedua ceramah ini telah dijalankan pada 29 Julai 2011 dan 5 Ogos 2011 yang lalu. Untuk siri ketiga ceramah ini, Dr. Shaharir telah membentangkan ceramah yang bertajuk, “Sambutan Barat (Bukan Muslim), Muslim dan Malayonesia terhadap Teori Quantum”. Ceramah tersebut telah disampaikan pada 23 September 2011 di INSPEM, UPM.





Mesyuarat Khas Jawatankuasa Induk Tamadun Islam dan Tamadun Asia (TITAS)

Sebuah mesyuarat bagi membincangkan pelantikan jawatankuasa baru bagi tahun 2011 serta membincangkan Projek dan Aktiviti Jawatankuasa Induk TITAS untuk tahun 2011 dan 2012 telah diadakan pada 12 Oktober 2011. Timbalan Pengarah Pusat Dialog Peradaban Universiti Malaya (PDPUM), Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah telah menghadiri mesyuarat ini yang bertempat di Bilik Sidang FEM, Fakulti Ekologi Manusia, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

Mesyuarat tersebut dipengerusikan oleh Profesor Madya Dr. Zaid bin Ahmad, Pengerusi Jawatankuasa Induk TITAS 2010/2011. Antara perkara yang dibincangkan adalah cadangan untuk memperkasakan perjalanan dan pengendalian kursus TITAS, cadangan penambahan penekanan institusi wakaf dan ekonomi Islam ke dalam modul TITAS sedia ada serta membincangkan masalah pelaksanaan pengajaran TITAS dan Hubungan Etnik di Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM).



Majlis Syarahan Majlis Bahasa – Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia (MABBIM)

Timbalan Pengarah PDPUM, Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah telah menghadiri Majlis Syarahan Majlis Bahasa – Brunei-Indonesia-Malaysia (MABBIM) di Dewan Semarak, Akademi Pengajian Melayu, Universiti Malaya pada 24 Oktober 2011. Majlis Syarahan MABBIM Ke-4 ini dianjurkan oleh Jawatankuasa Pemupukan MABBIM dan Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka dengan kerjasama Akademi Pengajian Melayu (APM), Universiti Malaya.

Penceramah untuk Majlis Syarahan ini ialah Dr. Hajah Dayang Fatimah binti Haji Chuchu yang merupakan seorang pensyarah di Universiti Brunei yang dipengerusikan oleh Dr. Muhammad Saiful Haq Hussin, pensyarah APM, Universiti Malaya. Tajuk syarahan beliau ialah “Keluwes, Jati Diri dan Aktiviti”.

Syarahan Dr. Hajah ini berfokus kepada keluwes, jati diri dan juga pengantarabangsaan Bahasa Melayu yang berelevansi secara holistik dalam arus kesinambungan dan juga perkembangan-perkembangan positif Bahasa Melayu pada peringkat serantau dan antarabangsa. Menurut Dr. Hajah, sebagai bahasa ilmu, bahasa rasmi dan bahasa kebangsaan, Bahasa Melayu memainkan peranan penting dalam pengungkapan bidang ilmu dan juga merupakan bahasa perpaduan antara pelbagai etnik. Malah, Bahasa Melayu juga dijadikan lambang dan identiti ketamadunan untuk negara-negara serantau ini.



Sukaneka Staf Universiti Malaya (UM) 2011

Sukaneka staf UM merupakan aktiviti tahunan yang dianjurkan oleh Pusat Sukan, Universiti Malaya. Objektif sukaneka yang diadakan pada 29 Oktober 2011 ini bertujuan untuk merapatkan hubungan antara kakitangan Pusat Tanggungjawab (PTj) dan kakitangan akademik serta kakitangan sokongan fakulti.

Sukaneka ini telah berlangsung di Padang Varsity Universiti Malaya, lebih kurang 20 acara sukan ditawarkan dan Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah, Timbalan Pengarah PDPUM telah mengambil bahagian dalam sukaneka tahun ini mewakili pasukan Akademi Pengajian Melayu, Akademi Pengajian Melayu telah memenangi satu anugerah istimewa iaitu ‘Pasukan Paling Ceria’.

