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## A Note From The Executive Director

**T**he AEI Post reflects the role of the Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya as a leading postgraduate institution in the region that bridges the gap between Asia and Europe through fostering exchange of students and scholars, activities and research on Asia and Europe. Its four international Masters programmes taught by visiting professors and lecturers from leading institutions globally attract students from, not only Asia and Europe, but also other parts of the world. AEI strives to be a major player in Asia-Europe studies and provides students and academics with opportunities to participate in discussions on current and international affairs focusing on Asia and Europe through a regular series of events and lectures given by diplomats, professionals and academics from various disciplines.

Among the many events organized and hosted by AEI in 2015 are the ASEAN Higher Education Forum, the International Conference on Arbitration Discourse and Practice in Asia, the ASEAN workshop on the role of youth in promoting human rights, a roundtable discussion on transboundary haze pollution and visits by and meetings with Ambassadors from Ireland, Hungary and Denmark and the Australian High Commissioner as well as a visit to the EU delegation office in Kuala Lumpur and the EU Centre in Singapore. Various public lectures as well as seminars on asylum-seekers in Europe and Southeast Asia, the youth in Germany, public understanding of health risks in Sweden and Malaysia, and European perspectives on ASEAN have also been

held at AEI. On-going current research projects on Asia-Europe are on multiculturalism and health risk communication with partners from Asia and Europe; more projects are being planned for the coming year in the sociocultural, political-security, and economic domains.

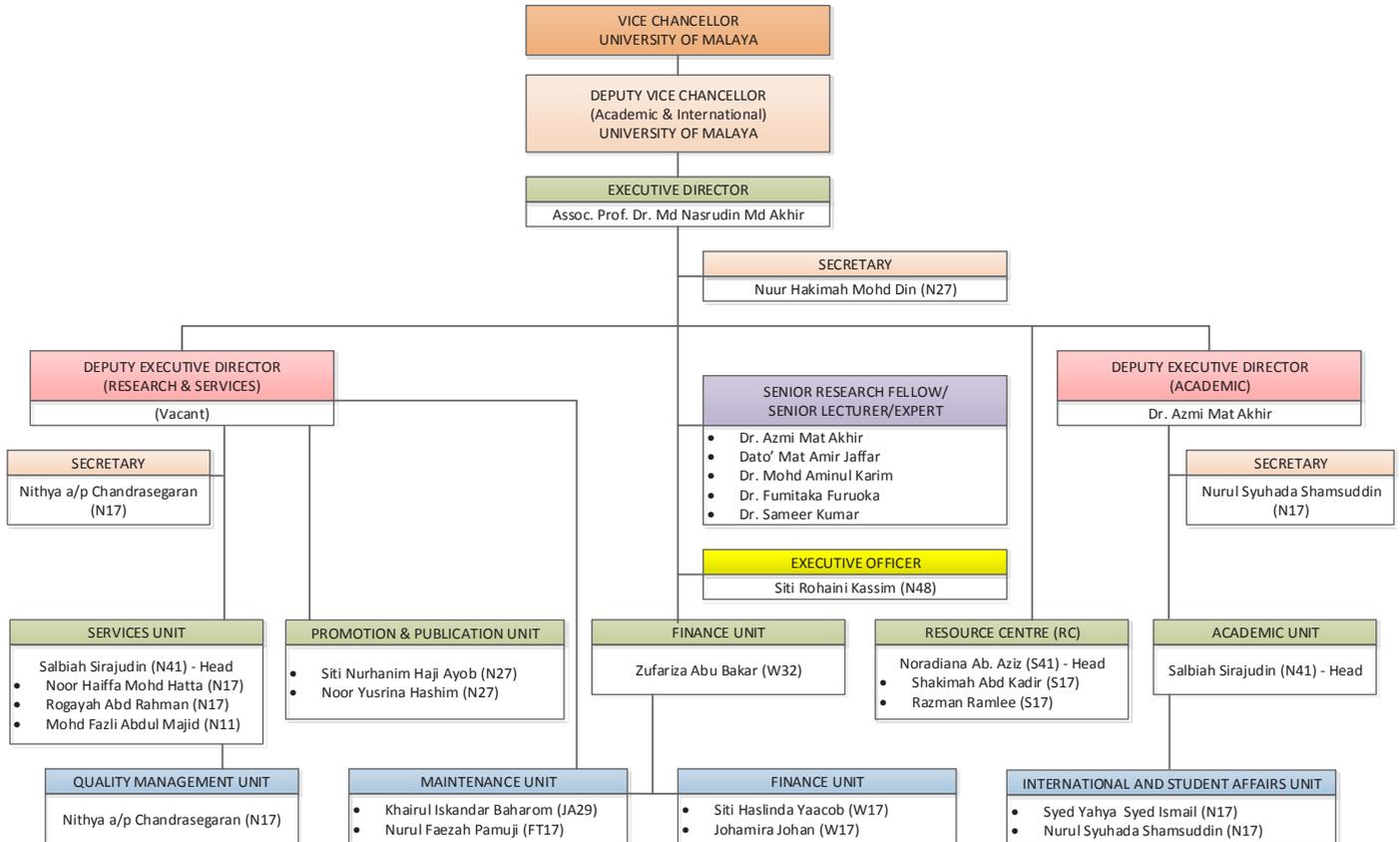
We are grateful for the support and friendship of many individuals, the partnership and support of organisations and government entities throughout the period. 2015 marked the year that Malaysia held the chairmanship of ASEAN and together with the Centre for ASEAN Regionalism (CARUM), AEI held events that marked the deepening of regional co-operation with our ASEAN neighbours.

I would like to thank staff for their dedication and hard work throughout 2015. I would also like to express my appreciation to colleagues who have contributed in one way or another to the success of the Institute's activities. I look forward to AEI achieving greater heights in 2016 given the continued support and commitment of the staff of AEI and management of the university, as well as the support of and collaboration with partners locally and globally.

Thank you.

**Professor Dr. Azirah Hashim**  
**Executive Director**

# Organisation Structure of Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya



(Update as on 29 January 2015)





## EMINENT PERSONS LECTURE SERIES (EPELS)

# THE FUTURE OF ASEM

by Emeritus Professor Dr. Surin Pitsuwan  
Thammasat University and Adjunct Professor  
Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya  
7<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**T**he Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) was very privileged to welcome again Emeritus Professor Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, former Foreign Minister of Thailand and former ASEAN Secretary-General (2008-2012). He earned his PhD from Harvard in 1982 and for his sterling contribution to Humanity, he had also been conferred with Honorary Doctorate by thirteen universities.

In his second lecture in the context of the Eminent Persons Lecture

Series (EPELS) of AEI, he recalled the convergence of perceptions and thinking between Asia and Europe in mid 90's and the role played by Dr. Supachai Panitchpakali and President of France Jacques Chirac that Europe and Asia should get closer to each other. Given the widespread optimism then prevailing due to the successful growth trend of China, ASEAN and India and the establishment of APEC, this proposal was also happily shared by a number of other leaders of both Asia (eg. Tun

Dr. Mahathir Mohammad and PM of Singapore) and Europe. Hence, ASEM which began with 27 members at its first summit in 1996 has grown today to 53 members including the EU Commission and ASEAN Secretariat.

Dr. Surin drew attention to the fact that ASEM "is a forum of two regions", as such Asia-Europe relations must be based on equal partnership towards shaping together a dynamic and shared future. In this context, he attached



great importance and drew considerable inspiration from the success of Europe which should be applied more towards economic growth of ASEAN countries. Notwithstanding that Singapore and Brunei have achieved developed-economy status with Malaysia following, Europe is still by far a model of applied research, innovation and technological advancement.

He emphasized that Europe can help to restructure ASEAN economies so as to enable ASEAN countries to avoid getting into the “middle-income trap” i.e. not being able to rise above the USD 10,000 p/capita. He further considered it important that Europe bring to bear their scientific, innovation, design and research know-how to the economic plans of ASEAN countries so that the latter could

make the shift from earning by their labour to earning by their brain. In this respect, intellectual property protection should not be a major question as otherwise the developing countries would continue to depend on the developed countries. Likewise, the educational cooperation extended by Europe which has greatly benefitted many Asian members should also be aimed at fulfilling such objective.

In further considering the topic, Dr. Surin also mentioned the need for Asia and Europe to enhance their ties of cultural understanding. In this regard, he endorsed the good contribution as done by ASEF, Singapore, and welcomed the pilot project of AEI-ASEM Summer Camp, August 2015. He thought it would be very appropriate if European members would nominate participants

to the Summer Camp to experience the “diversity” of Asia. Through culturally-related fora/events, Dr. Surin had also mentioned that the aim should be towards identifying some common values of the global community and how would we get there.

As many had expected, Dr. Surin inevitably also dealt with the developments of the ASEAN Economic Community. In relation to the future of ASEM he believed the ASEAN countries on the basis of AEC would need to rise up to the required standards in terms of e.g. governance and human rights etc. such an important social undertaking would likely enhance the position of ASEAN and create more opportunities on intra-ASEM cooperation.



## AMBASSADORS LECTURE SERIES (ALES)

# JAPAN-MALAYSIA RELATIONS ON A NEW WAVE

by H.E. Dr. Makio Miyagawa  
Ambassador of Japan  
19<sup>th</sup> November 2014

**H**.E. Dr. Makio Miyagawa holds a PhD from Oxford University in International Relations and Law. He joined the Government of Japan in 1976 and appointed Ambassador to Malaysia in 2014.

In his Ambassadors Lecture Series (ALES) at AEI on the above topic, he referred to Japan's role as leading the flying geese in East Asia which unfortunately had experienced fifteen years of deflation under the leadership of

Prime Minister Abe and his "three arrows" approach of:

- i. Expansive monetary policy;
- ii. Flexible budgetary policy; and
- iii. A number of specific growth programmes.

The impact of Japan's economic growth of 2.3% in 2013 was evident in the increasing construction projects and the steadily bullish stock market, investment fund, pension fund and insurance etc. The "three arrows" also led to expansive demand and fiscal balance improvement.

This had in turn enabled the consumption tax rate to be raised from 5% to 8% in April 2014 on the back of Yen 5.5 tr. economic package stimulus.

