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Guest of Honour, Y Bhg. Prof Dr Raha Abdul Rahim (in yellow scarf) posed in front of the mascot for the 40th APAN in KL, along with (from left): Father of Japan's Internet, Prof Dr Jun Murai; APAN's Chairman and Visiting Professor at IUMW, Prof Dr Sureswaran Ramadass; Hon. Secretary, Assoc. Prof. Dr Abd Rahim (UNITEN); MYREN's NOC Manager, Mr Kamal Hisham Kamaruddin; Father of Malaysia's Internet, Dato' Dr Mohamed Awang Lah; LOC Chairman, Assoc. Prof. Dr Suhaimi Napis (UPM); MYREN's Ms. Liana Jacinta Jaganathan and UMCCD's Director and eCulture WG Chair, Assoc. Prof. Dr Faridah Noor Mohd Noor.

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Ramadan Interfaith Dialogue

The Power of Fasting: Purpose and Benefits



Learning and sharing the concept of fasting in four different faiths in Malaysia



The moderator and the panelists. From left: Dr. Shahreen Mat Nayan, Rev. Clarence Devadass, Ms Khalina Normaiza Khalili, Mr. V. Kandasamy and Ven. Kumara Bhikkhu

The speakers

1. Venerable Kumara Bhikkhu
(Sasanarakha Buddhist Sanctuary)
2. Rev. Clarence Devadass
(Archdiocesan Pastoral Institute, Kuala Lumpur)
3. Mr. V. Kandasamy
(Deputy President, Malaysia Hindu Sangam)
4. Ms. Khalina Normaiza Khalili
(Centre for Advance Studies in Islam, Science and Civilisation, UTM)

The Ramadan Interfaith Dialogue was held on Thursday, 25 June 2015, at the Katha Room, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya (UMCCD).

This informative dialogue aimed to gather individuals and organisation representing different faiths that practise fasting and discuss the ways in which fasting is practised in their religions and how it benefits them physically and spiritually.

The welcoming remark was delivered by Assoc. Prof. Dr Faridah Noor Mohd Noor, the Director of UMCCD in front of 50-strong participants.

The dialogue was moderated by Dr Shahreen Mat Nayan, the Deputy Director of UMCCD. The dialogue session was surprisingly extended by more than an hour

after a question and answer (Q&A) session as audience became deeply engaged in the dialogue with the speakers.

“The programme was fun and interesting. I want to join again!”

- Participant

The *iftar* (breaking of fast) and Maghrib prayer immediately proceeded in the same venue and participants of other faiths were able to observe how it was performed.

After the dialogue session, participants took the time and opportunity to network and converse with one another leisurely while savouring dates and vegetarian dishes during *iftar*.



Rev. Clarence Devadass voicing his opinion during the dialogue with other panelists and moderator

Dr Shahreen, as a moderator posed several questions regarding the origin of fasting and its benefits in the respective religions.

The discussion eventually touched on the commercialization of religious activities, apparently becoming prevalent in Malaysia, to the point that the religious significance of certain celebrations is fading.

Panelists who were made up of religious scholars and academics seemed to agree with the above statement.

According to the moderator, "I drive to Bangi from KL everyday and I see a lot billboards and advertisements all the way and even before the month of Ramadan there were already a variety of ads on buffets."

Organizations, she added, paid a hefty sum of money for buffet advertisements, and thus she questioned the lost of spirituality to the capitalists' agenda. The statement ignited the discussion on religion and commercialization.

Panelist Ms. Khalina Normaiza



Dr Faridah Noor and Dr Shahreen listening to a comment during Q&A session

"Parents are responsible for instilling the love for fasting and the love for fasting month"

Khalili from CASIS, UTM believes that nowadays, many people have gone overboard in celebrating or breaking of fast.

"Parents are responsible for instilling the love for fasting and the love for fasting month, but some parents find the easy way out, just spend money and have people serve you," she pointed out.