Sukaneka Staf UM 2011 ini telah dilaksanakan dengan jayanya. Acara-acara yang dipertandingkan melibatkan aktiviti berkumpulan dan individu yang telah berjaya merapatkan hubungan antara kakitangan akademik dan kakitangan sokongan di UM.

Seminar Falak di Ipoh, Perak

Pada 15 November 2011, Dr. Shaharir Mohamad Zain, Felo Penyelidik Kanan PDPUM telah membentangkan kertas kerja yang bertajuk, "Islam dan Kajian Alam Semesta dengan Tumpuan pada Sistem Syamsi dan Teorinya Sehingga Awal Abad Kedua Puluh Masihi" di Seminar Falak. Seminar ini berlangsung di Ipoh, Perak dan dianjurkan oleh Majlis Agama Islam dan Adat Melayu Perak (MAIPk).

Dalam kertas kerja Dr. Shaharir, konsep alam dan alam semesta Barat telah dibicarakan secara perbandingan dengan konsep berkenaan di Islam. Selain itu, sejauh mana sarjana Muslim dahulu dan kini menghayati ajaran al-Qur'aan dalam kajian alam semesta dibincangkan dalam perbandingan beliau. Teori bilangan alam mengikut sains moden, tamadun Islam dan al-Qur'aan serta tamadun Melayu juga dibicarakan sebagai perbandingan sejauh mana berbezanya status ilmu ini dalam setiap tamadun.



Mesyuarat Seminar Bahasa Melayu dalam Sains dan Matematik

Dr. Shaharir Mohamad Zain, Felo Penyelidik Kanan PDPUM telah menghadiri sebuah mesyuarat pada 17 November 2011. Mesyuarat ini telah diadakan untuk membincangkan pengisian Seminar Bahasa Melayu dalam Sains dan Matematik yang dijangka akan diadakan dalam 2012. Seminar ini akan dianjurkan oleh Akademi Sains Islam Malaysia (ASASI) dengan kerjasama TERAS.



Perkembangan Semasa dalam Pembahagian Harta Sepencarian: Analisis Penghakiman di Mahkamah Syariah di Malaysia

"International Conference on Islam in Malay World" telah berlangsung pada 20—22 Disember 2011 di Bandung, Indonesia. Seminar yang bertemakan "Malay-Nusantara's Networks of Islam: Past, Present and Future" ini merupakan satu kolaborasi akademik pascasiswazah antara Akademi Pengajian Islam Universiti Malaya, Kuala Lumpur dan Universitas Islam Negeri Sunan Gunung Djati, Bandung.

Antara kertas kerja yang dibentangkan adalah perkembangan pembahagian Harta Sepencarian di Malaysia oleh Pengarah PDPUM, Profesor Madya Dr. Raihanah Abdullah dan En. Mohd NorHusairi Mat Hussin. Kertas kerja ini mengupas bagaimana perkembangan kehartaan di Malaysia memberi kesan dan cabaran terhadap penghakiman para hakim di Mahkamah Syariah dalam memerintahkan pembahagian terhadap harta-harta ini seterusnya meletakkan satu tanda aras terhadap perkembangan pembahagian harta sepencarian di Malaysia. Ini kerana Harta Sepencarian merupakan warisan adat Melayu Nusantara yang dinamik bagi memelihara hak-hak wanita. Keunikan amalan pembahagian harta sepencarian ini telah diberikan pengiktirafan undang-undang dalam menjamin hak pihak-pihak yang bertikai khususnya dalam soal pembahagian harta perkahwinan. Transformasi perundangan dan perkembangan kehartaan di Malaysia yang dipengaruhi oleh perubahan sosial masyarakat telah memberikan dimensi yang berbeza kepada Mahkamah dalam penghakiman dan perintah pembahagian harta sepencarian di Mahkamah Syariah. Harta-harta yang menjadi pertikaian kini bukan sahaja meliputi harta dalam pengertian tradisional, tetapi ianya meliputi harta dalam bentuk kontemporari seperti saham syarikat, KWSP dan sebagainya yang menimbulkan isu-isu kehartaan yang lebih kompleks.