The Ambassador had also then presented an insightful study of the Japan-Malaysia relations in which he termed Malaysia's Look East Policy (LEP) as a success. Stemming from an increasingly closer bilateral ties covering many areas of interest e.g. investment, tourism, trade, education etc the LEP has also kept Japan to continue to be the



biggest investor in Malaysia throughout the years.

However, towards making the “New Wave” more meaningful, he raised a number of significant points on two major areas.

Firstly, LEP would need to expand the scope of technological and scientific cooperation to include e.g. high technology areas (nanotechnology, energy, advance materials etc). Furthermore, Malaysia would also need

to plug up its industrial infrastructure deficiencies.

Secondly, looking at the future region-wise, he considered the issue of South China Sea would pose a grave danger. He, therefore, reiterated the position of the Japanese Government that the South China Sea territorial dispute be settled peacefully based on international law and “never ever” unilaterally. The fact that Japan had hosted the first summit of leaders of ASEAN and its Dialogue Partners in

2003 which subsequently established the Japan – ASEAN Integration Fund (JAIF) had indeed testified to the summit’s agreement to reinforce comprehensive economic partnership and monetary and financial cooperation.

In view of interalia the challenges facing ASEAN and Malaysia’s increasing requirement for innovation to support its transformation, Ambassador Miyagawa considered that Japan and Malaysia would have immense scope for further bilateral cooperation.





## AMBASSADORS LECTURE SERIES (ALES)

# THE EU RELATIONSHIP WITH ASEAN

by H.E. Luc Vandebon  
Ambassador/ Head of EU Commission  
21<sup>st</sup> October 2014

**A**mbassador Luc Vandebon had delivered an in-depth and succinct Ambassadors Lecture Series (ALES) on the above topic which, for those interested on the subject would constitute a valuable guidance.

Ambassador Luc Vandebon first referred to the successful 10<sup>th</sup> summit of ASEM held in October 2014 in Milan in which ASEAN-EU relationship was also positively reflected, as on the side there were the ASEAN-EU Business Forum, meeting of European and Asian

Parliamentarians, ASEAN-EU People Forum, ASEF Editors Roundtable and Asia-Europe Labour Forum.

EU-ASEAN relationship has mutually been accorded with considerable importance as shown by its increasingly closer cooperation stretching over 40 years and its “multilayered relationship” covering:

- i. Economic, trade and investment cooperation;
- ii. Political;
- iii. Education;
- iv. Security matters; and
- v. Regional integration.

The European Community was the first to make official contact with ASEAN and become ASEAN’S first dialogue partner.

On economic and business cooperation, the Ambassador stated that ASEAN is EU’s 3<sup>rd</sup> largest partner (after US and China) with Euro 235 billion trade in goods and services in 2012. Likewise, EU is ASEAN’S 3<sup>rd</sup> largest partner after China and Japan. The trade and investment growth trend have also been “impressive” as EU investment in ASEAN has grown from Euro 110 billion in 2007 to more than Euro 205 billion in 2012.



In tandem with the trend, the EU and ASEAN member countries have increased their cooperation by embarking on removing trade barriers: Singapore was the first to have concluded an FTA with EU in 2013 while negotiation with Vietnam, Thailand and Malaysia are underway. The Ambassador had cited the region-to-region (EU and ASEAN) FTA as being the major aim of such an important initiative.

In regard to education, 4000 students and researchers from ASEAN countries go to EU countries on EU scholarships every year. Funding for students and students-exchange have continued under the Erasmus + Programme. A further programme named EU SHARE (EU Support to Higher Education in the ASEAN region) has also been established aimed at enabling EU experiences to be

shared with ASEAN which would further support mobility of students and the promotion of ASEAN Community 2015 and beyond.

The multilayered relationship has very appropriately been strengthened by the increasing political dialogues and cooperation between the two regions. The relationship has seen an increasing number of high-level exchange of visits e.g. by the ASEAN Secretary General, President Van Rompuy of the European Council and President Barroso of the European Commission. In July 2014, ASEAN and EU had held their 20<sup>th</sup> Ministerial meeting in Brussels which, inter alia, welcomed the first meeting of the EU Committee of Permanent Representatives and ASEAN Committee of Permanent Representatives.

As both regions look to the future with confidence and optimism of their increasing cooperation, the Ambassador had flagged on the need of leaders to begin considering what would be the “strategic nature of the relationship”.

Ambassador Luc Vandebon is Belgian who graduated in Business Engineering from Free University of Brussels. He joined the European Commission in 1985 and had, in various capacities been assigned to China, ROK, The Philippines and Afghanistan. From 2006 to 2009 he was responsible for EU relations with Australia and New Zealand. In September 2012, he was appointed as the Ambassador/ Head of the EU Commission to Malaysia.



## AMBASSADORS LECTURE SERIES (ALES)

# TRUSTWORTHY FRIENDS AND PARTNERS: BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CHINA AND MALAYSIA

by H.E. Dr. Huang Huikang  
Ambassador of China  
19<sup>th</sup> August 2014

**A**mbassador Huang Huikang described China and Malaysia as “close and friendly” neighbours with long history of friendship. Their diplomatic relations was established in 1974 with the historic visit of Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prime Minister of Malaysia thereby making Malaysia also the first ASEAN country to establish diplomatic relations with China.

Prime Minister Dato’ Seri Najib visited China in May 2015 to highlight

the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of China-Malaysia relations. Earlier, in October 2014, President Xi Jinping had visited Malaysia during which the two leaders had inter alia upgraded their bilateral relations to a “comprehensive strategic partnership”.

Ambassador Huang then focused on the “great progress” of China-Malaysia relations covering politic, economy, people-to-people exchanges, law-enforcement, security matters and the

exchange of high-level visits including that of *Yang Dipertuan Agong* to China.

On trade, China has overtaken the US to become Malaysia’s biggest trading partner while to China, Malaysia is the biggest partner among the ASEAN countries or 8<sup>th</sup> largest globally. The trade relations would be enhanced further as during PM Najib’s visit to China, both sides had made a commitment to increase their trade to USD 160 billion by 2017.



In respect of education, the two countries had signed an agreement on mutual recognition of higher education and degree. It is also noteworthy that Xiamen University has established its first branch campus overseas in Malaysia.

In looking to the future, Ambassador Huang highlighted that both countries share similar views and strategic interests on many regional and international issues. He stated he would do his best to further develop China-Malaysia relations.

Dr. Huang Huikang holds a PhD from Wuhan University in International Law. Having earned the PhD, he spent ten-years at Wuhan University up to 1995 in a number of academic appointments. He then joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs which first assigned him to the Consulate-General, New York, and then to the Chinese Embassy, Ottawa. From 2011-2013, he was Director-General, Department of Treaty and Law, MFA, after which he was appointed Ambassador to Malaysia.





## AMBASSADORS LECTURE SERIES (ALES) AUSTRIAN PERSPECTIVE ON KEY FOREIGN AND SECURITY CHALLENGES AFFECTING EU AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AND AUSTRIAN – MALAYSIA BILATERAL RELATIONS

by H.E. Christophe Ceska  
Ambassador of Austria  
23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014

**T**he Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) was privileged to have welcomed H.E. Christophe Ceska, Ambassador of Austria who delivered Ambassadors Lecture Series (ALES) as above-mentioned on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2014.

Ambassador Ceska had highlighted his views of Austria's politics as predominantly based on national and regional outlook hence its focus on

Europe. He pointed out that the relevance of such an approach has been evident by security challenges and other global problems such as non-proliferation, energy, security, terrorism and violent extremism all of which necessitate a multilateral approach.

Concomitantly, Austria has attached considerable interest and has actively participated in the ASEAN Regional Framework (ARF) and the ASEAN Treaty

of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in the context of EU – ASEAN and EU – Malaysia partnership and cooperation.

On the same wave – length, Ambassador Ceska pointed out that both Austria and Malaysia have very much welcome the development of their “excellent relations”. Since the establishment of their formal diplomatic relations on 6<sup>th</sup> August 1962, there has been wide-ranging and mutually-

beneficial cooperation in trade, technical education, tourism, environment and investment. Notwithstanding their different religious factors and history, both countries enjoy a total trade of RM 3.2 billion in 2013. Malaysia's exports to Austria which in 1995 amounted to only RM 580 million, had increased by 132% totaling RM 1.3 billion in 2013. As regard to investment in Malaysia, it is noteworthy that sixty Austrian companies have established their offices and have invested in Malaysia as of date.

In looking forward to continuing his assignment in Malaysia, Ambassador Ceska is highly encouraged "that there is still much space for more economic development and political cooperation between Austria and Malaysia". In this respect, the AEI would look forward to extending a warm welcome to Honorable Sebastian Kurz, Austrian Federal Minister for European and International Affairs, to deliver an Eminent Persons Lecture of AEI whenever he would visit Malaysia.

Ambassador Ceska holds a Master's degree in Law from University of Salzburg. He joined the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs in January 1993. He was appointed Ambassador to Malaysia in October 2013 with concurrent accreditation to Brunei Darussalam.



