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Emeritus Professor Dr. Shaharir Mohd Zain explaining the exhibition content on the science of old Malay to Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yasin, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, during the celebration of UNESCO Day 2014 at Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur.

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UNESCO's World Philosophy Day 2014

Be the Change You Want to See in the World

In establishing World Philosophy Day in 2005, UNESCO's General Conference highlighted the importance of this discipline, especially for young people, underlining that "philosophy is a discipline that encourages critical and independent thought and is capable of working towards a better understanding of the world and promoting tolerance and peace."

Source from <http://en.unesco.org/events/world-philosophy-day-2014>

The UNESCO's World Philosophy Day is celebrated on every third Thursday in November every year to give awareness to the values of philosophy for the development of human thoughts for each culture and individual.

The theme for 2014 was 'Intercultural Dialogue in the Perspective of Social Transformation'.

Adopting Mahatma Gandhi's famous quote, 'Be the Change that You Want to See in the World', the quote was chosen as the theme for the annual seminar organised by the University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC), on 20 November 2014.

Y.Bhg. Professor Datuk Dr. Sufean Hussin, a Professor at the Faculty of Education, was invited to deliver a keynote address on education entitled, 'Education for meaningful life and civil

society: Rethinking our situation'. In his speech, he focused on seven main ideas; history and images of events in the world, learning knowledge, the structure and content of knowledge to match the life cycle and human development, lifelong learning process, meaningful or deep learning, pragmatism and liberalism as well as idealism of development and progress of the society.

Around 30 participants attended the seminar including UM staff and students. The question-and-answer (Q&A) session saw participants inquiring further on the concepts of philosophy, while trying to relate them in the many real world situations today. Unfortunately, the much anticipated roundtable session was unable to be conducted due to time-constraint.



Professor Datuk Dr. Sudean Hussin (in black suit) posed with his two graduate students, Dr. Mohammad Ismath Ramzy (far left), Emer. Professor Dr. Shaharir Mohd Zain and Assoc. Prof. Dr Faridah Noor Mohd Noor

UNESCO's International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples 2014



Assoc. Prof. Dr Ramy Bulan, Head of Centre of Malaysian Indigenous Studies (CMIS) delivering her welcoming speech

Indigenous Cultural Heritage: Preserving the Past to Sustain the Future

The Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and UNESCO Club (UMUC), in collaboration with the Centre of Malaysian Indigenous Studies (CMIS) and the Faculty of Law, organised the National Seminar on Indigenous People- “Indigenous Cultural Heritage: Preserving the Past to Sustain the Future” on 5 November 2014.

Among the objectives of the seminar were to promote the understanding of indigenous peoples' cultural heritage and preservation, share perspective and best practices on the realization of the rights of indigenous peoples, and facilitate recognition of the importance of digitalizing and sustaining the cultural tradition of indigenous peoples as

a method to pass on the cultural heritage to the younger generation and the world.

It attracted more than 80 participants from the Department of Orang Asli Affairs (JAKOA), the Centre for Orang Asli Concerns (COAC), Gerai OA, Yayasan myNadi, Bar Council Malaysia, Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (SUHAKAM) and UM Cares.

Professor Dr. Azirah Hashim, Dean of Humanities and Ethics (HNE), University of Malaya officiated the event, followed by a keynote address by Professor Bradford Morse from Waikato University, New Zealand on 'Intellectual property problems: International instruments, considering settler-indigenous treaty solution'.



Professor Bradford Morse during his keynote speech



The forum session with panelists and moderator



Representatives from SUHAKAM, AsyikFM and Dr. Marina Roseman, an orang Asli anthropologist



Dato' Yahya Awang presenting his paper on Orang Asli's development

The Seminar

The seminar was divided into three sessions: 'Self Determination and Development of Indigenous Peoples', 'Customary and Aboriginal Land Rights' and 'Indigenous Knowledge and Heritage'.

