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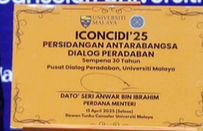
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The Keynote session and officiation ceremony of the International Conference of Civilisational Dialogue 2025 (ICONCIDI'25), presented and officiated by the Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Anwar Ibrahim (Photo: Corporate Communications Centre Universiti Malaysia)

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CIVILISATIONAL DIALOGUE 2025 (ICONCIDI'25)



The UMCCD team as the main organiser of ICONCIDI25.

From left: Mr. Abulliamée, Mr. Chang, Mr. Ahmad, Prof. Dr. Khadijah, Mrs. Norzaliza, Mrs. Nur Lisa, Mrs. S Rozita

"It (the dialogue) is of paramount importance for a multi-ethnic country like Malaysia...I'm just telling you this is our challenge. The challenge for teachers and professors, the challenge of universities, to promote what is right, what can guarantee our peace and security or to fall prey to the voices of no reason that cause calamity to this country,"

Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim,
Prime Minister of Malaysia

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CIVILISATIONAL DIALOGUE 2025 (ICONCIDI25)



The 3rd International Conference on Civilisational Dialogue (ICONCIDI25), themed “Intercivilisational Dialogue for Inclusivity and Sustainability”, took place on the 15th April 2025 at Dewan Tunku Canselor, Universiti Malaya. Organised by the Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) in collaboration with the Centre of Regional Strategic Studies (CROSS), Islam Confucianism Dialogue Society (ICDS), and Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia (ABIM), this year’s conference marks a significant milestone. The year of 2025 marks the 30 years of civilisational dialogue at Universiti Malaya.

The theme “Intercivilisational Dialogue for Inclusivity and Sustainability” was selected to reflect the urgent global need for ethical and inclusive approaches to development. The conference aimed to serve as a multidisciplinary platform bringing together academicians, policy makers, corporate leaders, and civil society to explore the philosophical and ethical foundations of sustainable development.

UMCCD, founded in 1996 by Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, has played a leading role in promoting intercivilisational understanding across cultures and traditions in Malaysia. To honour his significant role in promoting civilisational dialogue, Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, now rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), was invited as the first keynote speaker. His keynote speech on “Islam and Confucianism: A Civilisational Dialogue” explored the intersections between Islam and Confucianism in a civilisational context.

The second keynote was presented by Professor Dr. Daniel Bell, professor and also Chair of Political Theory at the Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong. His keynote speech focused on philosophy, values and ethics for sustainability. Dato Dr. Baharudin Ahmad, an Associate Member of the UMCCD was the moderator of the keynote session. His wisdom in coordinating the session and encouraging meaningful interaction between the keynote speakers contributed to the overall success of the keynote session.



From left: Prof. Dr. Daniel Bell, Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, Dato’ Dr. Bharuddin Ahmad



[From left: Prof. Dr. Phar Kim Beng, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Leong Chan Hoong, Prof. Dr. M. Din Syamsuddin, Prof. Dato' Dr Sivamurugan a/l Pandian and moderator, Dr. Alwani Ghazali.



Following the keynote session, a forum on the topic of “Intercivilisational Dialogue: An Imperative for ASEAN” was held. The forum brought together prominent figures including Professor Dato’ Dr Sivamurugan a/l Pandian (Professor, School of Social Sciences, University of Science Malaysia), Professor Dr. M. Din Syamsuddin (Chairman, Center for Dialogue and Cooperation among Civilizations), Associate Professor Dr. Leong Chan Hoong (Senior Fellow and Head, Social Cohesion Research Programme, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) and Professor Dr. Phar Kim Beng (Professor of ASEAN Studies, International Islamic University Malaysia).

The forum further expanded the regional perspective on shared values and dialogue, highlighting the urgent need for intercivilisational understanding and cooperation in the ASEAN context. The moderator of the forum was Dr. Alwani Ghazali, Core Member of UMCCD and Senior Lecturer from the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, Academy of Islamic Studies, University Malaysia.