# International Academic Staff (Visiting Professors)

Apart from local lecturers, AEI also has a pool of international visiting professors, from Europe and Asia, who are established experts in their respective fields, to teach selected courses in the AEI International Masters programmes. They are as shown below:

No.	Name	Programme
1.	 <p><b>Professor Dr. Andreas Vasilache</b>            Director            Centre for German and European Studies            Faculty of Sociology            University of Bielefeld            P. O. Box 10 02 32 D-33501 Bielefeld            GERMANY            Email : andreas.vasilache@uni-bielefeld.de</p>	<b>IMRI :</b> Institutional and Legal Framework for Regional Integration
2.	 <p><b>Professor Dr. Christoph Schuck</b>            Professor for Political Science and Philosophy            Faculty 14 – Political Science Room 2.245            University of Dortmund            Emil-Figge-Str. 50, D-44227 Dortmund            GERMANY            Email : christoph.m.schuck@uni_dortmund.de</p>	<b>IMRI :</b> European Model of Regional Integration <b>IMAS :</b> Regionalisation and Regionalism: Theory and Practice
3.	 <p><b>Professor Dr. Martin Jeffrey Holland</b>            Director            National Centre for Research on Europe            4th Level Commerce Building            University of Canterbury            Private Bag 4800            Christchurch            NEW ZEALAND            Email : martin.holland@canterbury.ac.nz</p>	<b>IMRI, IMAS :</b> Advanced Studies in Europe and European Integration
4.	 <p><b>Professor Samuel van den Bergh</b>            Professor            Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW)            Theaterstrasse 17            8401 Winterthur            SWITZERLAND            Email : vsam@zhaw.ch</p>	<b>IMSME :</b> Business Networks and Clusters
5.	 <p><b>Professor Dr. Alfredo C. Robles Jr.</b>            Professor of International Studies            College of Liberal Arts            De La Salle University            2401 Taft Avenue            Manila 1004            PHILIPPINES            Email : roblesajr@yahoo.com / alfredo.robles@dlsu.edu.ph</p>	<b>IMIM, IMSME :</b> Political Economy of Asia-Europe Relations
6.	 <p><b>Professor Dr. Norberto Muniz Martinez</b>            Professor of Marketing            Department of Strategic Management and Economics            Faculty of Economics and Business Studies            Universidad de Leon, Campus de Vegazana            s/n 24071 Leon            SPAIN            Email : nmunm@unileon.es</p>	<b>IMSME :</b> Marketing Strategies for SMEs

No.	Name	Programme
7.	 <p><b>Professor Dr. Francesco Nucci</b>            Professor of Economics            Università di Roma "La Sapienza"            Facoltà di Economia- Dipartimento di Economia e            Diritto Via del Castro Laurenziano 9            00161 Roma            ITALY            Email : francesco.nucci@uniroma1.it</p>	<b>IMRI :</b> Asia-Europe: Trade and Financial Issues
8.	 <p><b>Professor Dr. Panayotis Tsakaloyannis</b>            Jean Monnet Chair in European Institutions &amp;            The EU's External Relations            Department of International and European Economic Studies            Athens University of Economics and Business            76 Patission Street            10434 Athens            GREECE            Email : ptsakal@aueb.gr</p>	<b>IMRI :</b> Political Economy of Regional Integration  <b>IMRI :</b> European Model of Regional Integration
9.	 <p><b>Professor Dr. Aileen San Pablo-Baviera</b>            Asian Center, Romulo Hall            Magsaysay Corner Guerrero Sts.            University of the Philippines            Diliman 1101            Quezon City            THE PHILIPPINES            Email : aileen.baviera@gmail.com</p>	<b>IMAS :</b> Legal, Institutional and Governance Frameworks (of ASEAN)
10.	 <p><b>Professor Dr. Sebastian Bersick</b>            Chair, International Political Economy of East Asia            Department of East Asian Studies            Ruhr-Universität Bochum            AKAFÖ-Gebäude 2.27            Universitätsstraße134            44780 Bochum,            GERMANY            Email:sebastian-bersick@rub.de</p>	<b>IMRI :</b> Multilateral Institutions and Asia-Europe Economic Development
11.	 <p><b>Dr. Verena Dorner</b>            Institute of Information Systems and Marketing (IISM),            Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)            Englerstr. 14, 76131 Karlsruhe,            GERMANY            Email: verena.dorner@kit.edu</p>	<b>IMIM :</b> Electronic Marketing and the Global Distribution Network
12.	 <p><b>Ms. Mega Irena</b>            Assistant Director            Social Welfare, Women, Labour and Migrant Workers Division            ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Department            ASEAN Secretariat            70A Jl. Sisingamangaraja            Jakarta 12110            INDONESIA            Email : megairena@asean.org</p>	<b>IMAS :</b> Functional Cooperation in ASEAN

# Local Academic Staff

In the 2014/2015 academic session, AEI has 11 local lecturers to run selected courses in the International Masters programmes (see below):

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2.	 <p><b>Associate Professor Datin Dr. Hjh Sabitha Marican</b> Department of Administrative Studies and Politics Faculty of Economics and Administration University of Malaya Kuala Lumpur Tel : +603 79673716 Email : sabitha@um.edu.my</p>	<b>IMIM, IMRI, IMSME, IMAS :</b> Research Methods and Data Analysis for Social Scientists
3.	 <p><b>Associate Professor Dr. Jatswan Singh A/L Harnam Singh</b> Department of International and Strategic Studies Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences University of Malaya Kuala Lumpur Tel : +603 79675435 Email : jatswanh@um.edu.my</p>	<b>IMAS :</b> History, Society and Culture in Southeast Asia
4.	 <p><b>Associate Professor Dr. Aida Idris</b> Department of Business Strategy and Policy Faculty of Business and Accountancy University of Malaya Kuala Lumpur Tel : +603 79673994 Email : aida_idris@um.edu.my</p>	<b>IMSME :</b> Entrepreneurship Development
5.	 <p><b>Dr. Sameer Kumar</b> Asia-Europe Institute University of Malaya Kuala Lumpur Tel : +603 79676929 Email : sameerkr03@yahoo.com / sameer@um.edu.my</p>	<b>IMIM :</b> Information Technology and K-Economy <b>IMIM :</b> Social and Economic Dimension of IT and the Digital Economy
6.	 <p><b>Dr. Tey Lian Seng</b> Department of Business Strategy and Policy Faculty of Business and Accountancy University of Malaya Kuala Lumpur Tel : +603 79673902 Email : teyls@um.edu.my</p>	<b>IMSME :</b> Strategic Management for SMEs

No.	Name	Programme
7.	 <p><b>Dr. Shamshul Bahri Zakaria</b>            Department of Operation and Management Information System            Faculty of Business and Accountancy            University of Malaya            Kuala Lumpur            Tel : +603 79673854            Email : esbi@um.edu.my</p>	<b>IMIM :</b> Business and Enterprise Modelling
8.	 <p><b>Dr. Noor Akma Mohd Salleh</b>            Department of Operation and Management Information System            Faculty of Business and Accountancy            University of Malaya            Kuala Lumpur            Tel : +603 79673931            Email : akmasalleh@um.edu.my</p>	<b>IMIM :</b> E-Trade and Small and Medium Scale Enterprises
9.	 <p><b>Professor Emeritus Dato' Dr. Rahim Md. Sail</b>            Department of Professional Development and Continuing Education            Faculty of Educational Studies            Universiti Putra Malaysia            43400 Selangor            Tel : +603 89468242            Email : rahim@ipsas.upm.edu.my</p>	<b>IMSME :</b> Human Resources Development for SME
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11.	 <p><b>Dr. Jorah Ramlan</b>            (Former Official) Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia            187-B, Jalan Puteri Hang Lipo,            75100 Melaka            Mobile Phone : +6013 6217358            Email : ramlan_j@yahoo.com</p>	<b>IMAS :</b> Economics and Political Policy Agenda (of ASEAN)

# AEI Roundtable

On 16 March 2015, a roundtable session was chaired by Professor Dr. Shinichi Kitaoka, President of International University of Japan and also a Professor at National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies (GRIPS) with the title of discussion, Diplomacy and Security Policy of Prime Minister Abe. This session was held at ASEM Room of AEI.



# Public Lecture by YBhg. Dato' V.L. Kandan

On 25 February 2015, YBhg. Dato' V.L. Kandan, Consultant of Shearn Delamore & Co, Fellow, Academy of World Intellectual Property Organization and Life Member of Malaysian Invention & Design Society (MINDS) delivered a public lecture entitled "From Edison to iPod" at ASEM Room of AEI.



# Special Public Lecture by Mr. Zsolt Nemeth

On 20 January 2015, Mr. Zsolt Nemeth, Chairman of Parliamentary Foreign Relations Committee of Hungary delivered a special public lecture entitled "Be the Change that You Want to See in the World" at Auditorium of AEI.



# Forum: Furthering the Look East Policy with Industrial Cooperation between Malaysia, Korea and ASEAN

On 25 November 2014, Dr. Azmi Mat Akhir, AEI Deputy Executive Director, (Academic) represented AEI at *Forum: Furthering the Look East Policy with Industrial Cooperation between Malaysia, Korea and ASEAN*.

The forum was organised by the Republic of Korea Embassy in Malaysia in cooperation with the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI), Kuala Lumpur.

# International Conference on ASEAN Studies 2014 (ICONAS2014) - Inner and Outer Look of Southeast Asia 2015: Championing ASEAN Community

Dr. Azmi Mat Akhir, Deputy Executive Director (Academic) of AEI attended the International Conference on ASEAN Studies 2014 (ICONAS2014) – Inner and Outer Look of Southeast Asia 2015: Championing ASEAN Community to present a paper entitled “Sustaining ASEAN through Enhancing Regional Cooperation in Higher Education”.

The international conference, which took place 1-2 October 2014, was organised by the ASEAN Studies Centre, Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

# Promotion and Collaboration for Balanced Mobility Project: Asia-Europe Institute - ASEM Summer Camp 2015 (AEI-ASC 2015)

Following the ASEM International Seminar on Balanced Mobility on 25 and 26 August 2014, Associate Professor Dr. Md Nasrudin Md Akhir, Executive Director of AEI, with Research Assistant, Siti Rohaini Kassim, Lee Ee Wern and Sean Harley Lee Allen made several visits to universities in Japan and Korea to discuss collaboration in the Balanced Mobility Project, from 18-26 October 2014. Details of the visit are as follows:

No.	Country Visited	Date	Name of University/ Institution
1.	Kunitachi, Tokyo (Japan)	20 October 2014 (Monday)	Hitotsubashi University, Japan
2.	Hachioji, Tokyo (Japan)	21 October 2014 (Tuesday)	Soka University, Japan
3.	Hiroshima, (Japan)	22 October 2014 (Wednesday)	Hiroshima University, Japan
4.	Seoul (South Korea)	23 October 2014 (Thursday)	Korea University, Seoul, Korea



From 9-11 December 2014, Dato’ Mat Amir Jaffar, AEI Expert, and AEI Research Assistant, Mohd Ikbal Mohd Huda, visited Universitas Indonesia and the ASEM Education Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia, to discuss promotions and collaboration in the Balanced Mobility Project. Details of the visit are as follows:

No.	Country Visited	Date	Name of University/ Institution
1.	Jakarta (Indonesia)	10 December 2014 (Wednesday)	International Office, Universitas Indonesia (UI), Indonesia Faculty of Social and Politic Sciences, Universitas Indonesia (UI), Indonesia
2.		11 December 2014 (Thursday)	Sekretariat Pendidikan ASEM, Jakarta, Indonesia

From 16-19 December 2014, Dato’ Mat Amir Jaffar, AEI Expert, with AEI Research Assistant, Lee Chee Leong, visited several universities in Thailand to discuss collaboration in as well as promotion of the Balanced Mobility Project. Details of the visit are as follows:

No.	Country Visited	Date	Name of University/Institution
1.	Bangkok (Thailand)	16 Disember 2014 (Selasa)	Mahidol University
2.		17 Disember 2014 (Rabu)	Chulalongkorn University Thammasat University

The visits were aimed at discussing AEI-ASC with the theme of “Biodiversity and Cultural Heritage” to be held from 2-16 August 2015. In this context also, the AEI Management paid a visit and stayed overnight at the Ulu Gombak Biodiversity Camp, from 31 October to 1 November 2014, to recce the camp for AEI-ASC 2015.