Since it is especially harder for youngsters to fast, she said, it does not help that advertisers push for cooking shows to be scheduled just before the Maghrib prayer.

However, she added, the kids would gradually learn the actual need for fasting, which is to become closer to God, over time and training.

For panelist Reverend Clarence Devadass from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Institute KL, the capitalistic mentality is prevalent and people are profiting from religious activities.

He recounted a time when he went to malls before a celebration is over, the decorations for another celebration is already being prepared.

He cited Christmas, for example, is synonymous with Santa Claus, jingle bells and

"Advertising gimmicks should not influence us and distort our understanding of the true purpose of religious celebrations"

mistletoe, although it has nothing to do with the true meaning of Christmas.

"Even gift-giving has become almost like a necessity in most festivities. We're being swept away by this materialistic perception of all the religious festivities," he said.



Dr Rusaslina Idrus, an anthropologist, posed a question to the panelists

Though there is no actual opportunity for commercialization of religious activities in Buddhism, panelist and Buddhist monk, Venerable Kumara Bhikkhu said Buddhists themselves have commercialized Buddhism, with many enterprising adverts being placed in certain Buddhist worship places.

Meanwhile, a panelist and Malaysian Hindu Sangam Deputy President, Mr. V. Kandasamy agreed that advertising gimmicks should not influence us and distort our understanding of the true purpose of religious celebrations.

The dialogue was a huge success and many hoped that it would serve as a starting point for more interfaith conversations and exchange in the future.

International Workshop on Global Citizenship

A discussion on the relationship between global citizenship and religious identities, universalism and particularism



Sitting from left: Assoc. Prof. Dr Kamar Oniah Kamaruzaman, Dr Chad Haines, Prof. Linell Cady, Dr Chandra Muzaffar, Prof. Priyankar Upadhayaya and Assoc. Prof. Dr Faridah Noor Mohd Noor.

Standing from left: Ms. Asna Husin, Assoc. Prof. Dr Mark Woodward, Prof. George Thomas, Prof. Yasmin Saikia, Assoc. Prof. Dr Syed Farid Alatas, Dr Paporri Bora, Ms. Hani Mohamed, Matt Correa, Assoc. Prof. Dr John Carlson, Prof. Dr Karim Douglas Crow, Dr Shahreen Mat Nayan, Dr Swarna Rajagopalan and Prof. Dato' Dr Christopher Boey Chiong Meng.

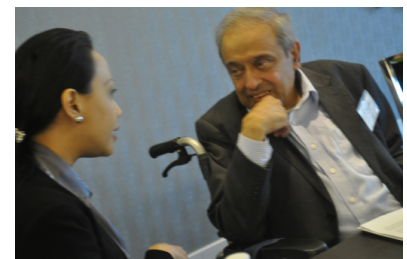
The workshop was a collaboration between the Centre for the Study of Religion and Conflict, Arizona State University (ASU) and the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD). Funded by the Henry Luce Foundation, the workshop was held from 2 to 4 August 2015 at the Pullman Bangsar Kuala Lumpur Hotel.

It is part of an on-going the Religion and Global Citizenship research project at the Centre for the Study of Religion and Conflict. Scholars from various disciplines, traditions and regions gathered to discuss the idea of global citizenship in comparative and cross-cultural perspective. Representing this region were scholars from Singapore, India,

Indonesia and Malaysia.

Dr Chandra Muzaffar, President of the International Movement for a Just World (JUST), gave the opening statement on the first day. What followed were six sessions spread throughout the two days of workshop cum roundtable discussion on four main topics.

The first two topics dealt with on the first day were Sites of Global Citizenship and Global Citizenship and Religion. Associate Professor Dr John Carlson, who is the Associate Director of the Centre, and George Thomas, Professor of Global Studies from ASU gave an overview of Global Citizenship in the perspective of the workshop. Associate Professor Dr Faridah Noor focused on 'Youths and the Dialogue of Global Citizenship'



Dr Chandra Muzaffar conversing with Ms Hani Mohamed

to put across the necessity to include youths in planning towards achieving the goals of Global Citizenship.