In the afternoon, the event was graced by The Honorable Dato’ Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia. The afternoon commenced with the arrival of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dato’ Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman, followed shortly by Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar, Chairman of the Universiti Malaysia Board of Directors, and the university’s Pro-Chancellors.

The formalities began with the rendition of the National anthem and the Universiti Malaya anthem, followed by a solemn recitation of dua. This was succeeded by a welcome address from Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, Director of UMCCD, who emphasised the importance of fostering constructive conversations on key issues affecting the nation and the global community.

In his welcome remarks, the Vice Chancellor underscored UM's commitment to academic excellence, sustainability, and global visibility. He also highlighted the remarkable achievements of UMCCD, noting its impactful initiatives in promoting interfaith understanding, civilisational dialogue, and collaborative research. He commended UMCCD's dedication in enhancing UM's visibility as a platform for inclusive dialogue and knowledge exchange, both nationally and internationally.

In his Special Address and Closing Remarks, the Prime Minister lauded UM's initiatives and reaffirmed the government's support for higher education as a catalyst for national development. He placed special emphasis on the importance of dialogue in Malaysia, stressing that constructive engagement across faiths, cultures, and communities is vital for unity, progress, and social harmony. His remarks resonated strongly with UM's mission of fostering understanding and inclusivity through platforms such as UMCCD.

Through the Prime Minister's participation and the recognition of UMCCD's contributions, the event underscored Universiti Malaya's pivotal role as Malaysia's premier university and a leading advocate for civilisational dialogue and national progress.



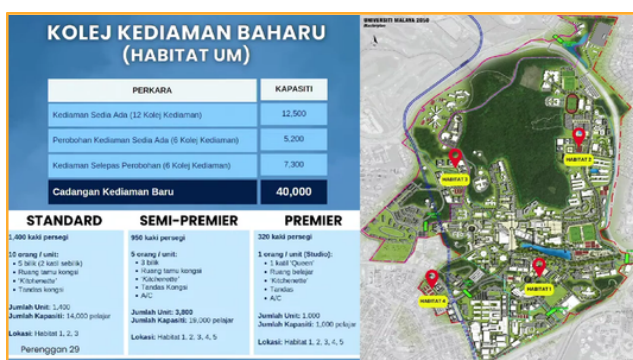
Left image: YAB Dato' Seri Anwar bin Ibrahim, Prime Minister Malaysia. **Right image:** Prof. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman, Vice Chancellor UM.



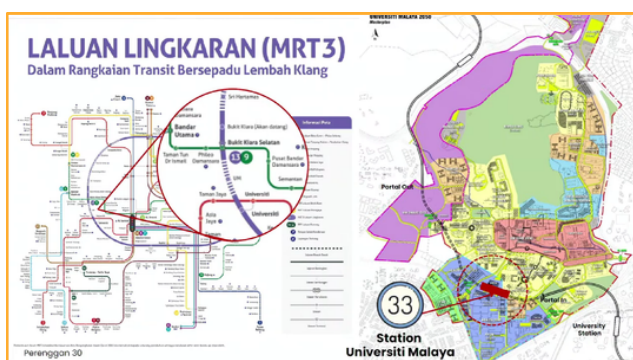
VICE CHANCELLOR'S NEW YEAR ADDRESS 2025

On the 20th February 2025, Universiti Malaya Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman, delivered the New Year Address 2025 at the Dewan Tunku Canselor. The address set forth an ambitious agenda for the year, underscoring UM's commitment to sustainability, academic excellence, digital transformation, and global engagement. In his speech, the Vice-Chancellor invited the entire UM community to join hands in steering the university towards becoming a model of higher education in the region and beyond.

One of the most significant highlights of the address was the launch of the Universiti Malaya Net Zero Framework, a bold roadmap designed to guide the university towards carbon neutrality by the year 2030. This framework emphasises collective responsibility and shared commitment from every level of the UM community. The Vice-Chancellor called on staff, students, and administrators to adopt sustainable practices in their daily routines, including reducing energy consumption, minimizing water usage, recycling, and cutting down on single-use plastics.