On 7 January 2015, the AEI Management held a special presentation on AEI-ASC for the benefit of ambassadors of all ASEM countries at Dewan Bunga Raya, Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur.



# Public Lecture by Professor Cristina Ponte

On 11 September 2014, Professor Cristina Ponte of University NOVA, Lisbon, Portugal delivered a public lecture entitled “Media and Generations: A Research and Learning Approach for Media Education and Audience Studies” at AEI.



# Balanced Mobility Project – ASEM International Seminar on Balanced Mobility

The Balanced Mobility project is an ongoing collaboration between the Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya and the Ministry of Education (MOE).

In relation to this, an international seminar, themed “ASEM International Seminar on Balanced Mobility” was held on 25 August 2014, at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), Kuala Lumpur, and on 26 August 2014 at the AEI Auditorium.

The main objective of the seminar was to create a platform for Asia and Europe scholars, academics and entrepreneurs to promote academic programmes and activities to attract more students to study in Asia.

A dinner was also held on 25 August 2014 at the Grand Ballroom, Sunway Putra Hotel, Kuala Lumpur in appreciation of the attendance of all paper presenters, participants as well as members of the secretariat under the sponsorship of MOE.



# International Conference on Islam and Multiculturalism, a joint research by AEI, Waseda University, Japan and New York University Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

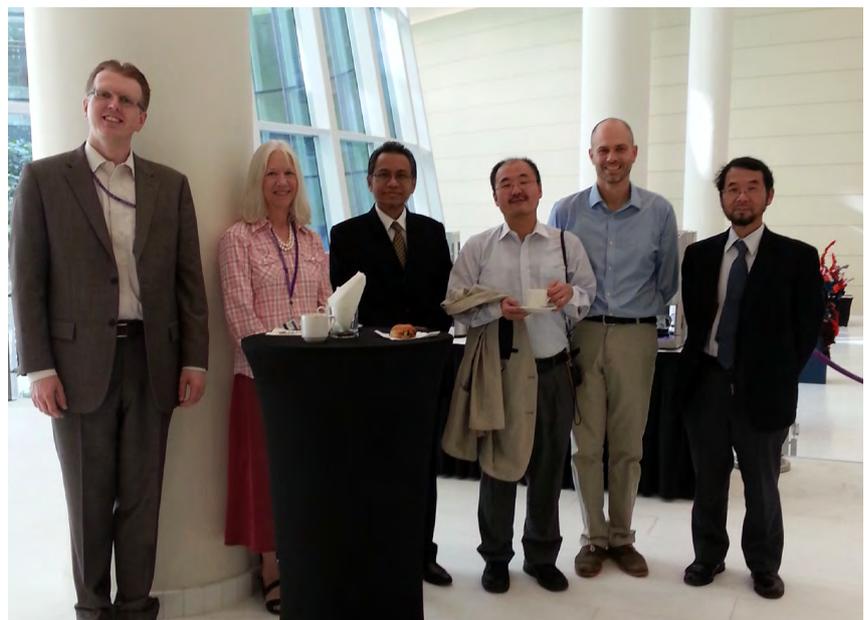
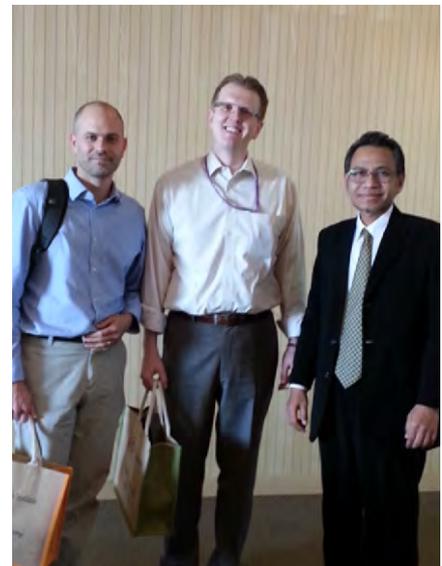
The research on Islam and Multiculturalism is a collaboration between AEI, UM and the Organization for Islamic Area Studies, Waseda University, Japan since 2011. In 2014, AEI and Waseda University included New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD), UAE into the collaboration.

Following a visit from Waseda University and NYUAD on 5 June 2014, Associate Professor Dr. Md Nasrudin Md Akhir, AEI Executive Director and Siti Rohaini Kassim, AEI Research Assistant, joined Waseda University counterparts for a pre-seminar meeting and discussion held at NYUAD.

The main objective of the meeting was to discuss developments in the research collaboration, as well as to lay down initial format for the international seminar on Islam and Multiculturalism: Exploring Islamic Studies within a Symbiotic Framework which was to be held on 13 and 14 December 2014.

A formal dinner was also held at the Crown Restaurant, Crystal Crown Hotel, Petaling Jaya for all involved in the seminar.

The next seminar will be hosted by NYUAD, followed by Waseda University the following year. The themes for the two seminars are still being discussed.



# Special Public Lecture by Y.Bhg. Dato' Paduka Syed Isa Syed Alwi

On 3 June 2014, Y.Bhg. Dato' Paduka Syed Isa Syed Alwi, CEO, Algaetech International Sdn. Bhd delivered a talk on "Can Algae Save the World: Energy and Food Sustainability", at the AEI Auditorium.

The talk explained in great detail the use of modern technology in the process of producing algae which has great beneficial potential for the national economy, particularly as medical resources, oil as energy source, fish foods, "nutraceutical" elements etc. He proposed for more investments be made in order to expand the algae industry as have been done in Thailand and the USA.



# International Conference: The Role of Higher Education in Building an ASEAN Community

The Centre for ASEAN Regionalism University of Malaya (CARUM) in collaboration with the International Association of Universities (IAU), Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) and the Ministry of Education (MOE), Malaysia organised the ASEAN Higher Education Forum at the Eastin Hotel, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia on 9-10 June 2015. The objectives of the International Conference is to bring together higher education leaders, decision-makers and scholars from ASEAN and beyond for the purpose of scholarly exchange and interaction on the theme of the conference; to analyze ways in which higher education can contribute to resolving issues and problems related to the three pillars of the ASEAN Community: the political-security, economic and socio-cultural; to exchange views and research on ways in which ASEAN universities might benefit from and contribute to the strengthening of the ASEAN Community and identify areas of highest potential for future intra-ASEAN higher education collaboration in view of building a people-centred ASEAN community.



# Publication and Research by Academic Staff of AEI, 2014

Name: Dr. Fumitaka Furuoka  
Position: Senior Research Fellow (Visitor)

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

### 1a. ISI (Web of Science)

No.	Author's Name	Title of Article	Title of Journal	Issue/Vol./No.	Year	Page
1	Fumitaka Furuoka	Electricity consumption and economic development in Asia: new data and new methods	Asian-Pacific Economic Literature	Vol.29, No.1,	2015	pp.102-125
2	Fumitaka Furuoka	CO2 emissions-development nexus revisited	Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews	Vol.51,	2015	pp.1256-1275
3	Fumitaka Furuoka	Financial development and energy consumption: Evidence from a heterogeneous panel of Asian countries	Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews	Vol.52,	2015	pp.430-444
4	Fumitaka Furuoka & Mohammad Zahirul Hoque	Determinants of antiretroviral therapy coverage in Sub-Saharan Africa	PeerJ	Vol.3,	2015	pp.1-17
5	Fumitaka Furuoka	Unemployment hysteresis in the Nordic Kitten: Evidence from five Estonian regions	Panoeconomicus	Vol.62, No.5,	2015	pp.631-642.

### 1b. Scopus

No.	Author's Name	Title of Article	Title of Journal	Issue/Vol./No.	Year	Page
1	Fumitaka Furuoka	Are unemployment rates in the post-communist economies stationary? Empirical evidence from Central Asia	Ikonomicheski Izsledvania	Vol.24, No.2,	2015	pp.85-105

## RESEARCH AND SOURCE OF FUNDING

### 2a. Research

No.	Title	Source of Funding (Grant/Vote)	Value (Grant/Vote)	Duration of Research	Principal Investigator or Co-Researcher (Otherwise, state name of Lead Researcher)
1	Succession planning and career development as antecedent factors to talent development in effect to employee quality work-life balance	Fundamental Research Grant Scheme (FRGS)	RM60,000	January 2012-December 2015	Professor Roselina Ahmad Saufi, Puan Roslinah Mahmud, Mr. Datu Razali
2	The environment and economic development in ASEAN countries	Bantuan Kecil Penyelidikan (BKP) scheme	RM15,000	August 2014-present	Professor Rajah Rasiah

Name: Dr. Sameer Kumar  
Position: Senior Lecturer

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

### 1a. ISI (Web of Science)

No.	Author's Name	Title of Article	Title of Journal	Issue/ Vol./ No.	Year	Page
1	Sameer Kumar	Co-authorship networks: A review of the literature	Aslib journal of Information Management	Vol. 67 No. 1	2015	pp 55-73
2	Sameer Kumar	The Assortativity Of Scholars at a Research-Intensive University in Malaysia	The Electronic Library	Vol. 33 No. 2	2015	Pp 162 - 180