The next two sessions focused on Global Citizenship and Religion. Speakers from ASU, Associate Professor Dr Mark Woodward explicated on the 'Competing Forms of Global Citizenship' while Dr Chad Haines expanded on '(Re)Placing Global



Some of the participants at the workshop

Citizenship: Informality, Fluidity and Transgression in the Making of Community’.

From Malaysia, Professor Dr Karim Crow of the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies presented on ‘Muslims Torn between Nativism and Cosmopolitanism. Assoc. Prof. Dr Kamar Oniah Kamaruzaman from the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) presented on ‘Religion, Ethnicity and Citizenship in Malaysia’. The group ended the day with dinner at the local restaurant that evening.

The second day began with a talk by Professor Dato’ Dr Ibrahim Bajunid, Deputy Vice-Chancellor of INTI International University, Malaysia, a guest speaker from UMCCD. His presentation on ‘Paradoxes, Rhetorics and Realities of Global Citizenship’ was supplemented with reflections of his experience as an educator and contributions in educational leadership in the academia, across institutional, national and international contexts.

He proposed a new motto for the nation, ‘Knowledge is the soul of the nation’ as opposed to ‘Language is the soul of the nation’. This leads to the need to be more open in thinking to gain new knowledge and work alongside traditional knowledge as well as the ability to make sense of ambiguities and paradoxes. He argued that although the concept of ASEAN is good, the focus now has to be on the ASEAN community. He concluded by saying that civic consciousness is important in inspiring mindfulness in people.

During the third session on Global Citizenship and Religion, Professor Linell Cady spoke on the occidental ‘Spirituality and

Global Citizenship’ followed by the oriental perspective of ‘Global Citizenship in Hindu Traditions’ by Professor Priyanka Upadhyaya, the UNESCO Chair Professor of Peace & Intercultural Understanding at Banaras Hindu University. The session closed with Associate Professor Dr Syed Farid Alatas, an expert on sociology of the region and inter-religious dialogue from National University of Singapore (NUS), on ‘Islamic identity and Hospitality: Resources against Exclusivism and Sectarianism’.

Global Citizenship implies the value behind the ‘global’ and with the world being connected more than before, people ought to feel the need for unity

The final topic, ‘Global Citizenship from Local Perspectives’, began with Professor Yasmin Saikia, Hardt-Nickachos Chair in Peace Studies, who spoke on ‘A Mullah’s Dream: Defying Colonial Subjecthood and Making Global Connections’. Then, Dr Papori Bora from the Centre for Women’s Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, presented ‘Feminist Politics between the Local and Global’.

Next, Dr Swarna Rajagopalan, who is based in Chennai gave an enlightening perspective titled ‘Postcards from Chennai: Local Perspectives on Global Citizenship’. Dr. Rajagopalan was appointed from 2009-2011 as an expert blogger for the MacArthur

Foundation’s Asia Security Initiative Blog.

The final speaker was Professor Dato’ Dr Christopher Boey Chiong Meng from UM, who is also and the Vice-President of the Soka Gakkai Malaysia. He presented on ‘Buddhist Perspectives on Education for Global Citizenship’ which ended the overall discussion on Global Citizenship from Local Perspectives. Before concluding the workshop, scholars and participants contributed to a roundtable discussion to put forward the very concept and objectives of Global Citizenship in the global context.



Prof. George Thomas addressing to the participants

Other participants were Dr Shahreen Mat Nayan, Deputy Director of UMCCD, Ms Hani Mohamed, founder and CEO of Alertist, Asna Husin from Ar-Raniry State Institute for Islamic Studies (AIN), Banda Aceh, Indonesia, Matt Correa (ASU) and two UNESCO Club members, Nur Annaty Mohd Jamil and Nur A’dilah Azhari.

Generally, the workshop went well and it is UMCCD’s hope that the discussion will continue in the future.