Selain harta sepencarian, pelbagai isu lain turut dikupas seperti, Orientalism dan Occidentalism terhadap Islam di Dunia Melayu, demokrasi dan masyarakat Islam, Islam dan kepelbagaian budaya di dunia Melayu dan banyak lagi. Seminar yang telah berlangsung selama dua hari ini telah berjalan dengan jayanya.





Mesyuarat Panel Isu Semasa Wanita Islam (PISWI) kali Ke-5 dan Persidangan Meja Bulat PISWI

Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah, Timbalan Pengarah Pusat Dialog Peradaban, Universiti Malaya (PDPUM) telah menghadiri mesyuarat PISWI ke-5 pada 22—23 November 2011 di Hotel Ancasa & Spa, Kuala Lumpur. Mesyuarat ini telah dipengerusikan oleh YBhg. Prof. Dato' Seri Dr. Zaleha binti Kamaruddin, Rektor Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia.

Mesyuarat ke-5 ini telah membincangkan tentang penubuhan majlis penasihat wanita Islam Malaysia dan membincangkan perancangan aktiviti Jawatankuasa pemikir PISWI bagi tahun 2012. Penubuhan majlis penasihat wanita Islam ini penting untuk memastikan isu-isu wanita dapat ditangani dengan lebih berkesan. Buat pertama kalinya, mesyuarat dan persidangan meja bulat kali ini tidak sahaja dihadiri oleh ahli panel tetap yang dilantik tetapi juga dihadiri ahli-ahli daripada enam Jawatankuasa Pemikir yang bernaung di bawah PISWI. Mesyuarat kali ini berjalan dengan jayanya dan perancangan yang dibincangkan akan dikemaskinikan untuk mesyuarat dan persidangan pada tahun hadapan.



Seminar SEBAHTERA ke-5 Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Pada 22 Disember 2011, Timbalan Pengarah PDPUM, Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah bersama pembantu penyelidik, Cik Ridzma June telah menyertai seminar SEBAHTERA ke-5 bertempat di Makmal Pusat Pengajian Bahasa, Kesusasteraan dan Kebudayaan Melayu (PPBKKM), Fakulti Sains Sosial dan Kemanusiaan, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM). Seminar ini merupakan anjuran bersama antara Pusat Pengajian Bahasa, Kesusasteraan dan Kebudayaan Melayu, Fakulti Sains Sosial Dan Kemanusiaan (FSSK), UKM dengan Akademi Pengajian Melayu, Universiti Malaya (UM). Seminar tersebut bertemakan Pengajian Melayu: Ke Arah Pemerkasaan Modal Insan dan Dr. Zuraidah telah membentangkan kertas kerja bertajuk “Pantun dan Ungkapan Melayu sebagai Wahana Kepimpinan Melayu Ke Arah Pembangunan Modal Insan”.



Program “Homestay” Pelajar BFSU & Akademi Pengajian Melayu, Universiti Malaya

Pada 28—30 Disember 2011, Timbalan Pengarah Pusat Dialog Peradaban, Universiti Malaya (PDPUM), Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah bersama pembantu penyelidik PDPUM Cik Ridzma June telah dijemput oleh pihak Akademi Pengajian Melayu, Universiti Malaya (APMUM) untuk menghadiri Program “Homestay” Pelajar Beijing Foreign Studies Universities (BFSU) & APMUM di Pantai Remis, Perak. Timbalan Pengarah PDPUM telah memberi satu bengkel yang bertajuk, “Budaya Melayu Dulu, Kini dan Selamanya...” kepada lima orang pelajar Tahap 1 daripada BFSU dan 3 orang pelajar APMUM.

Program ini bertujuan untuk mendedahkan pelajar-pelajar luar kampus tentang kebudayaan Melayu di Malaysia. Dr. Zuraidah telah mendefinisikan Melayu dari segi Perlembagaan Malaysia, siapa Melayu dari segi sejarah dan seterusnya menunjukkan cara pemakaian pakaian Melayu seperti, cara pemakaian tudung, sarung, sampung, kain batik, kain songket, baju kurung dan tata tertib orang Melayu makan, berjalan, duduk dan sebagainya. Selain itu, pelajar-pelajar ini juga telah berpeluang pergi ke kebun kelapa sawit, dusun buah-buahan dan kawasan nelayan. Pelajar-pelajar ini juga dikehendaki membuat penyelidikan tentang keunikan alam Melayu di Malaysia yang mereka temui di Pantai Remis, Perak. Program ini telah dilaksanakan selama 3 hari 2 malam.