## RESEARCH AND SOURCE OF FUNDING

### 2a. Research

No.	Title	Source of Funding (Grant/ Vote)	Value (Grant/ Vote)	Duration of Research	Principal Investigator or Co-Researcher (Otherwise, state name of Lead Researcher)
1.	Investigation of Academic Communications Using Network Analysis Tools	High Impact Research (H21001 -00 - F000044)	RM1,26,000.00	2014 - 2016	PI: Dr. Sameer Kumar
2.	Network Structure Dynamics and Distribution of Scholarly Ties	Frontier Science (UMRG) (RP020D-14AFR)	RM44,500.00	2014 - 2016	PI: Dr. Sameer Kumar
3.	Network Analysis of Social, Technological and Biological Networks	High Impact Research	RM2,802,141.45	2014 - 2016	Co-researcher/Co-investigator/ Collaborator: Dr. Sameer Kumar PI: Prof. Kuru Ratnavelu
4.	Pilot activities with Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Education, Research and Innovation (SERI)	ETH, Switzerland	RM4,0946.47	2015 - 2015	Co-researcher/Partner: Dr. Sameer Kumar Swiss Partner: Dr. Filippo Bignami

### 2b. Research Expenses for 2a (If you are Principal Investigator/ Research)

No.	Title	Source of Funding (Grant/ Vote)	Value of Grant/ Vote	Total Expenditure from Overall Grant
1.	Investigation of Academic Communications Using Network Analysis Tools	High Impact Research (H21001 -00 - F000044)	RM1,26,000.00	RM79,116.00
2.	Network Structure Dynamics and Distribution of Scholarly Ties	Frontier Science (UMRG) (RP020D-14AFR)	RM44,500.00	RM4,044.80

# List of Research by AEI Academic Staff, 2014

No.	Researcher's Name	Research Title	Grant & Total Grant	Duration	Role of Researcher	Member
1.	Associate Professor Dr. Md Nasrudin Md Akhir	Transforming the Nation: Development Model of FELDA and Saemaul Undong	Lembaga Kemajuan Tanah Persekutuan (FELDA)/ RM 460,040.00	2013 -2015	Key Investigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dato' Dr. Ahmad Faiz Hj. Abdul Hamid (Yayasan FELDA)</li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Mansor Mohd Noor (UKM)</li> <li>• Mr. Rou Seung Yoan@ Abd. Al-Rahim (UKM)</li> <li>• Dr. Kim Keum Hyun@ Safiah (UM)</li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Roslan Hakim (UUM)</li> </ul>
		Changes in State Capacity and its Leadership and its impact on National Development: A Comparative Analysis of Malaysia and South Korea	2013 Overseas Korean Studies Incubation Program Selection / US\$150,000,000	2013-2016	Key Investigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Kim Keum Hyun @Safiah (UM)</li> <li>• Y.Bhg. Prof. Datuk Dr. Norma Mansor (UM)</li> </ul>
		Project on Research and Writing of National History of Malaysia	Institute of Malaysian Historical Study and Patriotism (IKSEP) & State Government of Malacca	2010-2014	Researcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Zulkanain Abd. Rahman (UM)</li> <li>• Mohd bin Shamsudin (UKM)</li> </ul>
		Promotion of ASEAN and East Asian Studies	ASEAN + 3 Fund/ US\$ 350,000 (for the entire project, involving researchers from ASEAN+3 countries coordinated by Thammasat University).	December 2010 – August 2015	Researcher/ Author	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Dr. Sueo Sudo (Nanzan University, Japan)</li> <li>• A project under the Council for East Asian Scholars (CEAS)</li> </ul>
		Islam and Multiculturalism	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) * <b>6,800,000 Yen – (1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015)</b>	2014 – 2017	Key Investigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Azmi Mat Akhir</li> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Siti Rohaini Kassim with Waseda University, Japan</li> </ul>
		Balanced Mobility	Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE)	January 2014 – Until ends of this project	Key Investigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y.Bhg. Dato' Mat Amir Jaffar</li> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Siti Rohaini Kassim</li> <li>• with Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE)</li> </ul>
2.	Dr. Azmi Mat Akhir	Promotion of ASEAN and East Asian Studies	ASEAN + 3 Fund/ US\$ 350,000	December 2010 – August 2015	Researcher/ Author	–
		Islam and Multiculturalism	Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) * <b>6,800,000 Yen – (1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015)</b>	2014 – 2017	Co-Researcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Dr. Md Nasrudin Md Akhir (Key Investigator)</li> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Siti Rohaini Kassim</li> <li>• with Waseda University, Japan</li> </ul>
		Balanced Mobility	Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE)	January 2014 – until end of this project	Co-Researcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Dr. Md Nasrudin Md Akhir (Key Investigator)</li> <li>• Y.Bhg. Dato' Mat Amir Jaffar</li> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Siti Rohaini Kassim</li> <li>• with Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE)</li> </ul>

No.	Researcher's Name	Research Title	Grant & Total Grant	Duration	Role of Researcher	Member
3.	YBhg. Dato' Mat Amir Jaffar	Balanced Mobility	Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE)	January 2014 – until end of this project	Co-Researcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Dr. Md Nasrudin Md Akhir (Key Investigator)</li> <li>• Dr. Azmi Mat Akhir</li> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Siti Rohaini Kassim</li> <li>• with Ministry of Education Malaysia (MOE)</li> </ul>
4.	Dr. Sameer Kumar	Network Structure Dynamics and Distribution of Scholarly Ties	Frontier Science Research Cluster, University of Malaya RM 30,000.00/per year	1 Julai 2014 – 30 June 2017	Key Investigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Dr. Sithi Vinayakam Muniandy (UM)</li> </ul>
		Investigation of Academic Communications Using Network Analysis Tools	High Impact Research (HIR) – MOHE, University of Malaya RM 126,000.00	1 March 2014 – 31 December 2015	Key Investigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Dr. Kurunathan Ratnavelu (UM)</li> </ul>
		Network Analysis of Social, Technological and Biological Networks	High Impact Research (HIR) of University of Malaya, no. HIR F00013 Science (Cycle 1) RM 2,802,141.45	2011 – 2016	Co-Researcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Dr. Kurunathan Ratnavelu</li> <li>• (Key Investigator) (UM)</li> </ul>
5.	Dr. Fumitaka Furuoka	The Environment and Economic Development in ASEAN Countries	BKP Assistance Research, University of Malaya RM 15,000.00	5 August 2014 – 5 January 2016	Key Investigator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professor Dr. Rajah Rasiah (UM)</li> </ul>

## Visitors and Visits

# Soka University, Hachioji, Tokyo, Japan

On March 26, 2015, AEI received the delegation from Soka University, Hachioji, Tokyo, Japan as follows:

- i. Professor Dr. Ichiro Sugimoto, Deputy Director of the International Affairs Office dari Faculty of International Liberal Arts; and
- ii. Mr. Hiroki Shimoide, Administrative Director, International Affairs Office.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss cooperation to manage Internship for students between Soka University, Hachioji, Tokyo, Japan and Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya. This cooperation is one of the initiatives in the context of the "Balanced Mobility".



## Visitors and Visits

# Zaman University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

On March 20, 2015, AEI received the visit of three (3) students from Zaman University, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The purpose of this discussion was to explain the academic programs offered by AEI.

# Yamagata University, Japan

On February 17, 2015, AEI received a Project Professor, Noboru Nagaoka (in charge of Global Studies Course) from Yamagata University, Japan.

The delegation was accompanied by Dr. Asmadi Hassan, Chairman, Department of East Asian Studies, and Dr. Rohayati Paidi, Senior Lecturer of the Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the “Balanced Mobility” project that is being carried out with the cooperation between Asia-Europe Institute (AEI), University of Malaya with the Ministry of Education (MOE).

# The Matsushita Institute of Government and Management, Japan

On January 20, 2015, AEI received the delegation of the Matsushita Institute of Government and Management, Japan as follows:

- i. Dr. Seiichiro Kimura;
- ii. Mr. Taisuke Hirose;
- iii. Mr. Yuta Sano; and
- iv. Mr. Tran Mai The An.

They were informed that the participants in the Institute should take their own initiative to achieve success in the areas of interest. All participants will be at the Institute for four (4) years to develop their personality and their skills.



## Visitors and Visits

# Visit from Chungnam National University, South Korea

On 11 November 2014, AEI received a delegation from Chungnam National University, South Korea, members of which were as follows:

- i. Ms. Yoo-gyeong Song, The Office of Research Affairs;
- ii. Ms. Hana Yoo;
- iii. Ms. Yumi Park; and
- iv. Ms. Yuni Park.

The meeting was also attended by:

- i. Associate Professor Dr. Roslinda Ithnin, Director, Centre for Management of Research Grant, Institute for Research Management and Monitoring (IPPP), UM;
- ii. Mr. Muhammad Hafizudin Ishak, Administrative Officer, and Ms. 'Ainol Mardhiah Abdullah, Project Officer, UM Centre for Innovation and Commercialisation; and
- iii. Mrs. Wan Afidah Wan Abdullah, Head, UM Centre for Entrepreneurship (UMEC), Student Affairs, UM.

Matters discussed included:

- Research and administrative system to support postgraduate and post-doctoral studies;
- Support for job opportunities or creating a business among students/ graduates; and
- Support for Academic-Research-Industry.



## Visitors and Visits

# Visit from ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta, Indonesia

On 21 October 2014, Mrs. Elaine Tan, Executive Director of ASEAN Foundation, Jakarta, Indonesia, visited AEI to discuss the *ASEAN Foundation Graduate Scholarship Programme*.



# Visit from Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Kuala Lumpur

AEI received an invitation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland to attend the *3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Indonesia-Polish Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue* with the theme "Youth in Intercultural and Interfaith Dialogue: Perspectives, Opportunities and Challenges" held on 1 - 5 November 2014.

On 17 October 2014, Ms. Monika Krzewicka, Deputy Head of Mission from the Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Kuala Lumpur, came for a discussion of the conference. AEI proposed Dr. Kamaruzaman Noordin from the Department of Syariah and Management, Academy of Islamic Studies (API), University of Malaya, to participate in the conference.