The roundtable discussion



The Cyber Performance by the eCulture WG presented an amazing collaboration of a live cyber concert performed between Malaysia and the Czech Republic.

40th Asia Pacific Advanced Network (APAN) Meeting

in collaboration with Universiti Putra Malaysia, University of Malaya and Malaysian Research and Education Network (MYREN)

FACTS

- APAN (Asia-Pacific Advanced Network) is a non-profit international consortium established on 3 June 1997.
- Designed to be a high-performance network for research and development on advanced next generation applications and services.
- Provides an advanced networking environment for the research and education community in the Asia-Pacific region, and promotes global collaboration.

Extracted from <https://www.apan.net/about/APAN.php>

The 40th Asia Pacific Advanced Network (APAN) Meeting was held at the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur from 10 to 14 August 2015. It was co-organised by Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM), University of Malaya (UM) and Malaysian Research and Education Network (MYREN). Associate Professor Dr Suhaimi Napis from UPM and Dr David Asirvatham from UM were the Chairman and Co-Chairman respectively of the Local Organising Committee (LOC).

This is Malaysia's third time as the host for this conference devoted towards advanced network technologies and applications to provide a platform for participants to exchange ideas and discover novel opportunities for collaboration and broaden their knowledge. The University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) was appointed as the

Secretariat for the conference by the APAN Chairman, Professor Dr Sureswaran Ramadass.

The theme of the 40th APAN Meeting, "Tech Rumble in the Jungle" broadly covered network and application technologies as well as case studies of advanced networking in Applications area (Agriculture, Medicine, Public Health, Earth Monitoring, Disaster Mitigation, e-Culture, Identity and Access Management, ICT-enhanced Learning, Cloud) and Network Technologies area (Software Defined Network, Network Security, Future Internet Test-bed, Network Engineering, IPv6, Huge Data Transfer, Internet of Things, Unified Communication).

The much awaited cyber performance was held on Tuesday evening, 11 November 2015 at the IPPP Grand Hall. It was hosted by Associate Professor Dr Faridah Noor, Chair of eCulture

WG and the technical aspects was handled by the Co-Chair, Andrew Howard of ASU with the support of UM's Information Technology Centre (PTM) headed by Mr Muhammad Aminudin Razali from Malaysia, Jiri Navratil from Czech Republic (CZ), Sven Ubik (CZ) and Jiri Melnikov (CZ). The music was a piano accompaniment by Mr Sulaiman from UM's Cultural Centre, pianist Mr Štěpán Lohnickij (CZ), drummer, Mr Stanislav Amcha

(CZ) and vocalist, Dr Zainurul Aniza Abd Rahman (USM). It was streamed live from the Czech Republic by CESNET.

Meanwhile, cultural activities can be found at the booth section, including the making of latex flowers, traditional Malay games such as *congkak*, *batu seremban* (five-piece sewn cloth filled with sage seeds) and *dam haji* (checkers) and henna art.

Participants had the opportunity to interact with colleagues from

Asia-Pacific advanced networking and research communities during the 5-day event consisting of tutorials, workshops, demonstrations and presentations. UMCCD also organised site visits to UM's *Rimba Ilmu* and Islamic Arts Museum for foreign participants particularly, who opted to explore some of the gems in Kuala Lumpur during their stay.

The forthcoming 41st APAN will be held in Manila, Philippines from 26 to 29 January 2016.

Photos of the Week

Registration

More than 200 participants around the region including Malaysia, Japan, Vietnam, Australia, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh registered in the morning at the IPPP building on 10 August 2015. All participants were provided with conference kits that consist of name tags, bags, stationeries and t-shirts.



A participant signing in at the registration counter



Collecting tags and goodie bags

Opening Plenary Session

On Tuesday morning, 11 August 2015, two plenary speeches were delivered by notable speakers, the Father of Malaysia's Internet, Dato' Dr Mohamed Awang Lah and the Father of Japan's Internet, Professor Jun Murai at the IPPP grand hall.



