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## VICE CHANCELLOR'S NEW YEAR ADDRESS 2024

[Professor Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman, the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia with the Minister of Higher Education, YB Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir. Source: <https://www.mohe.gov.my>



On the 19th February 2024, the Vice Chancellor delivered his 2024 New Year Address at the Dewan Tunku Canselor, Universiti Malaysia. The Address was also broadcasted online via the Universiti Malaysia Youtube page. All staff members of Universiti Malaysia were invited.

Professor Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman, Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia, introduced the UM New Reform Plan Strategy, after taking into account the Higher Education Roadmap 2024 delivered by YB Minister of Higher Education. He emphasised the relevance of the earlier Universiti Malaysia Transformation Plan Strategy but highlighted the improvisations to be made in 2024.

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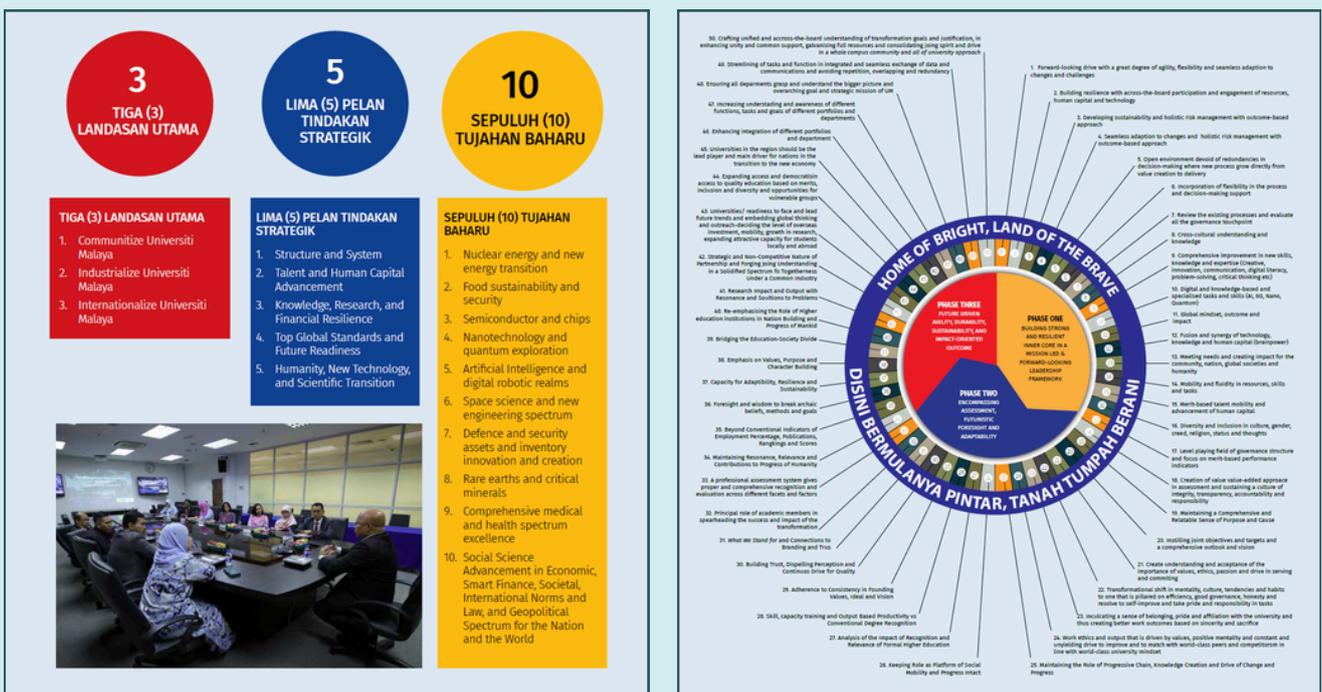
# VICE CHANCELLOR'S NEW YEAR ADDRESS 2024



Professor Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman Professor presented a new strategy framework that integrates three main tracks, five cores Strategic Action Plan, ten New Thrusts, three Transition Phases, 50 Action Targets, and one New Statement. The three transition phases are: [1] Building strong and resilient inner core in a mission led & forward-looking leadership framework, [2] Encompassing assessment, futuristic foresight and adaptability, and [3] Future driven agility, durability, sustainability, and impact-oriented outcome. The 50 action targets include incorporation of flexibility in the process & decision-making support, merit-based talent mobility & advancement of human capital, as well as ensuring all departments grasp and understand the bigger picture and overarching goals and strategic mission of UM.

The Vice Chancellor added that the future of internationalisation will involve strategic worldwide amplification of tactics through new branding, collaborations, and regional targeting and impact, which will focus on six key internationalization initiatives. He also stated that he aims to develop the university into a world-class institution with a future-driven workforce and a pool of talented individuals who can explore new frontiers of excellence.

## UNIVERSITI MALAYA'S NEW TAGLINE "HOME OF THE BRIGHT, LAND OF THE BRAVE"



Source: Amanat Naib Canselor 2024



## WORKSHOP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSFORMATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP MODULE FOR THE NATIONAL PLANETARY HEALTH ACTION PLAN

Organisers and participants on the final day of the workshop at MAHSA.

The Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) received a letter of appointment of strategic collaboration from the Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) to develop the "Transformational Sustainability Leadership Training Module for the National Planetary Health Action Plan (NPHAP)" between October 2023 until March 2024. In order to pilot test the project, UMCCD organised a workshop with representatives from various organisations from the government, non-government and academic sectors to ensure that the content of the module is up to the mark.

The main objective of the workshop was to facilitate the development of participants' knowledge, skills, and motivation to address the topic of Planetary Health through our daily life at the personal, communal and national level. The sessions were crafted to enhance participants' awareness on the impact of human-driven changes to the planet as well as to provide a comprehensive understanding of the concept of Planetary Health and its relevance to our existence, locally and globally. The module also emphasised ethics and values as well as nature-based solutions in tackling the multi-faceted planetary health issues. Most critically, the module aimed at behavioural change based on a proper understanding of the concept of "Transformational Sustainability Leadership" as well as to get feedback in the context of future mitigation and planetary friendly strategies from the participants.

The pilot workshop on "Development of Transformational Sustainability Leadership Module for National Planetary Health Action Plan (NPHAP)" was effectively carried out from February 28th, 2024 (Wednesday) to March 1st, 2024 (Friday) at the Urban Living Residence, MAHSA Avenue, Block B, Level 4, Jalan Ilmu, Off Jalan Universiti, 59100 Kuala Lumpur.



Module writers and team presenting their chapters (first and second images from left) and demonstrating composting methods (third image).

The event commenced with a welcoming address from YBhg. Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Director of the University Malaya Center for Civilizational Dialogue, serving as both organiser and head of the research project. Following this, the agenda featured presentations by module writers, group discussions, and participant-led presentation sessions over the subsequent two days. Additionally, participants engaged in outdoor activities and field trips to Taman Rimba Ilmu, Universiti Malaya, during the afternoon session on the second day. The concluding day included a Closing Ceremony and Certificate Presentation, featuring a closing speech by Professor Dr. Noorsaadah Abdul Rahman, Chairman of the National Planetary Health Action Plan Research & Education Pillar, Academy of Science Malaysia. Participants also had an opportunity to present their views, providing valuable feedback and suggestions to the organising committee and module writers. The module writers include Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Dr. Fong Chng Saun, Ir. Dr. Mas Sahidayana Mohktar, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ng Boon Kwee, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zeeda Fatimah Mohamad, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli, Dr. Asmawati Muhamad, Ms. Norani Abu Bakar, Ms. Norshahzila Idris, Dr. Azizi Abu Bakar, Mr. Mohd Fadhli Rahmat Fakri, Mr. Affan Nasaruddin, Ms. Nuratikah Mohd Zainodin, Mr. Chang Lee Wei, Mrs. Nur Lisa Mohd Yusoff, Mr. Mohd Noor Musa, Mrs. Siti Norasiah Abd. Kadir, Mrs. Mairuz Asmarafariza Azlan, and Mr. Hisyamuddin Che Harun.

The workshop was important for professionals across diverse sectors, encapsulating an innovative framework that bridges sectors fostering a holistic understanding of interconnected resources in pursuit of sustainable development. Participants were challenged to consider the consequences of their decisions, foreseeing potential trade-offs and synergies to enable the design, evaluation, and prioritisation of cross-sectoral solutions aimed at balancing human civilization's health and planetary health. Beyond being an educational initiative, the workshop served as a **call to action**, inspiring participants to apply their newfound knowledge to effect tangible change, and in the process manifesting a leadership that is transformational and sustainable.



Prof. Dr. Noorsaadah Abdul Rahman delivering a speech.



Participants presenting their feedbacks and suggestions, moving forward after the workshop.



Presentation of certificate to participants.



Group photo in front of Rimba Ilmu Botanical Garden, UM.

In conclusion, the workshop left participants feeling empowered and motivated to integrate their learnings into their work to support the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The workshop was considered as an enriching and practical learning experience by all involved.



**[From left:** YBrs. Prof. Dr. Azlinda Azman (Director General of Higher Education), YB Datuk Ts. Mustapha Sakmud (Deputy Minister of Higher Education), YB Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambrly Abd Kadir (Minister of Higher Education), YBhg. Datuk Mohamad Azhan bin Md. Amir Deputy Secretary General (Management And Development) and Prof. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman (Vice-Chancellor Universiti Malaya)

## LANDASAN HALA TUJU KEMENTERIAN PENDIDIKAN TINGGI TAHUN 2024

On January 12, at the Chancellor's Tunku Hall at Universiti Malaya, YB Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambrly Abd Kadir, Minister of Higher Education, concluded the Ministry of Higher Education's 2024 Roadmap Ceremony. Universiti Malaya was proud to take the lead in hosting this event. This event turned into a significant turning point in laying the groundwork for a strategic plan to improve the caliber and excellence of higher education, so fostering innovation and the advancement of knowledge's potential and advancing national development. YB Datuk Ts. Mustapha Sakmud, the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, and Mohamad Azhan Md. Amir, the Deputy Secretary General (Management and Development) of KPT were also present.