## Visitors and Visits

# Visit from University of Alcalá, Spain

On 16 October 2014, the AEI Management welcomed Professor José Ignacio Olmeda Martos, Director of the Master in Finance, Centro Internacional de Formación Financiera (CIFF), University of Alcalá, Spain, for a discussion on academic and research collaboration.



# Visit from Konstanz University of Applied Sciences, Germany

On 19 August 2014, the AEI Management received a visit from Professor Dr. Manfred Pollanz (former AEI Visiting Professor) from Konstanz University of Applied Sciences, Germany. The discussion that followed was also attended by Dr. Guido Schnieders, Visiting Lecturer from Faculty of Languages and Linguistics. Through the discussion, AEI welcomed the opportunity for postgraduate student exchange with UAS Konstanz, Germany.



## Visitors and Visits

# Visit from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

On 12 August 2014, the AEI Management received a visit from Professor Jean-Luc Murer, Professor Emeritus from The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland. The ensuing meeting/ discussion was also attended by Ms. Judy Choong Chai Kun, International Communications Officer, representing the Director of International Corporate Relations (ICR), University of Malaya. Both parties agreed to hold further discussion for academic and research collaboration.

## Visit from Dr. Silviu Jora

On 22 July 2014, the AEI Management received a visit from Dr. Silviu Jora, General Manager of EU-Japan Centre for Industrial Cooperation, Tokyo, Japan. The aim of the visit was to discuss the seminar on Balanced Mobility organised by MOE on 25-26 August 2014.

# Visit by Professors from Spain

On 21 July 2014, AEI received a visit from the following professors from 3 universities in Spain:

1. Professor Agustín Ruiz Vega, University of La Rioja (Spain);
2. Professor Oscar González Benito, Salamanca University; and
3. Professor Carlos Flavián Blanco, University of Zaragoza.

The visit was made to discuss academic and research cooperation among the institutions.

## Visitors and Visits

# Visit from Warsaw University, Poland

On 20 June 2014, AEI received a visit from Professor Anna Giza-Poleszczuk, Vice-Chancellor, Development and Financial Affairs, Warsaw University, Poland. She was accompanied by Ambassador of Poland, H.E. Adam W. Jelonek.

Both parties discussed academic collaboration as well as the possibility of getting candidates from Poland for AEI postgraduate programmes.



# Visit from Faculty of Social and Political Science, the State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia

On 4 June 2014, AEI Management received a delegation of 14 students from the Department of International Political Economy, Faculty of Social and Political Science, The State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia, led by Professor Dr. Arisman. Both parties discussed academic collaboration, and at the same time AEI welcomed the prospect of having UIN postgraduates to attend postgraduate programmes at AEI.



## Visitors and Visits

# Visit from Waseda University, Japan and New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE

Following a discussion with Dr. Sai Yukari on 11 April 2014, the Islam and Multiculturalism research committee from Waseda University and New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD) paid a visit to AEI on 5 June 2014. Members of the delegation were as follows:

No.	Name	Name of University/Institution
1.	Sadashi Fukuda	Waseda University, Japan
2.	Takayuki Yoshimura	Waseda University, Japan
3.	Tetsu Akiyama	Waseda University, Japan
4.	Hirofumi Okai	Waseda University, Japan
5.	Omar Farouk Bin Sheikh Ahmad	Waseda University, Japan
6.	Justin Stearns	New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE
7.	Martin Klimke	New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE

The objective of the visit was to discuss a new phase in the research collaboration, which will run for 3 years, involving partner universities Waseda University, NYUAD and AEI, UM.

At the same time, developments on the organisation for the international conference "Islam and Multiculturalism: Exploring Islamic Studies within a Symbiotic Framework" by AEI, UM, Waseda University (Japan) and New York University Abu Dhabi (UAE) were also discussed.



## Visitors and Visits

# Visit from Jagiellonian University, Poland

Following a discussion with H.E. Adam W. Jelonek, Ambassador of Poland on 28 March 2014, AEI Management received a visit by 11 students from Jagiellonian University, Poland on 12 June 2014.

Professor Datuk Mohamad Abu Bakar from the International and Strategic Studies Department, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Malaya delivered a lecture on "Trends in Malaysia's Foreign Policy" for the benefit of the visitors. The delegation then visited the Asian Arts Museum of University of Malaya.



Promotional Visits and Discussions by AEI Management Members

# 5<sup>th</sup> AEI Promotional and Marketing Programme 2014

From 4-14 November 2014, Associate Professor Dr. Md Nasrudin Md Akhir, AEI Executive Director with Dr. Azmi Mat Akhir, AEI Deputy Executive Director (Academic) organised an Academic Collaborative Discussion as well as Promotion and Marketing at The Netherlands and Belgium. Below is a list of the universities/ institutions that were visited:

No.	Country Visited	Date	Name of University/Institution
1.	The Netherlands	6 November 2014 (Thursday)	1. Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; and
			2. Faculty of Economics and Business (FEB), University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
		7 November 2014 (Friday)	3. Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Universiteit Maastricht, The Netherlands.
2.	Belgium	10 November 2014 (Monday)	1. International Relations and Mobility Office, Free University of Brussels; Brussels, Belgium.
		12 November 2014 (Wednesday)	2. International Relations Office, University of Gent, Gent, Belgium.

The purpose of the discussion was to initiate academic and research collaboration as well as to promote academic programmes conducted by AEI, to obtain student candidates for the 2015/2016 session and beyond.



# Convocation Luncheon

## Event to Celebrate the Convocation of AEI Candidates

On 14 October 2014, AEI organised a Luncheon to celebrate the graduating candidates of year 2014, which took place at the AEI Foyer, University of Malaya.



# Student Batch 2014/ 2015

## Student Orientation Week, 2014/ 2015 Academic Session

**A**EI Orientation Week programme was held in the Auditorium, from 2-4 September 2014, to welcome new students for the 2014/ 2015 session. A total of 25 students managed to attend the programme. Among activities organized included the following:

- i. Welcoming remarks by Associate Professor Dr. Md Nasrudin Md Akhir, Executive Director of AEI;
- ii. A briefing session on AEI academic programmes and other related matters by Dr. Azmi Mat Akhir, Deputy Executive Director (Academic);
- iii. A talk, "AEI Masters, Young Ambassadors" by YBhg. Dato' Mat Amir Jaffar, Expert, AEI;
- iv. A briefing on the Institute of Postgraduate Studies, University of Malaya, and registration procedures by Mr. Mahamad Apandi Khalib, Deputy Registrar of IPS;
- v. A briefing on facilities and procedures offered by AEI Resource Centre and AEI Computer Laboratory by Mrs. Noradiana Ab. Aziz, AEI Librarian; and
- vi. A visit to the University of Malaya Main Library was also included to expose students to the procedures of the Main Library and Resource Centre. The briefing was organized by Datin Adlina Norliz Razali, Librarian, Procurement Division, Main Library, UM.



## PhD Student: **Thoughts Shared**

### Field of Research:

Sociology and Cultural Studies

### Title of Research:

The Rohingyas Diaspora: Refugees in Malaysia, Resettlement in Europe

# Citizen Nowhere: As I Was Writing...

By Azlinariah Abdullah

**M**y interest in religious identity of Arakanese in Myanmar began with a breaking news that involved a Rohingya family back in 2007. It carried headline that a couple from Myanmar detained by Malaysian police in a case of an abducted five year old boy. Crime case of Rohingya couple caught the attention of Malaysian media whereby they suspected abducting a local boy believed to be used for begging activity. I had attempted to write series of stories when I worked as a journalist with Utusan Malaysia, main Malay newspaper in Malaysia. Some of the stories are "Who is Rohingyas", "Why are they called refugee/ stateless", and "How long will they struggle its ethnicity history". It was incredibly difficult to find any agreement in the secondary literature regarding the question of identity of the Rohingyas, originated from Arakan, now known as Rakhine, Myanmar.

## Dualism Theory

The issue of Rohingya was also discussed widely among academicians although very few studies being conducted on Rohingya diaspora around the world. Some scholars suggested that Arakanese were Muslim, while others held to be Buddhist. It is widely agreed that Rohingyas is Muslim even some debated they are "Bengali" from Bangladesh. Having to face this dualism theory, I opted to view this as my example. With this perspective, I carried my interest in Myanmar through a Master dissertation



and series of writing about the Rohingyas for Utusan, later Astro Awani as an International Editor.

## Deeper Investigation on Rohingya

I shelved a deeper investigation of the issue of Arakanese and Rohingyas identity until a later date. My registration as a PhD candidate at Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya is the product of my return to this issue. I choose the topic entitled Stateless Diaspora: The Plight of Unwanted Minority and Survival Identity of Rohingya in Malaysia, which covers the history and contemporary point of view on Rohingyas. Being a journalist for more than 10 years, it has always been my dream to explore more on the above matters. The main reason I choose to be a journalist is because I have always loved to tell stories and I want to make sure that those unheard stories will be heard. The role of a journalist varied from telling stories about war, injustice, humanities, societies, politics and disaster. In 2008, I was given an opportunity to interview a few Rohingyas in Malaysia and then made my way to Yangon to trail about Rohingyas and Myanmar's Muslim society.

I followed very closely on the new development on Rohingyas in Malaysia on both academic and work matter. I am glad on behalf of 40,000 Rohingyas resided in Malaysia, Myanmar gradually





## Rohingya in Norway

During winter in Norway, I joined the list of Rohingya experts around the world for two-days Conference on Basic Human Rights and Identity Problem of Rohingya organized by the European Rohingya Council (ERC). One of the speaker is a Rohingya, Professor Dr. Wakar Uddin, Professor at Pennsylvania State University, USA. He is also the Director of Arakan Rohingya Union (ARU), a non-profit global umbrella organization representing various Rohingya organizations worldwide with a mission to seek a political solution to the issues faced by the Rohingya ethnic minority in Myanmar, in order to reclaim their citizenship that will guarantee their political and human rights, to foster relations between Rohingya and fellow ethnic groups of Myanmar, and to advance the Rohingya people through improvement of social, economic, cultural, and educational infrastructures. Besides Dr. Wakar, I managed to share insights with Dr. Ambia Parveen, a Rohingya women activist who are now resettled in Germany.

become a democratic country after series of reformation introduced by President Thein Shein and recent won of the National League Democracy (NLD) during the election on November 2015. Their transition spark my interest and eagerness to know what is their plan for Rohingyas in the future. To Rohingyas in Malaysia, the Myanmar are now on the threshold of bringing about great reform in a new era for them and the nation. But, this process may be adversely affected if ethnic problem of the Rohingyas continue unbated.