Dato' Dr Mohamed Awang Lah as the national plenary speaker



Prof Jun Murai of Keio University, Japan, international plenary speaker



Prof. Dr Raha Abdul Rahim



Prof. Dato' Dr Amin Jalaludin

Following the plenary speeches were the two remarks made by the APAN Local Chair, Associate Professor Dr Suhaimi Napis and APAN Chair, Professor Dr Sureswaran Ramadass. As the host for the 40th APAN in Kuala Lumpur, UM's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dato' Dr Amin Jalaludin welcomed the audience to the conference and the campus. He said that the conference was a great way to connect with all the researchers and education community within the Asia-Pacific region.

The event then proceeded with the opening speech by Y Bhg. Professor Raha Abdul Rahim, Director of the Higher Education Excellence Planning Division, representing the Chief Secretary, Ministry of Higher Education. She also officiated the ribbon-cutting ceremony, revealing a gorgeously-lit butterfly in turquoise, black and white.



The guest of honour and plenary speakers lit up replica of the Rajah Brooke butterfly, the mascot for 40th APAN in KL

Meetings and Workshops

After the opening ceremony ended, the participants moved on to their respective Working Groups (WG) to continue their discussions.

The meetings and workshops were held at five different locations: Video Conference and Jupiter Rooms at the IPPP building while Seminar 1, Seminar 2 and Azalea Room at the adjacent IPS building.

Among the WGs and Meetings were APGridPMA Meeting, Cloud WG, eCulture WG, Medical WG, 7th TEIN4 Project Meeting and 8th TEIN*Cooperation Centre (TEIN*CC) Governors Meeting and many more.

All sessions started on the 10th through 13th November 2015, from 9am to 5.30pm with tea breaks and lunch served at the exhibition hall, IPPP.



The Medical WG watching a live telecast of a heart surgery at the Video Conference Room, IPPP



A talk during FIT WG Session in Seminar 1, IPS



Dr Zawiyah Abd Razak (UTM) from Disaster Mitigation Competence Centre gave a talk



Dr Faridah Noor introducing and thanking the line-up of performers and musicians of cyber performance



An Indian dance performance "shadowed" by a 3D motion capture in the background



A video composite of musicians from Prague (left) and singer from Malaysia (right)



The musicians and the technical team of 40th APAN Cyber Performance



Dr Zainurul and the musicians in Kuala Lumpur and Prague

The Cyber Performance - Indian Dance Performance and Live Concert

On Tuesday afternoon, the much awaited cyber performance was in session. This time, two performances were executed; the first was a traditional Indian dance and the second one was a live concert. Both were introduced by the eCulture WG Chair, Associate Professor Dr Faridah Noor Mohd Noor.

The Indian dance was performed by two dancers coordinated by Associate Professor Dr Hanafi Hussin of Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UM.

The next performance was a live concert, a collaboration between two countries, Malaysia (MY) and Czech Republic (CZ).

The audience was entertained by three beautiful jazz songs, sung by vocalist Dr Zainurul Aniza Abd Rahman, Head of Department of Design, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), accompanied by musicians, Mr Sulaiman (MY), Mr Štěpán Lohnickij (CZ) and Mr Stanislav Amcha (CZ).

The live concert was supported by a technical team consisted of Andrew Howard (ASU), Co-Chair of eCulture WG, Mr Muhammad Aminudin Razali (MY), Mr Jiri Navratil (CZ), Mr Sven Ubik (CZ) and Mr Jiri Melnikov (CZ).

Activities @ Booths

A lot of activities happened at the exhibition hall. Visitors made their way to visit the sponsors' booths to get a taste of the new technology that was provided throughout the event.

Meanwhile, the cultural activities were also set up at the booth to introduce the overseas participants to the local cultures.

Some of the cultural activities that were available include the making of latex flower, traditional games such as *congkak* and *batu seremban*, batik exhibition and henna art.

Other activities such as book sales and a travel agency counter were also available to visitors.