In his speech, the Minister of Higher Education (MOHE), YB Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambrly Abd Kadir, announced five (5) primary objectives which emphasises MOHE's planning and strategy for the year 2024: Preparation of the best national talent; strengthening the research and innovation ecosystem; new approach implementation of knowledge transfer and sharing program; internationalization of higher education; and strengthening enabling ecosystems.

The YB Minister also revealed 20 tracks that serve to raise the standard of higher education in the nation which were the result of various consultations with diverse parties. He also announced that the establishment of the "Jerayawara MADANI campus" for IPTs throughout the nation will help MOHE's management to monitor the policy implementation. Lastly, he extended an invitation to all KPT members to collaborate in order to raise the national reputation of higher education through exceptional work output and a spirit of teamwork.



[The Minister of Higher Education, YB Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambrly Abd Kadir delivering his speech. Source: <https://www.mohe.gov.my>

# GLOBAL COMPASSION TOWARDS RESILIENCE ECOSYSTEM



UMRAN2023 or the International Landscape Seminar “Global compassion towards resilience ecosystem” was held on the 4th January 2024, organised by the Department of Landscape Architecture, Kulliyyah of Architecture and Environmental Design, International Islamic University Malaysia (KAED, UIAM). UMCCD Director, Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, was invited as the keynote speaker. She presented a talk on “The Approach of *Adab*/Spiritual Values in Balancing Physical Development and Natural Resource Protection in Mitigating ‘Global Boiling’”. *Adab* emphasises ethical conduct, respect for nature, and mindfulness, integrating these principles into development strategies. By valuing spiritual and moral considerations alongside economic and technological advancement, societies can foster sustainable practices that harmonise human activity with environmental stewardship.

## ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE ON “CERAMAH AGAMA: KEPAKARAN & ADAB PENYAMPAIAN”



The Roundtable Dialogue was held as a response to a growing trend of negativities in the context of the sharing of information on social media over religious matters. Deeming the issues as requiring illumination in the concept of proper behaviour and ethics (*Adab* and *Akhlak*), on the 30th January 2024, the Religion, Philosophy and Civilisation Cluster under Akademi Profesor Malaysia organised a webinar entitled “*Ceramah Agama: Kepakaran dan Adab Penyampaian*” moderated by Emeritus Professor Dato’ Seri Dr. Md. Salleh Yaapar. UMCCD Director together with Emeritus Professor Dato’ Dr. Osman Bakar and Professor Dato’ Dr. Hassan Basri Awang Mat Dahan were the invited panelists. The main takeaways from the webinar were that religious discourses are a mode of communication used in the Islamic tradition to spread knowledge and strengthen faith. It serves as a vehicle for bringing people to Islam in accordance with the Quran’s teachings. Besides that, speakers of religion should be Muslims with specific knowledge of the faith and alim ulama is an institution that ought to be protected to the greatest extent feasible. Moreover, religious lectures should be given in an elegant way, using beautiful language and a straightforward preaching approach.

Director of UMCCD was invited to attend the MACC Anti-Corruption Consultation and Anti-Corruption Panel Meeting on 27 February 2024.

Director of UMCCD was invited as speaker at the Seminar of Public Management, organised by the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) & Majlis Agama Islam Selangor (MAIS) on 27 February 2024.



## VISIT TO AUTISM CAFE TRAINING CENTRE

Research fellow of UMCCD, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli together with UMMCD Associate member, Dr. Siti Patonah Mohamad, visited the Autism Cafe Training Centre to meet and discuss with Mr. Adli Yahya for future collaboration, on 17 January 2024. Among the activities discussed were workshop for module development, workshop with parents of autistic children, and symposium.



Participants of the roundtable series at the Baha'i National Centre

## PROTAGONISTS OF UNITY ROUNDTABLE SERIES: VALUES FOR A COHESIVE SOCIETY – A VISION FOR MALAYSIA

UMCCD was invited to attend a round table session on "Values for a Cohesive Society: A Vision for Malaysia" organised by the Baha'i Community of Malaysia. The roundtable session was attended by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli, UMCCD Research Fellow, as the UMCCD representative. The dialogue shed light on the various community's role and contribution to the unity of the country as a whole.

## VISIT BY STUDENTS FROM INDONESIA



Souvenir from the Sekolah SMAN 1 Pekanbaru Kota Pekanbaru Riau

On the 10th January 2024, students from Pekanbaru, Indonesia came to Universiti Malaya for an educationally and culturally stimulating visit. UMCCD Research Fellow, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli gave a thorough tour of the campus. The students engaged in interactive discussions during the visit's Q&A session, which brought vital insights about UM's campus life and future academic potential to light. In addition to giving the students a peek into higher education, the event encouraged new interests and aspirations in them.