### Journalist and Student Responsibility

Being a journalist and also a PhD candidate, my responsibility is to tell stories that could help people, especially the Rohingyas. Research and interviews was conducted to various respondents to reveal their problems and difficulties. For example, by telling their stories, it is hoped to create awareness and get more people

to involve and react to this issue. Even a handful more people discussing the issue would have been a great contribution. All I want to share is an unheard story of Rohingyas, their dream to go back to their own country and to be able to participate in the development of Myanmar.

### Marginalized Community

The Rohingya are stateless, their government stripped off their nationality as accordance to the Citizenship Act 1982. According to the Act, if you are stateless you cannot travel to voice out your suffering to the world. Rohingya and its complex case bring me to Norway in February 2015 and later to the Netherlands in August and Yangon in 2012. Even though they cannot travel to Norway or Netherlands or go back to Yangon, but still their voice are heard at those countries.

## The Rohingyas Future

During the conference, journalist and researcher's views and experiences on Rohingya issues through doctoral degree research focusing on displaced and refugee Rohingya community in Malaysia under title "The Issues and Challenges of Rohingya Community in Malaysia". I suggested in the presentation that Rohingya should be treated without discrimination and Malaysia should ensure their equal access to protection and entitlement of human rights as the humanitarian situation of the refugees in Malaysia and the issues, surrounding their education, safety and protection. This answered my research that the Rohingyas children born and raised in Malaysia are undocumented, the future of their families is in uncertainty, the communities have crafted for themselves a life on a fringe, and determined to live their lives as decent human beings and continue to remain Muslim.

## The Rohingyas Diaspora

I also had a valuable opportunity to interact with diaspora Rohingya in European countries during my short time in Norway. For example, the asylum seekers that I talked with, expressed a desire to share their story. But for them, this desire is layered with expectation that are different from their realities. They are coming to Germany, Norway, Netherlands and Sweden with hopes of freedom, financial security and better opportunities for the future of their children. Upon arrival, they are placed in poverty stricken area with few job opportunities. They do not speak their language, nor are their skills adequate for jobs available in the inner cities. The challenge to overcome the unexpected poverty is so frustrating that they sometimes have desire to return to refugee camp or IDP's. But most of their stories especially traumatic experience, I kept secret as it promise to them, even though part of the data gathered I put into chapter in the thesis.

## Rohingya in Netherlands

A different experience I gained in the Netherlands as one out of 30 participant around the world that attended a week-long intensive Statelessness and Inclusiveness Summer Course held in University of Tilburg, the only voice about stateless Rohingya is myself. In this course, other participant presented about Sama Dilaut (Bajau Laut in Sabah), Syrians, Afghanistan, Africans and etc. Participants from civil society, academia, governments and international organizations come together to learn about statelessness, explore fundamental questions of definition and legal frameworks, and to develop plans for action. This course provided insight into fundamental issues surrounding statelessness – its causes, consequences and the tools to address it – and will shed light on statelessness around the world through tailored assignments, case studies and group discussions.



## Rohingya and Statelessness Issue

In this course, I learned that the issue of stateless is a problem of global proportions. It affects people all over the world and can have a harmful impact on them, their families and the wider community. But, one thing for sure, statelessness, like what the Rohingyas are facing now is man-made phenomenon and bringing to end is – at least in theory – entirely feasible. Yet, resolving situations of statelessness around the globe does present a formidable task. For me, journalism or one thesis won't change the world, but it tells the world that this situation need to change.

## Hope for Rohingya

One Rohingya that I met asked me "What would you want to achieve from your research on Rohingya struggle?" and my answer to them is simple. "My only hope, one day through the work of journalists and academicians, people will know the existence of the Rohingyas, feel the collective responsibility to fix the problem, and do justice to a long mistreat and silenced community. Only when that happens I will feel I have done my part, nothing less."

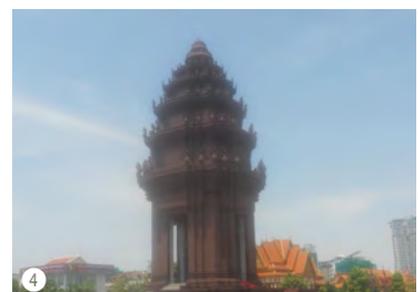
# Internship at Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP)

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**T**he Khmer Kingdom is one of the most interesting countries in the world. It has had a booming civilization with its famous Kings and Kingdoms, it had its occupation by foreign powers, its rise to claim independence, the neighborhood squabble, internal unrest, and genocide. These varied and different approaches to history is something that drew me to Cambodia. The Internship at Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP) is my way of gaining a new understanding of this region's forgotten country. The history of Cambodia could be traced back to the 8th Century A.D. where various accounts of an Agrarian Kingdom in the Indochina region by Chinese traders. The active development in trade and agriculture made it one of the most successful nations in the 12th to 14th Century A.D. However, with various other factors in place, the kingdom became fragile. It had to defend itself against the constant attacks by the Thai's and the Vietnamese. The lost period of history had been forgotten. 'Kempuchea' later became part of the French protectorate in 1863. The struggle for independence echoed throughout the region during the end of World War II. Cambodia effectively gained independence in 1953. King Sihanouk is one of the beloved Kings of modern day Cambodia. He is known for abdicating his title to divulge in politics. Cambodia became a constitutional monarch thanks to him. The kingdom later went through a period of grotesques under the 'Khmer Rouge' period. The socialist ideology of the Communist became the central concept of the Khmer Rouge that wanted to ambitiously produce the social environment that will change the lives of Cambodians. It did make a change to the Cambodian society alas not a good one.

Nearly 3 million people had been said to be the victims of the Khmer Rouge in suspect of treason. Many were intellectuals, religious leaders, village heads, and even sometimes ordinary people. They were often kept imprisoned in various locations throughout the state. Often many were sent by truckloads to remote locations to be killed. Today, these locations serve as a reminder of the atrocity that mankind is able to do. It was surprising that the world managed to turn a blind eye to the event occurring in Cambodia. The Extraordinary Chambers in the Court of Cambodia (ECCC) is one organization that brought about the scale of Khmer Rouge killings to the public. Currently after nearly 40 years of the era, the marks and scars of the reign could still be seen. Cambodia later underwent several monumental changes that enable it to stand with an equal footing in today's world. In 1999, Cambodia became the last member to join the regional grouping of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The CICP is one such organization that had been set up in order to provide an independent, neutral, and non-partisan research institution based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It helps to provide a platform between government officials, national and international organizations and scholars to discuss issues relating to both domestic and regional dialogue regarding peace, democracy, civil society, security, foreign policy, conflict resolution, economy and national development. The five main goals of the institute is to enhance the ability of the government officials and the public to make informed decisions regarding public policy, participate in and promote regional and international cooperation, advocate human rights, and advance democracy within Cambodian civil society, promote peace and cooperation among



- The Royal Palace Grand Podium
- The Silver Pagoda
- The National Museum of Cambodia
- The Independence Monument

Cambodians and with others on a regional and international basis as well as conduct research on development issues that concern Cambodia as well as disseminate the result of the research findings. The roots of CICP could be traced back to 1994. Its inception saw as one of the process of national reconciliation and recovery. The CICP is the brainchild of His Royal Highness Prince Norodom Sirivudh, the then Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. HRH found the need for a neutral entity to provide support to the policy making of the kingdom in particularly foreign and strategic policy. The current organization receive support from German Institution of Friedrich Ebert-Stiftung. The daily activity of CICP is managed by the Executive Director, His Excellency Ambassador Pou Sothirak. H.E. is a former Minister and Ambassador of the Kingdom. The CICP is headed by His Royal Highness the King of Cambodia where his Counselor serves as the Chairman of the board.

During my stay in Cambodia starting from May 4th 2015 till June 30 2015, I had attended two in house conference organized by CICP. The first one was on Malaysia Role as the Chairman of ASEAN by a research fellow from Institute for Strategic and International Studies in Singapore. This conference focused on the role of Malaysia within ASEAN. The conference seemed to be sidetracked during the Question and Answer session when many of the officials from different ASEAN and Chinese Embassy in attendance wanted to make a point regarding South China Sea (SCS) dispute. It was amazing to watch the Executive Director that served as the Chairman of the conference deal with this issue. He had called for the Ambassadors to make an appointment with CICP to make another conference regarding this issue. I see this as a tactful way to promote CICP within ASEAN Member States. The second conference was regarding French Secularist Policy by the French Ambassador to Cambodia. It was an informative conference that provided me as insight of how other nation states formulate their policy. In both this conference, I had to provide a detailed summary for the institution. It was an interesting outlook as the summary had



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to be only two pages in length. It was an interesting request as my supervisor put it, nobody likes to read lengthy papers in Cambodia.

I also had a chance to look into some of Cambodian policies. My supervisor had me research policy regarding Cambodian Violence against Women Act. My analysis is that these policy that had been implemented provided women in Cambodia the basic protection against violence compared to the previous era. Previously women abused by their husband often complain to the village chief that only made sentencing lightly to the crimes committed. The current act provides justice for these women and protect their children as well. The second research that I had conducted was on the hot issue of Rohingya. This issue resonates deep within me as my research topic also deals within this framework. Under the ASEAN Political-Security Blueprint, these group of people requires the attention of all ASEAN Member States with timely response. However, it was shameful that ASEAN Member States classify this issue as a domestic response and failed to fight for this people. My views was also taken up by my supervisor. I also had a hand in the preparation for the Regional Conference on Climate Change organized by CICP. I had been tasked to manage the abstracts from the research paper for the conference, provide a basic policy paper that serves as a template at the end of the conference. My supervisor had been one of the most supportive person I have ever met. He is some of the few that had managed to escape to United States as a refugee during the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia. He had had an interesting past life and I was very fortunate to learn about Cambodia from him. Due to the nature of his upbringing, he had very different view for Cambodia. He was very patriotic in promoting human rights such as voter's right and right to land. He have published many books and article regarding these materials. His western ideologies seemed far reaching but with a simple goal of educating younger Cambodians of their past in order to prepare them for the future. He had helped me a lot throughout my stay in Cambodia. He even often took me out for lunch which I'm very thankful for.