Exhibitors at the sponsor's booth



Visitors playing *congkak*, a traditional Malay game of marbles



The latex flower-making booth



Playing *dam haji* (checkers)

Social Programmes

Apart from all the workshops and meetings, APAN participants had a chance to join in and immerse with the local culture.

The programmes offered were Banquet Dinner at Saloma Bistro (Tuesday), a visit to Islamic Arts Museum (Wednesday) and a tour of UM's *Rimba Ilmu* (Botanical Garden) (Thursday).



A male participant dancing with his partner



Learning *joget* with the dancers

Closing Ceremony and Awarding of Certificates

The closing ceremony began with the compilation of reports from all the WGs and Meetings of their activities throughout the week.

Local Organising Committee (LOC) Chair, Associate Professor Dr Suhaimi Napis delivered his remarks followed by a certificate awards session by APAN Chair, Professor Sureswaran Ramadass to all 17 APAN Fellows.

The ceremony ended with a big thank you from the organiser and group photos of the APAN Committee Members and APAN Volunteers.



Dr Suhaimi Napis delivering his remarks



Prof. Sureswaran awarding a certificate to an APAN Fellow



APAN committee members posed with APAN volunteers



Another APAN Fellow receiving his certificate from Prof. Sureswaran

APRU Internet Economy Summer Seminar

Developing the “Initiative on Governing the Internet Economy”



Jim Foster, Executive Director of KICIS, giving an overview of the Summer Programme

Organised by the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and Keio University of Japan, the Summer Programme was hosted at the Mita Campus of Keio University in Tokyo from 24 to 29 August 2015. It is a result of a successful spin-off meeting during APRU’s ‘The Internet in Asia: Looking Ahead to 2025’ held in March 2015.

The sponsors of this three-year Summer Programme are the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan, Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and The Keio International Center for the Internet & Society (KICIS).

The six-day programme was packed with sessions facilitated by the Summer Scholars. Over twenty Fellows from leading universities and institutions in China, Hong Kong, Indonesia,

Japan, Korea, Malaysia and United States attended the seminar.

The first day saw a special session on reinventing Japan’s digital economy centred around the Technology Research and Training Report (TRPC), ‘Going Digital: The Status and Future Potential of Internet-based Economies in Asia.’ Facilitators Peter Lovelock (TRPC), Tomoaki Watanabe (Glocom) and Jim Foster (KICIS) examined how the Japanese experience may be applied to the Asia region.

The second day focused on the ‘Internet Economy in Asia’ with discussions on the deployment and utilization of the Internet in the Asia region. Assoc. Prof. Dr Suhaimi Napis (UPM) and Assoc. Prof. Dr Faridah Noor (UM) were among the facilitators for the sessions.

Day three focused on ‘User Privacy and National Security’ with topics on ‘Protecting Privacy and Sharing Data’ with Professor Abu Bakar Munir from UM as one of the facilitators and ‘Guarding Critical Infrastructure and National Security’ with Jun Takei (Keio University), Xing Li (Tsinghua), Peter Cowhey (UC San Diego) and Assoc. Prof. Dr Suhaimi Napis (UPM).

On day four, Dr. Faridah

Noor moderated the afternoon dialogue session on ‘User Access and Filtering: Getting the Balance Right’ at the AFAN Forest Preserve and Conference Centre. For the first-timers as dialogue participants, the feedback was positive for future sessions to be held in a dialogue-manner.



Ms. Nur Yushan Yusof, Country Fellow from Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) with Associate Professor Dr Faridah Noor on the Mita Campus

Two special evening dinner sessions were held at the International Japan House. The first gave perspectives on ‘The Origins of the Internet in Asia’ with panellists Professor Jun Murai (Keio University), Xing Li (Tsinghua University) and Robert Pepper (CISCO). The second dinner session was on ‘New Business Strategies Shaping the Asian Internet’ with the following discussants: Masanobu Katoh, CEO of Intellectual Ventures, Yoshiyuki Koseki, Vice Chairman of BIGLOBE, Yoshihiro Obata, CEO of Bizmobile and Jun Takei of Intel.