Liputan Khas: Provinsi Riau, Indonesia (Special Coverage: Province of Riau, Indonesia)

Seminar Mengupas Tunjuk Ajar Melayu Dr. Tenas Effendy: Kajian Pemikiran, Etika dan Estetika Sebagai Salah Satu Upaya Pembangunan Karekter Bangsa

15 Disember 2011

(Dilaporkan oleh: Ridzma June)



Dr. Zuraidah sedang membentangkan kertas kerja di Seminar di Riau



Dr. Zuraidah, Profesor Nik Safiah dan rakan delegasi yang lain menghadiri Majlis Anugerah Baiduri Ke—4



Banner Majlis Malam Penghargaan Ulang tahun Platinum ke—75 Dr. H. Tenas Effendy



Dari kiri ke kanan: Profesor Azizan, Profesor Nik Safiah, Gabenor Riau dan Dr. Zuraidah



Dr. Zuraidah dan delegasi lain telah dijemput untuk bersarapan pagi bersama Gabenor Riau di Rumah Kediaman Rasmi

15hb Disember 2011, Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah, Timbalan Pengarah Pusat Dialog Peradaban telah dijemput ke Universitas Islam Riau, Pekanbaru, Indonesia bagi menghadiri Seminar sempena kegiatan ulang tahun platinum yang bertemakan, “Mengupas Tunjuk Ajar Melayu Dr. Tenas Effendy: Kajian Pemikiran, Etika dan Estetika Sebagai Salah Satu Upaya Pembangunan Karekter Bangsa”. Tajuk kertas kerja yang dibicarakan dalam seminar tersebut adalah tentang **Pemikiran, Etika Dan Estetika Ungkapan Melayu Dalam Membangunkan Karekteristik Kepemimpinan Melayu** hasil kajian beliau bersama Profesor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin yang berkaitan dengan nilai-nilai etika persekitaran dalam korpus dan cara hidup orang Melayu.

Kertas kerja ini telah membicarakan tentang Ungkapan Melayu ini telah menunjukkan kebijaksanaan masyarakat Melayu menyusun kata-kata secara ringkas, padat dan tepat kepada apa yang ingin dimaksudkan. Bahasan kajian berfokus kepada Kepemimpinan Melayu yang merangkumi falsafah hidup masyarakat Melayu dan malah berkaitan dengan pemikiran Melayu yang berkaitan dengan akal budi bangsa Melayu. Kertas kerja ini mendapat respon daripada peserta-peserta yang hadir dengan beberapa persoalan dan juga telah dapat menarik perhatian pihak penganjur agar adanya kajian yang lebih mendalam tentang kepimpinan Melayu lama ini diteliti di peringkat provinsi Riau.

Pada malamnya, Dr. Zuraidah, Profesor Dato Dr. Nik Safiah dan rakan delegasi yang lain telah menghadiri **Majlis Anugerah Baiduri Ke—4 Tahun Apresiasi dari Perempuan untuk Perempuan** yang dianjurkan oleh isteri Gabenor Riau. Anugerah Baiduri ini adalah untuk memberi penghargaan dan pengiktirafan kepada wanita-wanita Riau yang dikenal pasti Berjaya dalam pelbagai bidang seperti ahli perniagaan, sasterawan, ahli sukan, seni suara, pakar kecantikan dan sebagainya. Anugerah ini dianggap sebagai salah satu anugerah yang gilang gemilang dan dilaksanakan pada setiap tahun.