LIST OF SPEAKERS

First Session: Self Determination and Development of Indigenous Peoples

Moderator: Dato' Yahya Awang

1. Dato' Yahya Awang (CMIS, UM)
2. Dr Nik Musaadah Mustapha (FRIM, Kepong)
3. Dr Rusaslina Idrus (FASS, UM)

Second Session: Customary and Aboriginal Land Rights

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramy Bulan

1. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramy Bulan (CMIS, UM)
2. Dr. Yogeswaran Subramaniam (Malaysian Bar)
3. Mdm Izawati Wook (FSU, USIM)

Third Session: Indigenous Knowledge and Heritage

Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Faridah Noor Mohd Noor

1. Mr Shahar "Shaq" Koyok (Orang Asli's artist)
2. Dr. Welyne Jeffrey Jehom (FASS, UM)
3. Mr Herbert Wong (Temuan Eco-Culture and Heritage Park)
4. Prof. Dr. Jacqueline Pugh-Kitingan (UMS)

Do you know?

The International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples was first proclaimed by the General Assembly in December 1994, to be celebrated every year on **9th August**

The Forum

Later, the forum on 'Future of the Cultural Heritage and Rights of Indigenous Peoples' was joined by the panels, Mr Mohd Shahnaz Yazid (JAKOA), Professor Dr. Jacqueline Pugh-Kitingan (Universiti Malaysia Sabah) and Associate Professor Dr. Juli Edo (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences). It was moderated by Associate Professor Dr. Faridah Noor Mohd Noor, Director of UMCCD.

Conclusion

The United Nations' (UN) International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on August 9th each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population. It also recognizes the achievements and contributions that indigenous peoples make to improve world issues, such as the environmental protection.

Archives at Risk: Much More to Do



The judges and the participants posed after the prize-giving ceremony

Organised by the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and UNESCO Club (UMUC), in collaboration with the Department of Media Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, this year's World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2014 was celebrated by a video documentary competition!

The competition day was held on 24 December 2014 and attracted the participation of UM students. Students were required to shoot and produce a short documentary on the preservation of Asian's culture exhibits at the Museum

of Asian Arts, UM. The participants were given two weeks to submit their videos according to their creativity.

The videos were then brought to the attention and evaluated by a panel of judges; Associate Professor Dr. Hamed Adnan and Associate Professor Datin Dr. Hasmah Zanuddin from the Department of Media Studies and Professor Emeritus Dr. Shaharir Mohd Zain, Senior Research Fellow at UMCCD.

A small ceremony was held afterward to present the winners with certificates of participation and mock cheques. Congratulations to all winners!

And the winners are....

First Place

Nadzirah Meor Abdul Wadud
Nasrudin Raja Sulaiman
Fadial Jamaludin

Second Place

Mohd Ariff Jonaidi
Faiq Haji Jasni
Awangku Mohd. Wazien Pg. Ya'akub

Third Place

Nur Farhana Abdul Karim
Nur Amalina Malik
Muhammad Azrie Johari Kamil
Adib Fithrie Mukhtar

Fourth Place

Wong Sin Yee
Rachelle Kong Shin Min
Chong Yan Xin

Fifth Place

Chew Yee Wen
Tiew Jing Yee
Chunhong Du
Goh Pei Yin

What is Audiovisual Day Celebration All About?

Audiovisual documents, such as films, radio and television programmes, are our common heritage and contain the primary records of the 20th and 21st centuries. They help to maintain the cultural identity of a people; but countless documentary treasures have disappeared since the invention of image and sound technologies that permit the peoples of the world to better share their experiences, creativity and knowledge.

All of the world's audiovisual heritage is endangered. Nowhere can it be said to be preserved, but through initiatives such as the World Day for Audiovisual Heritage and the Memory of the World Programme, the precious work of preservation professionals is given impetus to manage a range of technical, political, social, financial and other factors that threaten the safeguarding of our heritage.

It was in this context, that the General Conference in 2005 approved the commemoration of a World Day for Audiovisual Heritage as a mechanism to raise general awareness of the need for urgent measures to be taken and to acknowledge the importance of audiovisual documents as an integral part of national identity.