He further emphasised that sustainability is not merely a university initiative but a national responsibility. The initiative also aligns with global sustainability goals, ensuring that UM plays a meaningful role in shaping solutions for pressing environmental challenges while instilling environmental awareness in its graduates.



The Vice Chancellor also announced plans to enhance the physical and social environment of the campus. Among the key developments is the Habitat UM Project, a new residential college near Subang that promises a modern and holistic living environment for students. Accessibility to the campus will also improve significantly with the planned construction of a new MRT station within UM's grounds.

In addressing the evolving landscape of higher education, Prof. Dr. Noor Azuan highlighted the role of digital transformation. He announced that UM has successfully integrated artificial intelligence into 109 academic programs, marking a significant milestone in digital education. This initiative is designed to prepare students for the demands of the future workforce, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to thrive in an increasingly technology-driven world.



Beyond teaching and learning, the integration of AI is expected to enhance research, improve administrative efficiency, and create more personalized educational experiences. The Vice Chancellor stressed that UM's leadership in this field reflects its vision of remaining not only Malaysia's premier university but also a regional leader in digital and technological innovation.

To ensure that education at UM remains relevant and impactful, the Vice Chancellor announced the expansion of partnerships between academia and industry. A central component of this strategy is the appointment of more Professors of Practice whom are experienced professionals from various industries that will bring real-world insights and into UM's classrooms.

This initiative is intended to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application, thereby enhancing students' employability and strengthening UM's position as a hub for innovation. It also reflects UM's broader commitment to creating an ecosystem that connects research, industry, and society in meaningful and sustainable ways.

Looking ahead, Prof. Dr. Noor Azuan unveiled Ten Strategic Shifts that will guide UM's growth and transformation. These shifts focus on ensuring financial resilience, fostering agile and transparent governance, enhancing UM's global visibility, and adopting adaptive learning models suited for the 21st century. Together, these shifts form the foundation of UM's roadmap to excellence and resilience.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice-Chancellor reaffirmed UM's vision through the slogan: "Reengineering Universiti Malaya, Leading Academic Excellence." He reminded the UM community that achieving these aspirations requires unity, resilience, and a shared sense of purpose. With its strong foundation, innovative spirit, and dedicated people, UM is poised to continue its journey as a world-class institution of higher learning.



|Prof. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Noor Azuan Abu Osman, Vice Chancellor Universiti Malaya.



|Attendees of the Vice Chancellor's New Year Address 2025.

NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (RTD) “MALAYSIAN WOMEN BUILDING PEACE THROUGH COMMUNITY MEDIATION”



Researchers and stakeholders together with Professor Dr. Yvonne Lim Ai Lian (six from right) during the national RTD.

On the 10th January 2025, Albukhary International University (AIU) in collaboration with the ASEAN Women Peace Registry (AWPR) Malaysia and UMCCD, organised a round table discussion on “Malaysian Women Building Peace through Community Mediation.” In her opening address, Prof. Dr. Yvonne Lim Ai Lian, Associate Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic and International), Universiti Malaya, underscored the vital role women play in sustaining peace. Welcoming remarks were also delivered by UMCCD Director, Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali and AIU Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr Ir. Dato’ Dr. Mohd Saleh Jaafar.

This project outlined a comprehensive research initiative led by Associate Professor Dr. Ayesah Uy Abu Bakar, AIU, with her co-researcher Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Universiti Malaya, to examine women’s contributions to peace-building across ASEAN, with Malaysia as the focal point. The project assembles an interdisciplinary team from AIU, Universiti Malaya, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, and Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, along with partners from the security sector, NGOs, community leaders, and other stakeholders. The inclusion of researchers from Penang/Kedah, Sarawak, Sabah, and Kuala Lumpur ensures regionally nuanced perspectives on women’s roles in community-level conflict resolution.

By compiling detailed case studies of women mediators, especially in local contexts, the study tackles a significant gap in the Women, Peace and Security literature within ASEAN. Its mixed-methods design combining consultations, round-table dialogues, key-informant interviews, and an extensive literature review will produce both qualitative and quantitative insights. A catalogue of success stories emerging from this work will serve practitioners, policymakers, and scholars alike.