## BOOK PUBLISHING WORKSHOP & FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION FOR THE MALAYSIA HARMONY CHARTER (PIAGAM HARMONI) PROJECT



|Team members of the Piagam Harmoni project, involving researchers from IKIM, UMCCD, APIUM and UMS

Researchers from the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM), as well as the UMCCD, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, and the Academy of Islamic Studies UM, have been working on analysing data and findings, and will propose the **Harmony Charter** for approval by the higher national authorities, which can be a guide to building a peaceful and harmonious country. On March 1 to March 3, 2024, the researchers attended a book publishing workshop for the project at the Bangi Resort Hotel and on March 6 to March 8, 2024, they conducted a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) at the Meridien Hotel in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The Malaysia Harmony Charter (*Piagam Harmoni*) project is anticipated to be launched in late 2024.

## VISIT BY THE INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHY, JAPAN



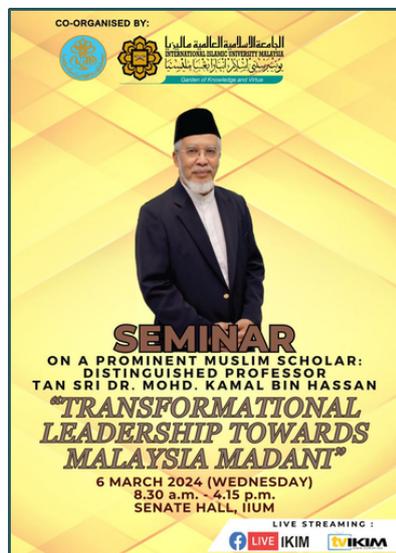
|Staffs of UMCCD and IOP taking a photo together after the discussion



|Souvenir from IOP to UMCCD

On March 5, a delegation from the Institute of Oriental Philosophy, Japan (IOP), an affiliate of the Soka Gakkai Malaysia, visited the Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD), where they met with the UMCCD Director and the research team of UMCCD. The visit reinforced their commitment to collaborate towards building a better world. Previously, in 2012, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between IOP and UMCCD was signed. Director General Koh Sia Feai led the delegation of SGM representatives during both visits.

# SEMINAR ON THE PROMINENT MUSLIM SCHOLAR: DISTINGUISHED PROF TAN SRI DR. MOHD KAMAL BIN HASSAN "TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP TOWARDS MALAYSIA MADANI"



PROGRAMME	
8.30 a.m.	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
	<b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>DR. MUHAMMAD HEYAM MOHAMAD</b> Director, Centre for Economic and Social Studies, Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM)
9.00 a.m.	<b>PRESENTATION 1</b> "MOHD KAMAL HASSAN'S VIEW ON ISLAMISATION: 'THE WAY FORWARD'"
	<b>PROFESSOR DR. THAMEEM USHAMA</b> Abdulhamid AbuSulayman Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
9.30 a.m.	<b>PRESENTATION 2</b> "MOHD KAMAL HASSAN'S LEGACY AS A PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL: ETHICAL TRANSFORMATION IN MALAY MUSLIM POLITICS"
	<b>PROFESSOR DR. HAFIZ ZAKARIYA</b> Abdulhamid AbuSulayman Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
10.00 a.m.	<b>PRESENTATION 3</b> "SOCS AND SEJAHTERA DEVELOPMENT: A CRITICAL VIEW OF THE LATE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR TAN SRI DR. MOHD KAMAL HASSAN"
	<b>EMERITUS PROFESSOR TAN SRI DATO' DZULKIFLI ABDUL RAZAK</b> Rector, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
10.30 a.m.	<b>PRESENTATION 4</b> "MOHD KAMAL HASSAN: A SHAPER OF MODERN MUSLIM INTELLECTUAL LANDSCAPE IN MALAYSIA"
	<b>EMERITUS PROFESSOR DATUK DR. OSMAN BAKAR</b> Holder of Al-Ghazali Chair of Epistemology and Civilisational Studies and Renewal at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC), IUM
11.00 a.m.	<b>WELCOME SPEECH</b> <b>PROFESSOR DATO' DR. MUHAMMAD NUR RAHUTY</b> Chairman, Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM)

PROGRAMME	
	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>1.15 a.m.</b> "THE PHILOSOPHY OF BUILDING MALAYSIA MADANI: AN ANALYSIS OF THE THOUGHTS OF THE LATE DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR TAN SRI DR. MOHD KAMAL HASSAN" <b>DATUK HIRA DE. HJ. BAIH HUSAIN HJ. MOHAMMED ARFF</b> Chief Executive Officer, Technology Innovation Park Malaysia (IRANTI)
12.15 p.m.	<b>OPENING SPEECH AND OFFICIATION</b> <b>YB SENATOR DR. ZULKIFLI HASAN</b> Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs
12.30 p.m.	LUNCH & ZUHR PRAYER
2.30 p.m.	<b>FORUM - "MALAYSIA MADANI AND THE EDUCATIONAL PARADIGM: THE                      LEGACY OF THE LATE TAN SRI DR. MOHD KAMAL HASSAN"</b> <b>MODERATOR:</b> <b>ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR DR. HASLINA IBRAHIM</b> Deputy Dean, Postgraduate and Responsible Research and Innovation, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
	<b>PANELISTS:</b> 1. <b>EMERITUS PROFESSOR DATUK DR. AZIZAN BAHARUDDIN</b> Emeritus Professor Dato' Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Director, University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) 2. <b>DATO' WAN MOHAMMAD BIN DATO' SHEIKH ABDUL AZIZ</b> Deputy Chairman, Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) 3. <b>PROFESSOR DR. SHUKRAN ABDUL RAHMAN</b> Dean, Abdulhamid AbuSulayman Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
4.00 p.m.	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> <b>PROFESSOR DR. AHMAD FARIS ISMAIL</b> Deputy Rector, Academic and Internationalization, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
4.15 p.m.	TEA AND DISPERSAL