(Excerpt from <http://www.un.org/en/events/audiovisualday/>)

UNESCO's International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2014

The Celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities

More than 40 participants attended the campus' celebration of the UNESCO's International Day on Persons with Disabilities on 12 December 2014.

The event was officiated by Professor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Students Affair, University of Malaya (UM).

Organised by the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD), UNESCO Club (UMUC) and the Za'aba Residential College (Seventh), it was held at Seri Jati Room of the said residential college.

The event saw Associate Professor Dr. Faridah Noor Mohd Noor, Director of UMCCD and Associate Professor Dr. Rohana Jani, the College's Master delivered welcoming speeches to the participants, consisting of students and families of deaf children.

The families' representatives received a copy of Kamus BIM: A Handshape Dictionary, a product of collaborative research funded by UM and a leading property developer in Malaysia, SP Setia.

Three speakers were invited to share their

experiences in and within the local disabled community:

1. Mr Mohd Shahir Ramli, President of Persatuan Mahasiswa Istimewa UM (PERMIUM);
2. Mr Meor Mohd Reza Meor Hazizi, author of the 'The Greatest Gift' and a father of disabled child;
3. Mr Mohd Zaini Mat Abas, Chairman of Yayasan Pendidikan Al-Quran bagi Anak Istimewa (Yayasan FAQEH).

The audience was also able to learn basic Malaysian Sign Language (MySL) from a sign language interpreter, Mr. Syar Meeze Mohd Rashid from Yayasan FAQEH, who generously helped interpreting the event for the day.

The International Day on Persons with Disabilities is observed on December 3rd annually as proclaimed in 1992, by the United Nations General Assembly resolution 47/3. It aims to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities.

1. Professor Datuk Dr. Rohana Yusof delivering her speech while being interpreted by Mr Syar Meeze Mohd Rashid from Yayasan FAQEH



2. The crowd attending the celebration



3. Mr. Meor Amer Reza gave a talk on his book, The Greatest Gift, about his disabled son and the numerous challenges they face



Sambutan Hari UNESCO 2014



1. Profesor Emeritus Dr. Shaharir Mohd Zain berjabat tangan dengan Timbalan Perdana Menteri (TPM), Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yasin

2. Mempersembahkan bahan pameran kepada TPM

3. Bahagian depan pameran PDP

Berempat di Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur, Kelab UNESCO Universiti Malaya (UMUC) telah mewakili universiti dengan mengadakan pameran bertajuk, “Pameran Sains Malayonesia dalam Bahasa Melayu” bersempena sambutan Hari UNESCO 2014. Ia bertujuan mempersembahkan kewujudan sains dalam Bahasa Melayu sejak abad ke-5 Masihi(M), yang jauh mendahului sains dari tamadun berbahasa Inggeris, sehinggalah abad ke-18M.

Ia amat bertepatan dengan tema Hari UNESCO 2014, “Warisan Kita, Warisan Dunia.” Pameran ini diketuai oleh Dr. Shaharir Mohamad Zain dari Pusat Dialog Peradaban (PDP) dan Dr. Mohammad Alinor Abdul Kadir dari Akademi Sains Islam Malaysia (ASASI). Antara bahan yang dipamerkan ialah Astronomi/Horasatera Cenla, Falak dari Manuskrip Syaddad al-Himyari 1761, Manuskrip Astronomi-Kosmologi al-Ranyry 1639, Manuskrip Trigonometri: Manuskrip Syarah Jawahir Syaykh Ahmad Sanawi MKM535360 tahun 1826, MI 201 tahun 1880 dan Manuskrip Nukhbaah al-Bahiyah 1893 oleh Ahmad Khatib al-

Minangkabawi, Kepemimpinan dan Kepimpinan; prasasti Cakravantin dan Talang Tuwo dan Tib. Manuskrip, buku Bontius 1642 (perihal perubatan Jawa) dalam Latin-Belanda-Inggeris (*On Tropical Medicine*), dan buku kajian tib oleh Harun Mat Piah.