Equally important is the project’s goal of nurturing a community of practice linking government agencies, security forces, academia, and civil society. This platform aims to translate research findings into policy and action, cementing women’s leadership in peace and security agendas and advancing gender-inclusive peace-building throughout the region.

VISIT BY SOCIAL COHESION RESEARCH PROGRAM, S. RAJARATNAM SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, NANYANG TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY



From left (Front row): Dr. Leong Chan-Hoong, Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah. **From left (back row):** Ms. Lam Teng Si, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Roy Anthony Rogers, Dr. Atifah, Mrs. Enizahura.

The UMCCD was honoured to host an official visit from the Social Cohesion Research Programme (SCRP) of the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore on the 20th February 2025. Representatives from SCRP were Dr. Leong Chan-Hoong (Senior Fellow & Head, SCRП) and Ms. Lam Teng Si (Senior Analyst, SCRП) while UMCCD was represented by Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin (Advisor, UMCCD), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli (Research fellow, UMCCD), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Roy Anthony Rogers (Department of Strategic and International Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences UM), Dr. Atifah Ahmad Yusoff (Core Member, UMCCD & Senior Lecturer, Department of Akidah and Islamic Thought, Academy of Islamic Studies UM), Mrs. Enizahura Abdul Aziz (Associate Member, UMCCD & Fellow, Centre for the Study of Shariah, Law and Politics (SYARAK), Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia).

The visit marked a significant step towards fostering academic collaboration and mutual understanding in the area of social cohesion. The session facilitated meaningful discussions on interfaith and intercultural dialogue, with both parties exploring collaborative strategies to promote social harmony and address shared global challenges. The engagement served as a formal introduction between the two institutions, providing a platform to better understand each other's research focus and to identify potential areas for joint academic and dialogue-based initiatives.

During the visit, UMCCD was extended an invitation to participate in the International Conference on Cohesive Societies (ICCS) 2025, scheduled to take place from 24 to 26 June. Representatives from UMCCD also took part in an exchange and sharing session, presenting their current research and areas of interest. The session fostered productive discussions and opened up promising avenues for future collaboration, reinforcing UMCCD's commitment to promoting understanding and cooperation across cultures and communities.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY DIALOGUE PROGRAM: ENLIVENING MOSQUES WITH 5R PRACTICES *DIALOG KELESTARIAN ALAM SEKITAR: IMARAH MASJID DENGAN AMALAN 5R*

On the 18th March 2025, Universiti Malaya's commitment to environmental stewardship was brought to life through the Environmental Sustainability Dialogue: Enlivening Mosques with 5R Practices (*Dialog Kelestarian Alam Sekitar: Imarah Masjid dengan Amalan 5R*). Held at Masjid Tun Abdul Aziz in Petaling Jaya, the event was an inspiring collaboration between UM researchers advocating for the Green Mosque Initiative, the Petaling Jaya City Council (MBPJ), *Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia* (JAKIM), and local mosque leadership. The panelists included Prof. Dr. Sumiani Yusoff (Institute of Advanced Studies UM), Dr. Asmawati Muhamad (Core Member, UMCCD & Senior Lecturer, Applied Science with Islamic Studies Programme, Academy of Islamic Studies UM), Mr. Afiq (NGO Lovely Disabled Home), and Ustaz Mohd Abd Nasir Abdullah (JAKIM), each offering thoughtful perspectives on sustainability as an integral part of Islamic practice.

A key message that resonated throughout the session was that faith and sustainability are deeply interwoven. The Quran repeatedly highlights our duty to maintain the environmental balance. Participants were reminded that our purpose as humans includes both worshipping Allah and prospering the earth for future generations. The Prophet Muhammad SAW is a timeless role model of sustainable living, as seen in his moderation and resourcefulness; principles that align with the 5R approach: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, and Recycle.