The seminar on "Transformational Leadership Towards Malaysia Madani," was especially held to honour the late **Distinguished Professor Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Kamal Hassan**. It is to commemorate his significant contributions to Islamic leadership and research. Prof. Kamal, a well-known Muslim scholar, had a significant influence on the development of modern Islamic philosophy, especially in Malaysia. His idea of a "Malaysia Madani," which emphasises virtues like compassion, justice, and inclusivity, was showcased at the seminar. With a foundation in the moral and ethical teachings of Islam, his transformational leadership concepts seek to inspire and lead the country towards a more peaceful and forward-thinking society.

The seminar was co-organised by the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) and International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) on March 6, 2024. YB Senator Dr. Zulkifli Hasan, Deputy Minister of Religious Affairs officiated the event. UMCCD Director, Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, was invited as a panelist in a forum on "Malaysia Madani and the Educational Paradigm: The Legacy of the Late Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Kamal Hassan" along with Dato Wan Mohammad Dato' Heikh Abdul Aziz, Deputy Chairman of IKIM and Professor Dr. Shukran Abdul Rahman, Dean, Abdulhamid AbuSulayman Kulliyah Of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, IIUM. The forum was moderated by Associate Professor Dr. Haslina Ibrahim, Deputy Dean, Postgraduate and Responsible Research and Innovation, IIUM.

Other invited presenters of the seminar include Professor Dr. Thameem Ushama and Professor Dr. Hafiz Zakariya from Abdulhamid AbuSulayman Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, IIUM, Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dato Dzulkipli Abdul Razak, Rector, IIUM, Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, Holder of Al-Ghazali Chair of Epistemology and Civilisational Studies and Renewal at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC).

## VISIT BY THE EMBASSY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN TO MALAYSIA



UMCCD team with representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Malaysia | **From left:** Mr. Elsevar and Mrs. Shabnam

On the 11th March 2024, UMCCD received a visit by representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to Malaysia. Mr. Elsevar Salmanov, the Counselor and Mrs. Shabnam Karimova, the First Secretary of the Embassy team were welcomed by the UMCCD Director to the Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue. The meeting was also attended by UMCCD research fellow, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli and UMCCD research officers, Mrs. Nur Lisa and Mr. Ahmad. Possibilities of organising future programs on intercultural dialogue were the main topic of discussion.

## OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE MALAY EDITION OF KANEKO'S STORY AND SGM ART COLLECTION EXHIBITION: "BLOSSOMS OF HOPE"

On April 6, the UMCCD was invited to the Official launch of The Malay edition of Kaneko's Story: A Conversation with Kaneko Ikeda, titled *Kisah Kaneko: Perbualan dengan Kaneko Ikeda* and the 11th Sokka Gakkai Malaysia (SGM) art collection exhibition themed "Blossoms of Hope". The event, held at Wisma Kebudayaan SGM, was officiated by Her Highness Tunku Temenggong Kedah Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz, daughter of the late Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah.



Her Highness Tunku Temenggong Kedah Dato' Seri DiRaja Tan Sri Tunku Puteri Intan Safinaz officiated the event.

Published by the Federation of National Writers Association of Malaysia (GAPENA), *Kisah Kaneko* tells the life story of Kaneko Ikeda, wife of the late Soka Gakkai International President Daisaku Ikeda. Her narrative highlights her roles as a dedicated wife, nurturing mother, and unwavering supporter of a global peace movement leader. Her Highness Tunku Temenggong Kedah also emphasized how the theme of the show, "Blossoms of Hope: SGM Art Collection," reflected Mrs. Ikeda's penchant for everlasting hope despite misfortunes. The exhibition, which included 40 artworks by 31 artists from Malaysia, South Korea, China, and Hong Kong, used flowers as its principal theme to reveal a diverse range of artistic techniques and viewpoints on nature and life.