Seterusnya pada 16 Disember 2011, Dr Zuraidah telah menghadiri **Majlis Malam Penghargaan Ulang tahun Platinum ke—75 Dr. H. Tenas Effendy**. Majlis ini adalah untuk menghargai Tokoh Budayawan Melayu Riau iaitu Dr. H. Tenas Effendy yang masih aktif menulis tentang budaya Melayu. Menurut Dr. Tenas Effendy, Melayu dan Kemelayuan itu mengandung makna yang teramat dalam dan luas seperti, “Apabila dibentang selebar alam, apabila digulung selebar kuku, luasnya tak bertepi, dalamnya tak terduga, jauhnya tak terbatas, dekatnya tak berantara”.

Pada 17 Disember 2011 pula, Dr Zuraidah bersama-sama delegasi yang lain telah dijemput bersarapan pagi bersama **Datuk Seri Dr. HM Rusli Zainal**, Gabenor Riau di Rumah Kediaman Rasmi. Di sana, Gabenor Riau telah membicarakan tentang visi dan misi beliau dalam memimpin rakyat Riau ke arah kecemerlangan berteraskan Melayu, Islam dan Moden.



Magazine Article: 'Orang Melayu yang Jenius'
(The Genius of the Malays)

In *Riau Post* (Edisi 20-26 Disember 2011)

Seminar Mengupas Tunjuk Ajar Melayu Dr Tenas Effendy: Kajian Pemikiran, Etika dan Estetika Sebagai Salah Satu Upaya Pembangunan Karakter Bangsa. Untuk maklumat lanjut, sila rujuk m/s 19.



Newspaper Article:
'Bincang Isu Seks dengan Anak-anak'
(Discuss sexual issues with our children)
In *Utusan Malaysia* (October 11, 2011)

Public lecture organized by International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia entitled, "Reproductive and Sexual Health and Islamic Values: Ethical and Legal Insights". Kindly refer to page 13 for more information.

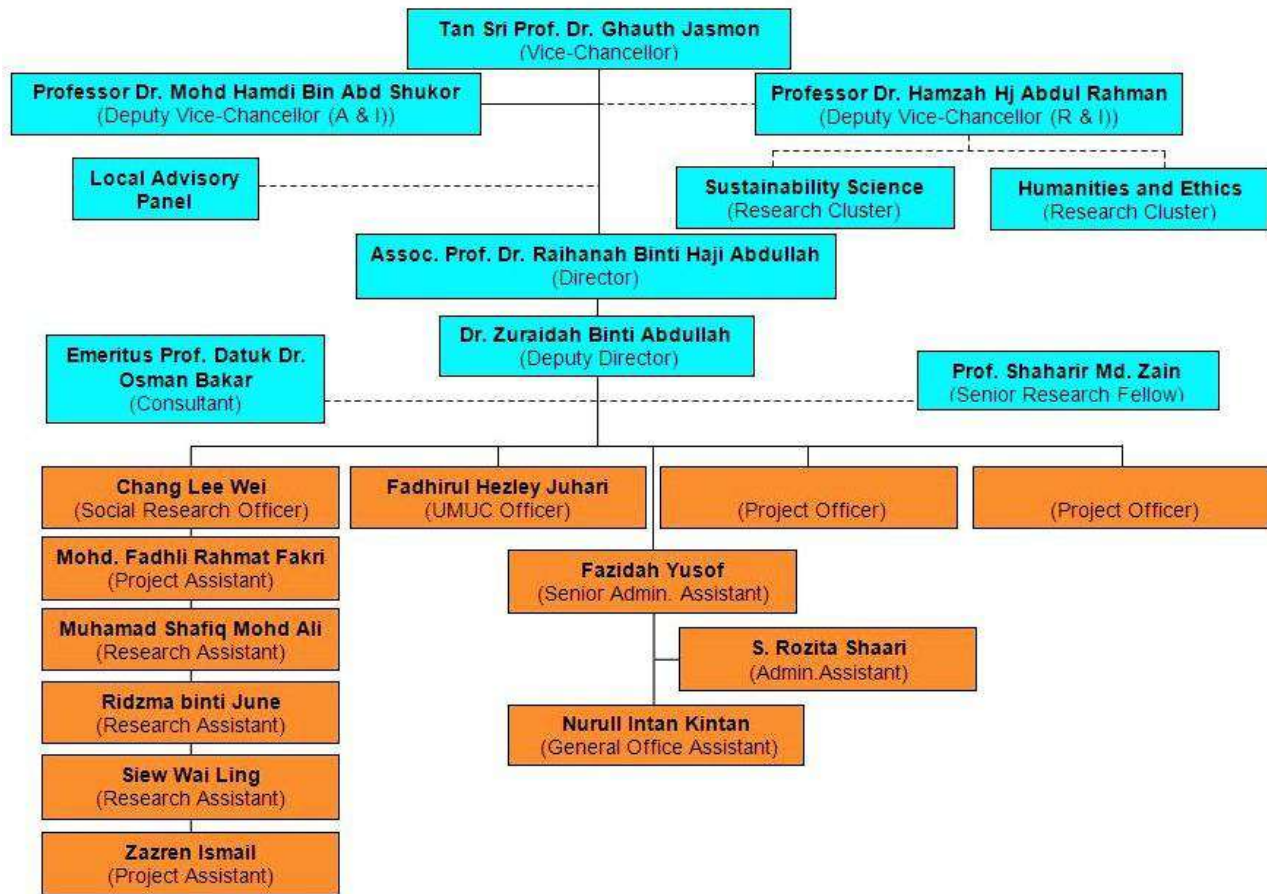
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UMCCD Organizational Structure