Sambutan Hari UNESCO kali ini telah dirasmikan oleh Timbalan Perdana Menteri, Tan Sri Dato’ Hj Muhyiddin Hj Mohd Yassin, merangkap Presiden Suruhanjaya Kebangsaan UNESCO Malaysia (SKUM). Selepas majlis perasmian, Tan Sri Muhyiddin meluangkan masa berkunjung ke tapak pameran dan berkesempatan mendengar taklimat ringkas daripada Dr Shaharir mengenai bahan yang dipamerkan. Apa yang mengujakan, beliau turut menyokong hasil usaha murni Dr. Shaharir dan berharap agar penyelidikan ini diteruskan dengan lebih mendalam.

Pameran yang berlangsung selama dua hari dari pukul 9.00 pagi sehingga 6.30 petang ini mendapat sambutan hangat daripada para pengunjung. Rata-rata berharap agar pameran seperti ini dapat diteruskan pada masa akan datang.

Pameran ini diketuai oleh Dr. Shaharir Mohamad Zain dari Pusat Dialog Peradaban (PDP) dan Dr. Mohammad Alinor Abdul Kadir dari Akademi Sains Islam Malaysia (ASASI).

1. Pembentang bergambar bersama peserta

2. Prof. Madya Dr. Fisol Maidin membentangkan kertas kerja

3. Dr. Muhammad Alinor Abdul Kadir turut membuat pembentangan



Seminar Falsafah dan Hikmah Melayu

Pada 13 Disember 2014, Seminar Falsafah dan Hikmah Melayu telah dianjurkan di Bilik Seminar Katha, Pusat Dialog Peradaban (PDP). Ia telah dirasmikan oleh Profesor Madya Dr. Faridah Noor Mohd. Noor, selaku pengarah pusat ini.

Para peserta yang terlibat terdiri daripada pelajar, penyelidik dan pensyarah dari Universiti Malaya (UM), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) Akademi Sains Islam Malaysia (ASASI), Pertubuhan Amal Kebajikan Sahsiah Islam Malaysia (PAKSI), Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM) dan Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP).

Kutipan data-data yang bercirikan budaya dan tradisi Melayu ini telah membuktikan bahawa masyarakat Melayu dahulu telah memiliki satu model peradaban lengkap.

Sebanyak empat kertas kerja telah dibentangkan oleh empat penyelidik tersohor dalam bidang ini. Pembentangan pertama disampaikan oleh Dr. Mohammad Alinor Abdul Kadir dari Akademi Sains Islam Malaysia, tentang 'Falsafah Perpaduan Kaum Berdasarkan Data Melayonesia'. Beliau mengutarakan model perpaduan berdasarkan fakta-fakta sejarah Rumpun Bangsa Melayu dan turut menyelongkar nilai perpaduan dalam konteks yang lebih besar dengan data-data perpaduan yang diperoleh daripada pelbagai sumber lama yang belum disentuh oleh pengkaji lain.

Seterusnya, Profesor Madya Dr. Fisol Maidin dari Universiti Teknologi MARA membentangkan

tajuk, 'Pandai Kayu dan Kejuruteraan Perahu Melayu'. Beliau menerangkan bahawa kaedah pembinaan perahu di alam Melayu diwarisi daripada ilmu pertukangan Melayu lama. Kaedah perintisan tradisional yang diamalkan oleh masyarakat Melayu dahulu dipanggil, "melihat dan mengikut".

Ia diteruskan lagi oleh Profesor Emeritus Dr. Shaharir Mohd. Zain dari PDP yang membentangkan mengenai 'Kosmologi Malayonesia yang Terungkap dalam Bahasa Melayu'. Beliau cuba melontarkan beberapa sistem kepercayaan, nilai, pegangan hidup dan pandangan alam orang Melayu, antaranya Hambawanisme, Arupaisme, Kebatinan, Tenungisme dan Mimpisme. Beliau turut memperlihatkan bahawa nilai kepercayaan dan amalan yang telah lama wujud ini menjadi falsafah dalam kehidupan masyarakat Melayu.