## 2024 PLANETARY HEALTH SUMMIT AND 6TH ANNUAL MEETING 2024 (PHAM 2024)



[Photos taken during the PHAM 2024 featuring Prof. Azizan (most left in bottom right image) and Dr. Asmawati (most right in bottom left image), Prof. Noorsaadah & Dr. Durriyyah (top left image), Ms. Natasha (middle in top right image)

The **2024 Planetary Health Summit and 6th Annual Meeting (PHAM)**, held on the 16th and 17th April 2024 at Sunway University Malaysia, focused on equipping influential multi-faith leaders, mainly from Malaysia and the Asian region, with training on the relationship between planetary health and the physical and spiritual well-being of religious communities. More than 1,000 participants from over 50 countries attended PHAM 2024, including representatives from academia, governments, businesses, civil society, and entrepreneurs. Attendees had the chance to engage in high-level discussions and expanded meaningful networks. Planetary Health is a solutions-driven, interdisciplinary field and social movement aimed at addressing the effects of human-induced environmental changes on both human health and life on Earth.

Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, UMCCD Director, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli, UMCCD Research Fellow, and Dr. Asmawati Muhamad, UMCCD Deputy Director, were invited to join the event. PHAM 2024 emphasised that faith leaders and organisations hold significant moral influence and are in a unique position to drive climate action. Their ability to engage large congregations and promote environmental responsibility makes them key players in this effort. During the workshops that were held alongside the annual meeting, participants were given the opportunity to tap into the invited faith leaders' knowledge and experience to create an interfaith charter, outlining their commitments to planetary health and the well-being of their communities.

## FAITH FOR OUR PLANET (FFOP) TEAM VISIT RIMBA ILMU BOTANICAL GARDEN, UNIVERSITI MALAYA



Photos taken during the visit featuring the visitors from FFOP, UMCCD members and UMSDC team

On the 18th April 2024, Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) with assistance from the Universiti Malaya Sustainability Development Centre (UMSDC) welcomed the team of Faith for Our Planet (FFOP); Mr. Shiraz Ahmad, International Director and Ms. Rutaba Tariq, Regional program Coordinator together with Dr. Mona El-Sherbini, Founder and Director of the Narrative Medicine and Planetary Health course at the Integrated Program of Kasr Al-Ainy (IPKA), to a tour and visit at Rimba Ilmu, Universiti Malaya. The visit started at the Exhibition Hall, where Dr. Thary Ghazi Goh explained about the exhibits at the Rimba Ilmu Museum before bringing the visitors for a tour at the Rimba Ilmu Botanical Garden, Universiti Malaya.

The Rimba Ilmu Botanical Garden offers a serene escape into nature within the bustling city of Kuala Lumpur. The garden, spread over 80 hectares, features a rich diversity of tropical plants, including rare and endangered species. Walking through its well-maintained trails, visitors had the experience to immerse themselves in the beauty of Malaysia's lush greenery while learning about the importance of conservation and sustainability. The garden also serves as an educational hub, showcasing medicinal plants, orchids, and various ecosystems, making it a perfect destination for nature enthusiasts and researchers alike. The Rimba Ilmu Botanic Garden's beauty and biodiversity charmed the FFOP visitors. They left with a deep admiration for the garden's conservation and education programs. They were inspired by the visit and hoped for the garden's continued success as a sanctuary for tropical flora and a center for environmental learning.

## FORUM ON “SAINS ISLAM ASAS PEMBINAAN NEGARA MADANI” AT MINGGU TERBUKA APIUM (MITA) 2024



On the 24th April 2024, the Applied Science and Islamic Studies, Academy of Islamic Studies, Universiti Malaysia held a forum on Islamic Science entitled “*Sains Islam Asas Pembinaan Negara Madani*”. The UMCCD Director, Prof. Emeritus Dato' Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, was invited to give a talk on “*Peranan Saintis Muslim dalam Membangun Malaysia Madani*”. She highlighted that the role of Muslim scientists in building Malaysia Madani is crucial, as they not only bring scientific expertise but also ethical and moral values rooted in Islamic teachings. Muslim scientists play a key role in advancing research and technology that promotes national development in a balanced and ethical manner, ensuring that the country's development aligns with Islamic values, contributing to holistic and inclusive progress for all segments of society.

## VISIT BY FOUNDER OF INDIAN AMERICAN MUSLIM COUNCIL (IAMC)



Prof. Rasheed Ahmed (four from left) with UMCCD team members.



Token of appreciation from UMCCD to IAMC.

A productive meeting was held on the 25th April 2024 between representatives of the Universiti Malaysia Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and Prof. Rasheed Ahmed, the Director of the Indian American Muslim Council (IAMC) to explore opportunities for collaboration. The discussion focused on issues of education, cross-cultural understanding, and community development faced by the Indian communities in Malaysia, America and India. Both parties exchanged ideas on the importance and relevance of studies on interfaith dialogue and cultural exchange. Prof. Rasheed expressed a strong desire to collaborate on projects that would empower underprivileged populations through education and skill development, citing the meeting as a promising first step towards future collaborations.

# UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**Enhancing Art Science in the Age of Sustainability**

In the current era of great concern for planetary health, the sustainability approach in every field of human endeavour, be it theoretical or practical is no longer a choice but is an inevitable imperative. More than sufficient scientific evidence is now available to substantiate the move towards a mode of living (better described through 'art') that is more reverential and more suited to the actual carrying capacity of the planet. In fact, scientists are today calling for the humanities and the arts to help change human perception and behavior towards this end.