On-going Research Projects and Consultation

1. **A New Sustainability Model Based on Initiatives of Malayunesian Rulers before the Nineteenth Century and Islamic Values, University Malaya Research Grant (UMRG)**
(Principle Investigator: Shaharir Mohamad Zain)
2. **A Study of the Development of Bioethics in Malaysia with a Special Focus on the Role of Indigenous Values and Systems in the Determination of Attitudes and Regulations of the Applications of Selected Biotechnologies, University Malaya Research Grant (UMRG)**
(Principal Investigator: Azizan Baharuddin)
3. **Dialogue Practices in Malaysia and Their Impact on the 1Malaysia Concept: Case Study of Students at the University of Malaya, Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS)**
(Principal Investigator: Azizan Baharuddin)
4. **Studies of the Environmental Ethical Values Inherent in the Indigenous Corpus and Lifestyle of the Malays, Flagship Programme: Humanities and The Environment**
(Principle Investigator: Azizan Baharuddin)
5. **Kem Dialog Peradaban (Civilisational Dialogue Camp)**
(Consultation)



*Thank you so much
Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin!*

The Director of UMCCD, Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin was appointed the new Deputy Director-General of the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM). Professor Azizan officially serving IKIM starting from 1 November 2011 and the appointment was made on loan from University of Malaya for two years.

During her 20 odd years of service at UMCCD, Professor Azizan is a passionate and dedicated Director and her enthusiasm permeates all the people at the Centre. She loves her work and is always willing to go the extra mile in ensuring that everything goes as smoothly as possible.

In addition, with her vast experience and knowledge in the areas of civilisational dialogue, values and philosophy, environmental ethics, bioethics, human and sustainable development as well as science and religion, Professor Azizan provides good guidance and advices for those around her, be it colleagues, co-researchers, students or friends.

UMCCD would like to convey its sincere appreciation for her many years of untiring efforts and dedicated service at the Centre and wishes her all the best at IKIM and in the future!



Thank You Miss Priah Applaniadu!



The Research Contract for one of our Research Assistants had ended on the 30 November 2011. Miss Priah Applaniadu, born in Kampong Bagan Datoh, Perak started working in UMCCD for the research project, “A study of the Development of Bioethics in Malaysia with a Special Focus on the Role of Indigenous Values and Systems in the Determination of Attitudes and Regulations of the Applications of Selected Biotechnologies” since 2009.

UMCCD would like to record its appreciation for her dedicated service at the Centre and wishes her all the best in the future!



Welcome To The Centre!

Two new members joined the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue recently!