The seminar went on to day five and day six, discussing on the topics, ‘Building Blocks for an Internet Economy in Asia’ and ‘Governing the Global Internet Economy’ respectively.

The farewell dinner was held at the Gonpachi Japanese Restaurant made famous in the ‘Kill Bill’ movie series.



A group photo after a walk in the AFAN Forest

Thank you, Dr Shahreen Mat Nayan from all of us at UMCCD!



Dr Shahreen and her family

On 1 September 2015, we bid farewell to our Deputy Director, Dr Shahreen Mat Nayan, who served from January 2015 to August 2015.

A bright, energetic lady who is always armed with a smile, she has been instrumental to the success of several activities that include UNESCO's International Mother Language Day, Reflection of Peace: Muslim-Buddhist Dialogue Seminar and Ramadan Interfaith Dialogue.

These were made possible as her own interfaith experience has led to the idea of organizing

such events, which attracted over 80 followers of different faiths to participate and have an honest conversation with each other. Readers may find out more about the programmes as the stories were featured in Bulletin No. 29 and this Bulletin (p. 6).

Dr Shahreen will be returning to her original post as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Media Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, UM, to continue with her teaching and research.

UMCCD members wish her all the best and much success in her future!

We wish you all the best and farewell, Mr Chang Lee Wei!

After five years serving as a Social Science Research Officer at UMCCD, Mr Chang Lee Wei has been promoted and has transferred to the Centre of Research for Computational Sciences & Informatics for Biology, Bioindustry, Environment, Agriculture and Healthcare (CRYSTAL) on 1 September 2015.

Mr Chang Lee Wei received his degree in Science and Technology from the University of Malaya (UM) and is currently pursuing a Master in Philosophy at the Institute of Graduate Studies (IGS), UM. For the past few years, he has co-published

in ISI-indexed multidisciplinary journals and in collaboration with UMCCD's directors, scholars and fellows.

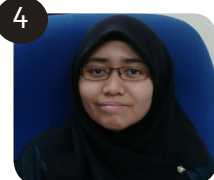
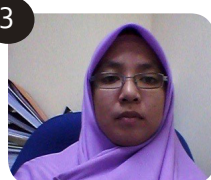
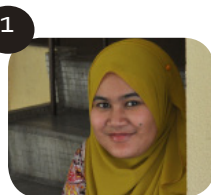
As the longest serving UMCCD officer, Mr Chang Lee Wei was involved in many research projects and collaborations carried out at the Centre. At the farewell party, the Director mentioned that he would be taking away a bit of UMCCD's history with him.

May the good memories of UMCCD friends and colleagues remain with him. We at the UMCCD wish him all the best and much success in his new role at CRYSTAL!



Mr Chang Lee Wei

UMCCD RAs and Interns' Appreciation



Apart from our dedicated staff members, UMCCD also boasts a number of Research Assistants (RAs) and Interns, joining and leaving us for the past few months.

In this edition, the Centre would like to thank them all for their hardwork and efforts, and we wish them all the best in their future undertakings!

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for scholars, experts, researchers, practitioners, and students to publish original research, review papers, and other scholarly works.

The journal invites research articles, theoretical papers as well as book reviews touching upon any aspect of intercivilisations or intercultural discourses on religions, philosophies, languages, knowledges or sciences. It welcomes manuscripts written in English.

The journal considers manuscripts not previously published or currently under consideration by other publications. By submitting their manuscripts, the authors agree the copyright of their articles are transferred to the publisher once the manuscripts are accepted for publication.

Manuscripts submissions for **Volume 12 is open until 31st March 2016**. Manuscripts received after this date will be considered for Volume 13 and/or subsequent issues.

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Activities/ Events in 2016

World Philosophy Day
International Literacy Day
International Youth Day
International Day of Friendship

We look for:

Fun-loving, awesome individuals with a love for volunteering!
Interest in culture, education and science, or anything in between!
Positivity and willingness to realise your dream activities/events!