Pembentangan terakhir disampaikan oleh Y.Bhg. Datuk Dr. Awang Sariyan dari DBP bertajuk, 'Bahasa Rabbani Umat Bestari: Hakikat dan Peranan Bahasa Dalam Pembinaan Insan dan Tamadun'. Beliau menolak teori-teori barat yang rata-rata cuba meminggirkan peranan agama dalam pembentukan bahasa. Dakwanya, teori evolusi yang dibawa oleh barat sangat bercanggah dengan proses kejadian manusia seperti yang dijelaskan dalam al-Quran. Beliau menegaskan bahawa bahasa adalah sumbangan yang penting dalam pembangunan tamadun bangsa.

Secara keseluruhannya, program ini telah mengupas ciri-ciri dan identiti masyarakat di alam Melayu yang telah lama wujud. Kutipan data-data yang bercirikan budaya dan tradisi Melayu ini telah membuktikan bahawa masyarakat Melayu dahulu telah memiliki satu model peradaban lengkap. Penganjuran program seperti ini membuka peluang kepada para penyelidik dan pelajar untuk berinteraksi dengan mereka yang tersohor dalam ilmu peradaban Melayu.

The Production and Re-Production of National and Other Clichés in the International Press

This public lecture was conducted at the Auditorium, Department of Media Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences on 27 November 2014



The English press, he claimed, were not above resorting to jokes and sarcasms while describing unfortunate events as opposed to their German counterparts.

Professor Dr. Gerhard Leitner addressing the audience during his talk

SPEAKER'S CV

Gerhard Leitner is a Professor at the Department of English, Freie Universitaet Berlin, Germany and currently a Visiting Professor at the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He has a wide range of research interests, such as global English and its varieties especially in Australia and Asia, language contact, and sociolinguistics of mass media.

In his lecture, Professor Leitner relayed how the international press produce and re-produce the news that the public consumed every day. In the beginning, he noted that the press idealistically, should report news as objective as they could without bias, as this helped to perpetuate prejudice and negative attitudes among the public.

Although this might be adhered to in broadcast and serious print media, bias and the re-production of prejudice did occur and sometimes seemed unavoidable. As a linguist investigating language in media, he explored the application of Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), a multidisciplinary method of analysing language in

a larger context rather than depending on the text itself.

Among his examples were the news about sports and how they were portrayed from one print media to another. Where images, headlines and texts intertwined, he found that biasness did occur in news, in which the nature of “we” versus “them” was rampant. He also compared how the English-language reporting of different countries were different in style and manner. The English press, he claimed, were not above resorting to jokes and sarcasms while describing unfortunate events as opposed to their German counterparts.

Conclusively, his lecture had given the opportunity for the audience to understand how language in the press has the power to affect and sway the public's judgement based on their bias and prejudice attitude towards certain events.

Conflict Resolution Process and Prospects for Paradigm Shift

This public lecture was conducted at the Katha Room, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue on 9 October 2014

As an expert in conflict resolution, Dr. Hilal's background (he hails from Kashmir) was truly reflected in this lecture. In the beginning, he introduced four major theories on conflicts and elaborated upon them. These theories; 'Why Men Rebel' by Robert Ted Gurr, 'Theory of Cultural Violence and Structural Imperialism' by John Galtung, 'Theory of Sharing of Powers' by Donald Horowitz, and the 'Theory of Cause and Effect' of Alfred Fried formed the basis of his research.

Dr. Hilal also explained the real objectives and final assessment and findings of his research. He elucidated his topic from different angles and he gave numerous examples so that audience could understand the topic and be able to pose questions.

SPEAKER'S CV

Hilal Ahmad Wani holds a PhD in Political Science from the Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University. His research interest include Peace and Conflict Resolution, Conflict Management, Conflict Transformation and the Kashmir Conflict. He is a Research Fellow at UMCCD.

The first question was posed by Prof. Dr. Shaharir Md. Zain from UMCCD. He asked how we [the people] can attain peace and happiness in this world? Dr. Hilal's responded by saying that peace and happiness are complementary to each other; in a way that they are the two sides of the same coin.