The Ecoliteracy Centre in California for example has identified 15 core competencies that we need to develop for living in sustainable communities. These competencies include the harmonised functioning of the head (cognitive), heart (emotional), hand (action), and spirit (connectivity) which in reality encompasses the ArtScience elements of life and/or of the human being.

Future solutions towards sustainability also rest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) that is enriched/enhanced by art and values (referring to the move from STEM to STEAM/STREAM) among the scientific community. Unfortunately, however, this fact is still not much understood today. The ArtScience element/factor is also critical in the implementation of the MADANI spirit which aims to elevate the nation to a better civilisational and peaceful condition.

**Sub-themes:**  
1) Art Science for Achieving a More Complete and Universal Understanding of the Sustainability Imperative.  
2) Art Science for Understanding Human Experience of Nature through the Synthesis of Scientific Exploration and Artistic Expressions.  
3) Teaching Art, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in an Integrated Manner.  
4) Art Science for the Rehumanisation of all Knowledge.

**Call for Abstracts:**  
• **Deadline: 15 May 2024**  
• Selected papers will be published in the KATHA Journal/monograph  
• The conference features the following:  
• Keynote presentations  
• Forum

**SEATS ARE LIMITED CERTIFICATES ARE PROVIDED**

**12 - 13 JUNE 2024 | WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY**  
**9.00 AM - 4.00 PM**  
Auditorium, Ground Floor, Block B,  
Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS), Universiti Malaysia

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**REGISTRATION**

**International Conference on Enhancing ArtScience in the Age of Sustainability: ArtScience Solutions for Planetary Health (ICASAS'24), 12-13 June 2024**

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**ON RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY CULTURE (RTSC)**

"This program is the implementation of a research project under the Universiti Malaysia Centre for Civilisational Dialog (UMCCD), in collaboration with the Japan Da'wah Centre, Osaka, and several other universities to strengthen efforts in dialogue and socio-cultural relations in the context of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) among countries in the Asian region."

**DETAILS**  
22 June & 23 June 2024 (Saturday and Sunday)  
10:45 am - 5:00 pm  
Japan Da'wah Centre, Osaka  
For Each Day: Adult (1,200 per), Students (500 per), KID (Free)

**REGISTER HERE FOR MORE!**

**International Conference on Religious Traditions and Sustainability Culture with Japan Da'wah Centre, 23-24 June 2024**

**PANGGILAN KERTAS KERJA**  
**SAMMA 2024**  
**SEMINAR ANTARABANGSA PENGHAYATAN MALAYSIA MADANI 2024**

Penghayatan gagasan Malaysia MADANI amat penting dalam sektor Pengajian Tinggi negara. Di dalam perutusan hala tuju Kementerian Pengajian Tinggi 2024 pada 12 Januari 2024 yang lalu, yang Berhormat Menteri Pengajian Tinggi Malaysia, Dato' Seri Dinjau Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir telah menegaskan 5 fokus utama serta 20 hala tuju Pengajian Tinggi dalam usaha mengemudi cabaran zaman pasca-normal (post-normal) global hari ini yang dicirikan dengan 3C (Complexity, Chaos, & Contradictions). Di antara landasan yang telah dirangka adalah:

- Pembentukan "otak dan watak" - kecemerlangan akademik dan ketepujian sahaja, yang merangkumi perkembangan ilmu, pembentukan karakter, pemurnian adab, dan abstrak serta pengukuhan integriti. Oleh itu, pendidikan tinggi negara harus mampu menjadi wahana "human transformer" dan "culture builder".
- Anjakan paradigma pendidikan tinggi mesti menyeimbangkan di antara yang berpacakan teknologi (technology-centric) yang mengutamakan pemerolehan kecakapan materialistik dengan yang berpacakan kemanusiaan (humanity-centric) yang dapat menyemai nilai-nilai kemanusiaan, etika dan moral pelajar. Ini dapat memastikan bakti masa hadapan negara bukan sahaja mempunyai ilmu pengetahuan dan kemahiran yang tinggi malah mempunyai nilai dan budaya watan yang akan melahirkan bakti negara yang bercirikan Excellence with a Soul.

Di atas semangat ingin menghidupkan gagasan Malaysia MADANI di dalam konteks pengajian tinggi yang ingin mencapai Excellence with a Soul ini, pihak pengorganisasi akan melaksanakan Seminar Antarabangsa Penghayatan Malaysia MADANI 2024 dengan sub tema seperti berikut. Jumpat beramai-ramai menyumbang kertas kerja SAMMA 2024!