One of the most inspiring highlights was the presentation of the Imarah Green Mosque Living Lab, a successful model that transformed *Masjid Taman Idaman* into a self-sustaining mosque, generating RM2,000 monthly from recycling used cooking oil donated by the community. The programme concluded with a preloved Eid donation drive, reflecting the true spirit of giving and community care. Spearheaded by Dr. Asmawati and the MBPJ01-2025 Team, with support from UMCares and funded by MBPJ, this initiative is an example of how mosques can become hubs of both spiritual growth and environmental responsibility. The event served as a powerful reminder that sustainability is not merely a worldly concern, it is an act of worship and a lasting legacy for the next generation.



From left: Dr. Asmawati Muhamad, Prof. Dr. Sumiani Yusoff, Ustaz Mohd Abd Nasir Abdullah, Mr. Afiq



Organisers showing the organic compost

SIMPOSIUM SHARIACARE: MERINTIS KESIHATAN DENGAN NILAI-NILAI SYARIAH



|Minister of Health, Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad delivering his keynote speech.



|Distinguished attendees at the symposium.

The ‘Shariacare Symposium: Advancing Healthcare with Shariah Values’, held on the 14th January 2025 was co-organized by Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM), Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), and Kumpulan Medic Iman Sdn Bhd. The symposium underscored ongoing efforts to incorporate Shariah principles into the country’s healthcare ecosystem. Distinguished attendees included IKIM Chairman Professor Datuk Dr. Muhammad Nur Manuty, UTP Vice-Chancellor Professor Datuk Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Abdul Mutalib, CEO of Kumpulan Medic Iman Sdn. Bhd. Dr. Rayney Azmi Ali, and IKIM Director Associate Professor Dato’ Dr. Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil. Assoc. Professor Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli, Research Fellow of UMCCD, was invited and represented UMCCD to attend the symposium.

Minister of Health, Datuk Seri Dr. Dzulkefly Ahmad highlighted in his keynote speech, that healthcare, as a critical component of national and societal development, must go beyond the physical or medical aspects to also address spiritual well-being, which is essential for comprehensive healing and patient support. Besides that, he also reiterated its commitment to strengthening Shariah-compliant healthcare services. This includes not only the provision of healthcare services and facilities but also extends to medical devices and pharmaceuticals, aligning with Malaysia’s broader effort to brand itself as a leader in ethical and spiritually-aware healthcare practices.

The symposium was attended by over a hundred participants, is part of a continuing research initiative involving IKIM and UTP, in collaboration with researchers from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM) and Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) on developing a “Shariah-Compliant Islamic Medical Service Standard Framework for Health Providers in Malaysia”. The symposium marks another meaningful step in positioning Malaysia at the forefront of ethical and faith-conscious healthcare that respects both the body and the soul.



|Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah, UMCCD Research Fellow (most right) attended the symposium.

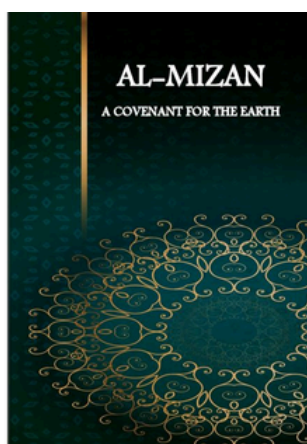
SECOND DAISAKU IKEDA MEMORIAL LECTURE



From left: SGM President Johnny Ng, Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, IIUM President Tan Sri Samsudin bin Osman, Prof. Datuk Dr. Abdelaziz Berghout and moderator Dr. Ahmad El-Muhammady Muhammad Uthman

On January 26, 2025, the second Daisaku Ikeda Memorial Lecture was held at IIUM, co-hosted by Soka Gakkai Malaysia (SGM) and ISTAC, attracting nearly 900 attendees both in person and online. The event honored SGI President Daisaku Ikeda's legacy in global peacebuilding, featuring prominent speakers such as Prof. Emeritus Tan Sri Anuwar Ali, Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, and ISTAC Dean Prof. Datuk Dr. Abdelaziz Berghout. Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, advisor of the UMCCD, emphasized the significance of spirituality and people-driven movements in addressing global issues. Drawing from *Planetary Citizenship*, a dialogue between President Ikeda and futurist Dr. Hazel Henderson, she highlighted the book's insights on grassroots globalism and collective efforts to tackle the climate crisis. She advocated for a holistic approach rooted in spiritual values and meaningful action to confront the world's pressing challenges. The lecture, as summarised by the moderator, illustrated the significance of President Ikeda's ideals and actions in contributing to the creation of a more just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