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Propose and develop your own activity!
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Engage and contribute to the society!

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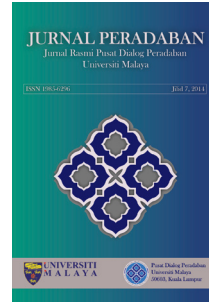
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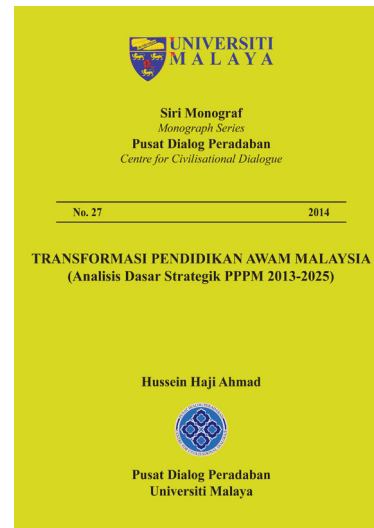
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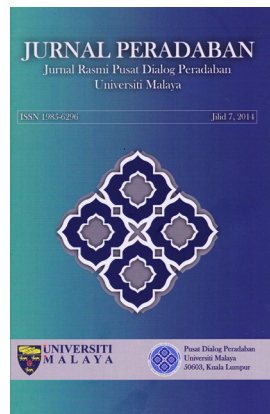
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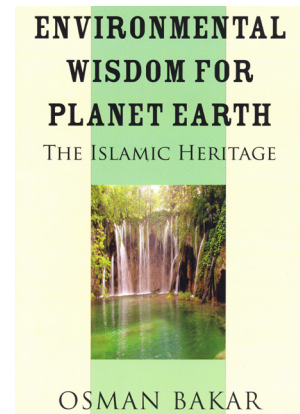
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JUNE 2015 - SEPTEMBER 2015

June 2015

Ramadan Interfaith Dialogue



August 2015

APRU Internet Economy Summer Seminar



August 2015

International Workshop on Global Citizenship



August 2015

40th APAN Meeting



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EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENTS / ACTIVITIES	VENUE
Past Events/ Activities		
25 February	Public Lecture: Professor David Blundell from National Chengchi University, Taipei	Centre for Creative Content (CCCDI), UM
26 February	Public Lecture: Professor Hans Sauer from Munich University, German	Conference Hall, Faculty of Languages & Linguistics, UM
18 March	UNESCO's International Mother Language Day	Department of Media Studies, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, UM
22 April	An Afternoon with UNESCO Club	Department of Media Studies, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, UM
9 May	Batik Workshop	Museum of Asian Arts, UM
23-24 May	Hari UNESCO Malaysia 2015	Bangunan Sultan Abdul Samad and Dataran Merdeka, KL
16 May	Seminar on "Reflection of Peace: Muslim-Buddhist Dialogue"	Seminar Room 2, Academy of Islamic Studies, UM
Upcoming Events/ Activities		
25 June	Ramadan Interfaith Dialogue – "The Power of Fasting: Purpose and Benefits"	Katha Room, UMCCD
2 August	International Workshop on Global Citizenship	Pullman Hotel, Bangsar
10-14 August	40th Asia Pacific Advanced Network (APAN) Meeting	IPPP, UM
4 November	Seminar on " <i>Maruah dan Nilai Wanita: Jadikan Ia Kenyataan</i> "	Mercu Alam Bina Auditorium, Faculty of Built Environment, UM
14 November	Public Lecture: Dr Mohammad Ismath Ramzy Mohamad Ismail, UMCCD	Seminar Room 1, History Department, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences
25 November	Public Lecture: Dr Eric Winkel, USA	Seminar Room 1, Institute of Research Management and Monitoring (IPPP)
19 November	World Philosophy Day	Katha Room, UMCCD
7 December	World Arabic Language Day	The Cube, Academy of Islamic Studies, UM
10-11 December	International Day for Persons with Disabilities	Perdanasiswa Complex, UM