Another question was asked by one of the students from University of Malaya. He asked whether the [ongoing] conflict has really affected the economy of Kashmir? Dr. Hilal answered that it did affect the economic conditions of the people of Jammu and Kashmir severely. There were destructions of billions and trillions of dollars due to cycle of violence in Kashmir. Dr. Hilal told the stories of

the burning of houses, shops, buses, schools, and other properties.

Peace and happiness are complementary to each other; in a way that they are the two sides of the same coin.

The last question was asked by another scholar of University of Malaya on why did Pakistan give one small portion of Kashmir to China after 1962 war between India and China? He responded by saying that it has geo-strategic factors, be it economic, political or defence liaison between Pakistan and China. Pakistan relations with China were often amicable and peaceful. Most of the time,

China assisted Pakistan in various fields, be it economic or political. Since the Aksai Chin area was matching with



Dr. Hilal smiling while delivering his lecture

area of China therefore, Pakistan just gave this part to China. The said area is empty land with no population, but has great strategic importance for China.

Contributions of Women to Peace and Dialogue: Sri Lankan Experience

This public lecture was conducted at the Katha Room, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue on 9 October 2014

The lecture highlights women's contributions to peace in Sri Lanka with special reference to the Northern part of the country since the end of the thirty year ethnic war (1982-2009). He reiterated that women's participation in peace and dialogue has been marginalized in peacebuilding literatures particularly in Asian countries. Absence of women participation in peace negotiating tables, dearth of leadership in peace delegation, traditional beliefs as well as patriarchal norms and practices would be some reasons for this situation.



Dr. Ramzy making gestures to illustrate his point

SPEAKER'S CV

Mohammad Ismath

Ramzy received his PhD in Comparative Religion from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) in 2012. His interest extends toward peace, multiculturalism, co-existence, interfaith dialogue, contemporary Asian religious thoughts and Islamization of Knowledge. He is a Research Fellow at UMCCD.

Conversely, he said, women not only contribute to implement peace packages but also to develop positive psychology. Dr Ramzy evidenced his observation and experience in data collection in Sri Lanka.

According to him, the experience in data collection showed that women are more active than men in the peace process in Sri Lanka. It is because; in post war situation, men are either direct victims of war or suspects of violence. Therefore, they are intense security observation to evade relapsing of war. Thus, men are allowed to move with limited access in the society. Women, in that particular situation, have to take leading positions in peace process and social development while attending to socio economic needs of the family.

Dr Ramzy indicated that the majority of women organizations working for peace and harmony in Sri Lanka, unfortunately, implement INGOs' programmes rather than attending to the problems of the people. Dependency on INGO for funds, lack of trained leaderships, lack of researchers and government support as well as local authorities are some of the reasons for this situation. The focus of these organizations is Women empowerment, Sexual abuse, Domestic

Violence, Legal consultation and Human rights. A majority of them strive for political decision making as their primary goal. Power sharing on the equal basis is another aim of these organizations as it is challenged in the country due to militarization.

He said that these women organizations have workers and volunteers from different cultural and religious backgrounds. However, they do not have cultural, religious and other barriers, as these are common problems to all communities.

He also observed these women organizations have to educate and train the workers and the volunteers with different religions and cultures, as they are required to interact with different communities for peace process as well as socio political development. Therefore, they organized dialogue sessions and interfaith initiatives as a part of their mission. They have achieved considerable social coherent among the Hindus and Muslims in Northern part of the county, which had broken during the war.

International Conference on Library Space and Content Management for Networked Society (IC.LISCOM-2014)

The first annual International Conference on Library Space and Content Management for Networked Society (IC.LISCOM) was held on 18-20 October 2014, in association with the Christ University (Bangalore), the Indian Library Association (ILA), the Liverpool Hope University, Liverpool (UK), and the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (Malaysia).

The conference was attended by the current and former UMCCD's Directors, Assoc. Professor Dr. Faridah Noor Mohd Noor and

Assoc. Professor Dr. Raihanah Hj. Abdullah respectively and Mr Nasaruddin Saravanan, a representative from University of Malaya's (UM) Library.