PUBLIC LECTURE “ECOLOGY & JUSTICE: A MODEL FROM AL-MIZAN - COVENANT FOR THE EARTH”



The Ling Jiou Mountain (LJM) University for Life & Peace (ULP) launched its 2025 Online Winter School program on March 9, 2025. Scholars and researchers from around the world joined online to discuss cutting-edge subjects that connect sustainability with inner awakening. The debates ranged from psychology to technology, policy-making, socioeconomic systems, philosophy, and spirituality.

The theme of this fifth Online Winter School is "Environmental Transition and Socio-Economic Justice: New Perspectives and Dynamics of Spiritual Resources." Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Advisor of UMCCD, was invited to present a public lecture titled “Ecology & Justice: A Model from Al-Mizan – Covenant for the Earth”, exploring the connection between environmental responsibility and ethical values rooted in Islam.

BOOK REVIEW FORUM “ISLAM & CONFUCIANISME: A CIVILISATIONAL DIALOGUE”



From left: SGM President Johnny Ng, Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, IIUM President Tan Sri Samsudin bin Osman, Prof. Datuk Dr. Abdelaziz Berghout and moderator Dr. Ahmad El-Muhammady Muhammad Uthman

In a continuing effort to bridge cultural and religious traditions, the Centre of Multi-Ethnic Interaction of New Era University College (NEUC-CMEI) in collaboration with the Islam Confucianism Dialogue Society (ICDS) conducted the “*Kongsi Ilmu NEUC-CMEI 2025*” program, a knowledge-sharing program dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and appreciation among Malaysia’s diverse communities.

The highlight of this year’s session was the Book Review Forum on Islam and Confucianism: A Civilizational Dialogue held on the 25th February 2025, at Dewan Ng Ah Choo, New Era University College, Kajang. The forum discussed on the intersections between two of the world’s most enduring philosophical and spiritual traditions. The forum featured a distinguished panel of scholars: Professor Emeritus Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and a renowned scholar in Islamic philosophy; Dr Phar Kim Beng, Professor of ASEAN Studies at IIUM; and Dr Tee Boon Chuan, Associate Professor in Chinese and Comparative Studies from Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR). The session was chaired by Dato Dr Baharudin Ahmad, former Research Fellow at ISTAC-IIUM.

Among their invited scholars was Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, UMCCD Advisor, alongside other academicians, students, and the public that were interested to explore how Islam and Confucianism can contribute to a more harmonious and civil society. The forum reflected a growing recognition of the need for intercivilisational engagement in multicultural Malaysia and aims to inspire ongoing conversations rooted in respect, scholarship, and shared values.



BRIEFING ON THE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY



From left: Mrs. Fadlilawati, Mrs. Nur Lisa and Ms. Nurulain Natasha

In line with Malaysia's commitment to gender equality and inclusive peacebuilding, a briefing session on the National Action Plan (NAP) for Women, Peace and Security (WPS) was held on 27th February 2025 at Menara KPWKM, Putrajaya. Malaysia is currently developing its National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, aimed at integrating gender perspectives into national peace and security efforts.

The upcoming session serves as a key platform to engage with civil society organisations and the academic community, providing a space for dialogue, feedback, and collaboration in shaping a comprehensive and inclusive WPS framework for the country. All invited stakeholders were encouraged to attend and contribute to this important discussion. Mrs. Fadlilawati Masran (*Unit Pusat Mediasi Komuniti Madani Sejahtera*), Mrs. Nur Lisa Mohd Yusoff (UMCCD), and Ms. Nurulain Natasha Muhammad Aris Fadzilah (UMUC) also attended the discussion, as representatives of UMCCD and the Malaysia Research AWPR team. The meeting represents a step forward in strengthening Malaysia's role in advancing peace, security, and women's empowerment at both national and international levels.