**SUB TEMA**  
1. Kepentingan Falsafah dan Ketamadunan Masyarakat Malaysia  
2. Dialog Silang Budaya  
3. Mendepani Keperibadian Etnisiti dan Budaya  
4. Matlamat Pembangunan Mampu (SDG)  
5. Agama, Spiritualiti dan Etika  
6. Flantropi (leak, zakat, endowment) dalam Ekonomi Kitaran (Circular Economy)  
7. Pendidikan dan Teknologi  
8. Politik, Kerajaan dan Kerajaan  
9. Mendepani Cabaran 3C  
10. Lain-lain tema berkaitan

**BAHASA**  
1. Bahasa Melayu  
2. Bahasa Inggeris

**YURAN**  
Pembertang (Akademik) - RM150

**PENERBITAN**  
ARTIKEL TERPILIH AKAN DITERBITKAN OLEH PENERBIT UNIVERSITI MALAYA / PENERBIT MAMPA

**10 - 11 SEPTEMBER 2024 | SELASA - RABU | 9.00 PAGI - 5.00 PETANG**  
SEMINAR SECARA ATAS TALIAN

Tarikh akhir penghantaran abstrak  
**22 Ogos 2024 | Khamis**

Hari seminar  
**10 - 11 September 2024 | Selasa - Rabu**

Tarikh akhir bayaran pendaftaran Penghantaran Kertas Kerja Penuh (untuk penerbitan)  
**10 Oktober 2024 | Khamis**

PENGHANTARAN ABSTRAK DAN KERTAS KERJA PENUH melalui alamat emel berikut: [skemma2024@gmail.com](mailto:skemma2024@gmail.com)  
Maklumat lanjut sila hubungi urusia: 011-15954717 (WhatsApp)

**Seminar Kebangsaan Penghayatan Malaysia MADANI 2024 (SKEMMA 2024), 10-11 September 2024**

**10th SSEASR Conference**  
**Sustainability in Cultural and Religious Traditions in South and Southeast Asia**  
**A Regional Conference of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Member of CIPSH under the auspices of UNESCO**

Date : 02-04 December (Monday-Wednesday) 2024  
Host : Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Universiti Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

In conjunction with its 65th anniversary, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Malaysia is proud to collaborate with the South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR) to organize and host the 10th SSEASR conference entitled "Sustainability in Cultural and Religious Traditions in South and Southeast Asia" to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The conference is also a regional conference of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Member of CIPSH under the auspices of UNESCO.

South and Southeast Asia is home to numerous cultures and religious traditions that have evolved from the various instrumental and intellectual practices of the dwellers for thousands of years. Through this conference scholars and students will explore diverse and distinct cultural practices in all its domains, varieties and attributes, trace the changes and development over time and ascertain the historical link between past and present cultures. The conference will also bring to light recent global methodological trends for academic study of religion to achieve sustainable developmental goals of the 21st century.

Purpose of the 10th SSEASR conference is to encourage world academia to initiate the academic dialogue on the subject in order to better understand, relate, interpret and examine unaccounted traditions and practices of the South and Southeast Asian communities.

**Sub-themes**  
- Arts, Architecture and Archaeology  
- Community based sustainable tourism  
- Language and Literature  
- Rethinking the Study of Religion in the Region  
- Personalities and Organisations  
- Malaysian Culture and Religion: Past and Present  
- Issues of South and Southeast Asian Diaspora  
- Pilgrims and Pilgrimage Centres  
- Trade Routes: A Carrier of Culture and Religion

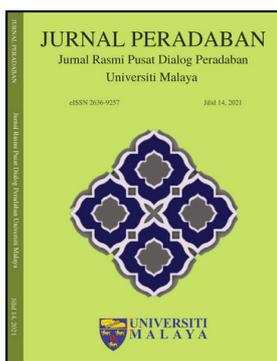
Scholars, early career researchers, research students and other relevant social scientists are invited to participate in the conference and present the findings of your research related to the sub-themes mentioned above. Panels are also welcome.

Submitted papers shall be in either English language or Bahasa Malaysia.

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
31 August 2024 | Deadline for panel title and abstract submission  
15 September 2024 | Deadline for individual paper title and abstract submission  
30 September 2024 | Deadline for registration and payment  
02-04 December 2024 | Conference

**10th SSEASR Conference Sustainability in Cultural and Religious Traditions in South and Southeast Asia, 2-4 December 2024**

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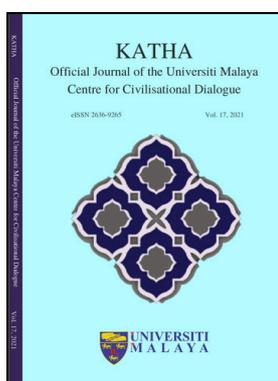
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*Jurnal PERADABAN yang telah mula diterbitkan pada tahun 2008 merupakan jurnal berwasit yang diminati pembaca terutamanya dalam bidang kemanusiaan, sains sosial dan sains tabii. Jurnal yang menerbitkan artikel dalam Bahasa Melayu ini juga merupakan satu platform untuk berdialog tentang pelbagai isu berdasarkan pengamatan dan penilaian kritis serta menerima artikel penyelidikan, kertas teori, atau ulasan buku yang menyentuh mana-mana aspek berkenaan wacana tentang peradaban dan dialog antara budaya, pandangan alam serta kepercayaan, falsafah, bahasa dan pengetahuan sains.*

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