IC.LISCOM is intended to equip the librarians with required knowledge for developing physical facilities as well as building capability for critical and creative use of space in higher education and research libraries.

With this collaboration, it is hoped that the Centre and other collaborators gained much needed knowledge in this field for the future.



UMCCD welcomes New Deputy Director

The Centre for Civilisational Dialogue welcomed our new Deputy Director in January 2015. In addition to her role as the new deputy, Dr. Shahreen Mat Nayan is also Senior Lecturer at the Department of Media Studies, University of Malaya. Dr. Shahreen obtained her B.A. in Communication (Advertising) *Magna Cum Laude* from the University of Hartford, USA. She began her academic career in 1998 as a Tutor at Multimedia University, Melaka where she taught in the the Faculty of Creative Multimedia.

In 1999, Dr. Shahreen pursued her M.A. in Education at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia after she was awarded a full scholarship from the Ministry of Education Malaysia. Upon completing her masters, Dr. Shahreen served as a Lecturer and Public Relations Officer at Politeknik Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, Shah Alam. Between July and December 2006, she was also contributing writer for The Halal Journal Magazine.

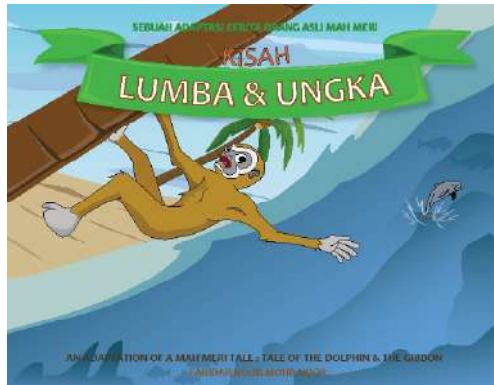
After seven years in Shah Alam, Dr. Shahreen left for the University of Denver, Colorado, USA where she obtained her PhD in Communication (Rhetoric). Her PhD dissertation explores comparative and non-violent rhetoric, and its significance in a world of conflict. During her studies in Denver, she was a recipient of three research



awards - Arts Humanities and Social Science Divisional Dissertation Fellowship (2011-2012), Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship for Inclusive Engagement (2011-2012), and Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship for Inclusive Excellence (2009-2010).

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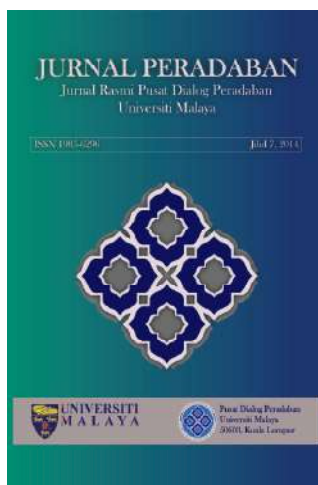
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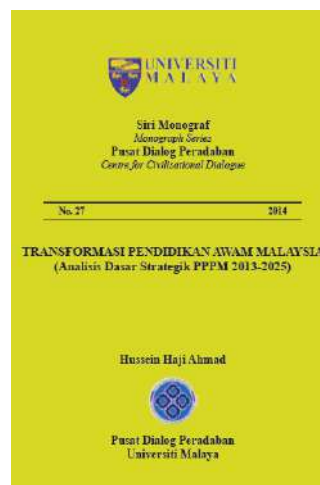
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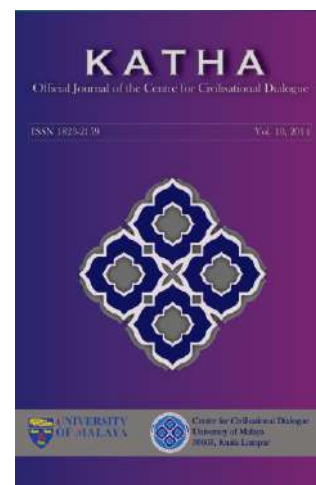
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