MAN & NATURE “AL-MIZAN: COVENANT FOR SUSTAINABILITY”



Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Advisor of UMCCD, was invited as a special guest for the Man & Nature program on IKIMfm radio, hosted by Dr. Shaikh Mohd Saifuddeen Shaikh Mohd Salleh on Sunday, 13th April 2025. The program focused on the topic "Al-Mizan: Covenant for Sustainability."

Prof. Azizan explained that Islam encourages balance in all aspects of life, including the way we treat nature. She highlighted the role of humans as *khalifah* (stewards) of the Earth, responsible for protecting and preserving it for future generations.

The discussion focused on the "Al-Mizan" document, which connects Islamic teachings with modern ideas of sustainability. Key ideas included caring for the environment, using resources responsibly, and living in harmony with nature. The episode reminded listeners that Islamic principles like justice, moderation, and responsibility can help build a more sustainable and balanced world.



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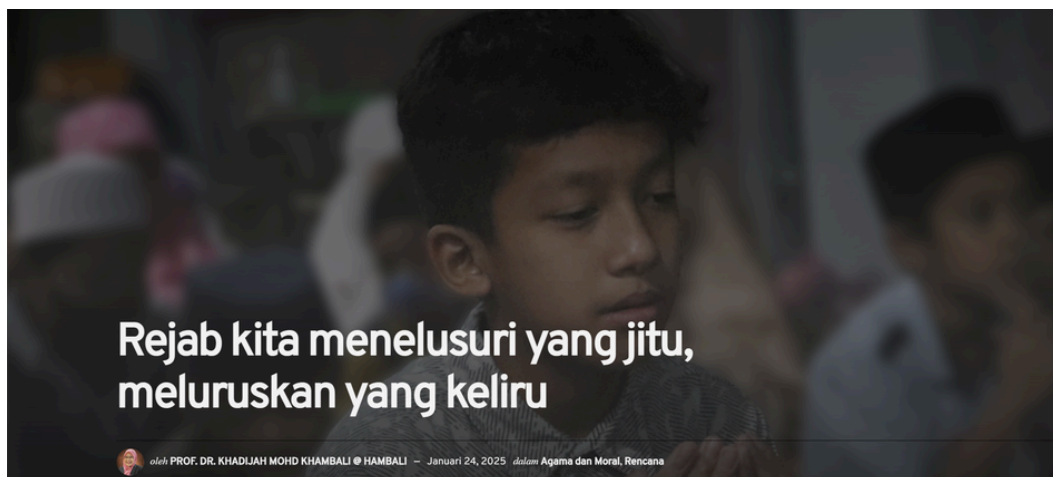
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Translation of “Islam-Buddhism Eco Dialogue (IBED): Application of Religion and Science to Ecology and Sustainability.”

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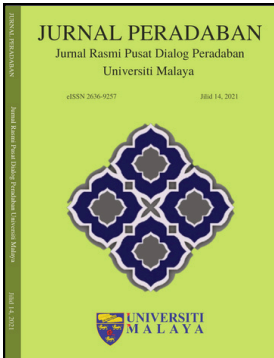


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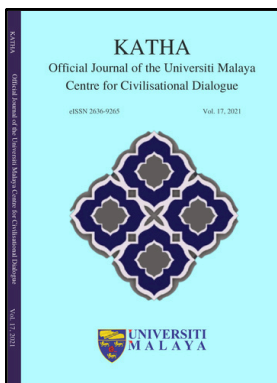
Kemunduran Umat Islam: Sebab-Sebab Dalaman dan Strategi Pemulihannya

Mohd Firdaus Mohammad, Ahmad Mohamad, Muhammad Afifi Azahar

Jurnal PERADABAN yang telah mula diterbitkan pada tahun 2008 merupakan jurnal berwastu 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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