Dr. Zuraidah Abdullah

Dr. Zuraidah Binti Abdullah is the Deputy Director at the Centre for civilisational dialogue, UM since September 2011. Concurrently, she is a lecturer at the Academy of Malay Studies, UM. She obtained both her Ph.D and Master's degrees from University of Malaya (UM). Her researches mainly focus on Leadership, Learning Organization (LO), Professional Learning Communities (PLC), Education Policy, Management and Administration and Malay Civilization. In 2010, she had her three months' attachment with the University of Glasgow under the collaboration program on MSc Organisational Leadership and MEd Studies Understanding Leadership. Currently, Dr. Zuraidah is the

Assistant Secretary for the International Conference of Education Management, Administration and Leadership (ICEMAL) since 2011. In 2009, she becoming the member of the International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement (ICSEI).



Fadhirul Hezley bin Juhari

Fadhirul Hezley bin Juhari is a graduate from University of Malaya, majoring in Malay Language and minoring in Malay Literature. He was born in 1988 in Pontian, Johor. He is appointed as the University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) officer for a period of one year. He is currently pursuing his Master's degree in Academy of Malay Studies (APM), University of Malaya.

The University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue warmly welcomes the new members and wishes them the very best. Congratulations!

Upcoming Events

16 February 2012

Discourse on The Greatest Scientists of All Times : Ibn Haytham & Al Razi by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Fahmi Mahmoud.
Collaboration with Islamic Studies Academy, UM

14 March 2012

Public Lecture by Datuk Seri Hj. Mohd Ali Mohd Rustam (Chief Minister, Malacca)

29 March 2012

Wacana Ketamadunan: Ilmu Malayonesia (Civilisational Discourse: Malayonesian Knowledge) by Dr. Shaharir Mohamad Zain (Senior Research Fellow at UMCCD). Collaboration with Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka & Academy of Malay Studies, UM

5 April 2012

Public Lecture by Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar (Deputy CEO of the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies, Malaysia (IAIS))

12 April 2012

Public Lecture by Dato Syed Abdul Rahman Al Habshi (Pengerusi, Badan Gabungan Persatuan Penduduk, Rukun Tetangga dan NGO Bandar Tun Razak)

19 April 2012

Public Lecture by Dr. Zulkifli (Research Fellow at UMCCD from Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta)

Upcoming Visiting Scholars

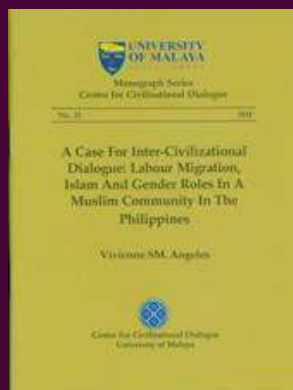
Dr. Stefan Bucher

Dr. Stefan Bucher is an Associate Professor and Research Fellow at the Sultan Idris University of Education, Malaysia. He has been a Member of the Hong Kong Examinations Authority and a (Board) Member of various academic organizations. He also serves on the advisory boards for academic publications as well as for NGOs. His publications are concerned with foreign language learning and teaching, intercultural learning, philosophy of language and culture, cultural aspects of globalization and human rights.

Dr. Zulkifli

Dr. Zulkifli is currently teaching at Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University in Jakarta. He had been a lecturer at State Institute for Islamic Studies (IAIN) in Palembang, South Sumatera (1991-2007) before he was appointed as the rector of the newly established state college for Islamic Studies in Bangka Belitung. The areas of his teaching, writing and research interest include Islamic education, Islamic movements, and anthropology.

Publication



Title: Monograph 21: A Case For Inter-Civilizational Dialogue: Labour Migration, Islam And Gender Roles In A Muslim Community In The Philippines

Price: RM 15.00

ISBN: 978-983-3070-37-4

Author: Vivienne SM. Angeles

Almost two decades after Samuel Huntington's clash of civilizations theory was published in *Foreign Affairs*, the debates and discussions on the theory continue. Huntington sees civilizations as separated from each other by irreconcilable fault lines with religion providing the source of both identity and conflict. The theory assumes monolithic civilizations, and presents Islam as homogenous and as the radical other. This essay does not share Huntington's view of monolithic civilizations clashing but instead looks at these civilizations on the ground and notes the varieties of expressions of religion as well as the reality and other possibilities for positive engagement among peoples.

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