My duties at CICP had been an interesting one. The lessons that I had learnt from CICP will not be forgotten.

During my stay in Cambodia, I had a chance to mingle with the public in 2 separate occasions. The first in a regional Social Sciences and International Relations conferences organized by Zaman University. Zaman University is one of the many private higher learning institution in Phnom Penh. This particular university is managed by a Turkish National. They accept students all over the world to study here. Other than a University, there is also a Lower School and High School in the vicinity. The conference took aim to address the predicament of Cambodia adjusting to ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2015 challenges. There were also workshops on Cambodia Aid reliance system, women empowerment as well as work ethics in Cambodia. It was an interesting day indeed. My second instance was meeting with my former University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) lecture and students that were having a study tour in Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP). Annually, UNIMAS Faculty of Social Sciences under the International Studies class will organize tours to regional institutions as a way for students to understand the culture and tradition of their counterparts. This year coincidentally, they were in Phnom Penh. I had the utmost pleasure of serving as a member of the 35 entourage that visited RUPP. A student to student forum was also organized in order to familiarize the students with local culture. It was a memory back in time to hear 'sape' music and 'nadjat' dance. The UNIMAS students presented a simple yet memorable cultural performance. It was an informative day indeed.

My stay in Cambodia had not be only limited to work, I had managed to organize my timetable so that I will be able to visit some of the wonders of Cambodia. The Royal Palace and the Silver Pagoda are some of the monumental structures in the middle of Phnom Penh. The Royal Palace currently serves as the Royal Residence for the King and his family. The Silver Pagoda serves as a mausoleum to Buddhist tradition as well as tribute to the former King. The Killing Fields of Cheoung

Ek serves as a reminder of the grim past of Cambodia. Here thousands had been killed by the gruesome Khmer Rouge. The tall remembrance monument at the center is filled with bones of those that had lost their lives in the field around this areas. Based on the guide, bone fragments are still being found until today on-site. This serves as a powerful reminder that Cambodia although altruistically may be an ASEAN Member States, it is a different ASEAN Member State. The S-21 genocide museum also serves as a reminder of the past. Located in one of the schools in Phnom Penh, the S-21 served as a holding sell for prisoners that had been coerced to profess to crimes during the Khmer Rouge era. Many had been tortured in the walls of this center. Some of the torture devices can still be seen in the museum. My travel to the south brought me the to the beach town on Sihanoukville. It was an interesting visit as I understood that Cambodians value family tradition more than others. Often on the beach side structures, families throng in ten's to sit down and have a large picnic by the sea. The locals take this opportunity to sell the delicacies such as grilled oysters and squid to the holiday-goers. Many of the beachfront restaurant also serves fresh seafood for the patrons at affordable price. My next visit was to the city of Siem Reap. This province is dubbed by UNESCO as one of the cleanest city in the world. Its most famous attraction was the Angkor Wat. Built in 12th century the temple serves as one the temples that represent the well balance of Hindu-Buddha teaching in Cambodia under the Khmer Kingdom. The Angkor Museum is an important source for understand the cultural diversity of Angkor. Back in Phnom Penh, the river cruise is one of the last activities that I had partaken. It provides a scenic background to the capital city filled with tradition and heritage.

The lessons I had learned during my stay in Cambodia is something that I will treasure all my life. The most important lesson that I have learnt is to maintain my balance in life. Cambodia had thought that I have to strive to find a balance in life. Maintain this balance is essential in living a healthy and happy life.



● Conference at CICP

● UNIMAS Student visit to the Royal University of Phnom Penh

# Internship at the National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE), University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

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It was February 13th, 2015 when I received a reply from the National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE), University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand that I would be accepted to do my internship there. The National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE), had been hosted a number of Asia-Europe interns for most every year. The National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE) is New Zealand's only research centre devoted to the study of Europe and the European Union (EU). It fosters research on the EU that is regionally relevant, such as EU development policy in the Pacific, the EU's identity in the Asia-Pacific region and the external consequences of EU enlargement. The NCRE is firmly established as the focal point for the study of Europe in New Zealand, attracting visiting academics from all over the world.

The NCRE is located at Logie Building in University of Canterbury, is one of the centre for European Studies. The NCRE consist of a few number of academic staffs and non-academic staffs. Thus, the NCRE also has a few numbers of students for undergraduate and post-graduate level. During our time at the NCRE, my friends and I were placed at level 3, Logie Building.

I started my internship on May 4th, 2015. I was assigned to work under Dr. Serena Kelly, a Post-doctoral Research and Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in European and European Union Studies. The next day, I met my



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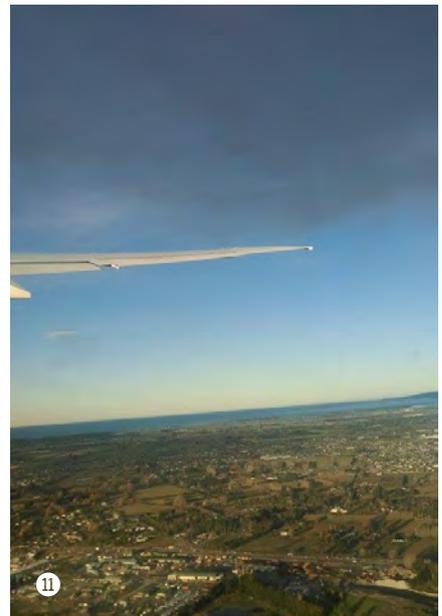


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5 Along the way to Queenstown 6 Christchurch Botanic Garden

supervisor who seemed fantastic. She had created a motivating list of tasks and assignment that I would complete during the internship. I began analysing and summarizing the documents and data about New Zealand Media on EU on 2013, 2014 and 2015 (until June). I had to research on her current project, 'The EU in New Zealand Media - The EU as an international actor vs. The EU as a local actor'. The research aims to promote a greater understanding of the EU and its policies in New Zealand's political, business, NGO, civil society and media communities (including NZ and EU/EU Member State's diplomatic corps), as well as of EU-NZ relations and NZ policies towards the EU. Having worked as research assistant before, I had a general idea on how to produce articles based on data that had been analysed. Over the remaining 3 weeks, I focused my time and resources on the analysed the data and came out with the finding. Even though every day I had to read 6 different types of New Zealand newspaper, I felt happy to do it. I also owe particular gratitude for my supervisor for her constructive idea and suggestions in leading me to accomplish my project paper too.

Actually, at the beginning of internship, I along with my friends from AEI, were given the task to conduct a quiz for Europe Day Celebration. We are running a Europe Quiz for a week, at the Undercroft. Furthermore, I was given the opportunity to assist in the Europe day celebration on 8 May 2015. During the Europe Day Celebration, sample national foods of EU Member States were provided and enjoy music provided by student from School of Music, University of Canterbury. Besides, there was roundtable discussion with Mr. Michalis Rokas (Chargé d'Affaires a.i. European Union Delegation to New Zealand), H.E. Ms Florence Jeanblanc-Risler (Ambassador of France to New Zealand) and Mrs. Rosemary Banks (Ambassador of New Zealand to France), facilitated by Professor Martin Holland (Director of NCRE). As an intern at the NCRE, I had to join European Union Roundtable Seminar Series, organised by the NCRE every Friday, from 2 to 3 pm. Besides, I have attended Canterbury Women



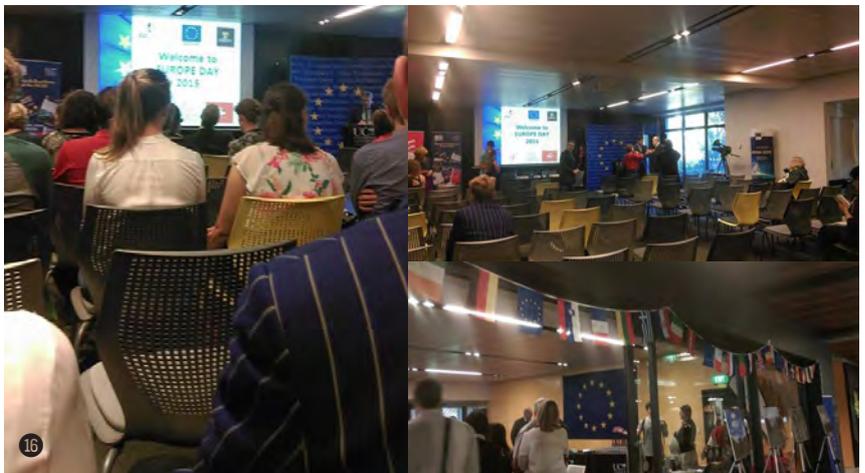
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13 With other Malaysian Postgraduate Students at University of Canterbury 14 Christchurch Botanic Garden

Research Meeting on 21 May 2015. The meeting just only for postgraduate women and held once a month to share their research progress and experience in their career. The presenters are not only from University of Canterbury, but some of them are from other university around Christchurch. I met a lot of people from different academic background during the meeting.

Being an internship student does not mean we only learn formal learning, but we also learn informal learning. I worked on a supervised research project related to my individual study and within one of the NCRE research projects. Over eight weeks, I gained unparalleled insight into European Study sphere through academic research and event organisation. Concurrently, roundtable meeting allowed me to augment my knowledge about European recently-strengthened relations with other region for example Asia Pacific and ASEAN.

Therefore, the NCRE is particularly good and the best choice if interns want to learn more about Europe. Overall, it is a 'great experience'. I have learnt a lot and met great people during the internship. I am not only gained a lot of knowledge but I am happy with my work there. Thus, I am satisfied with the internship experience for two months because the NCRE is a great research institution with lovely people and lively discussions on EU-related issues. Thus, internship gives me grounded experience of what your studies might look like in a work environment. My internship with the NCRE provided me with more current, practical and useful knowledge on Europe and Asia Pacific region as well as the foreign affairs with other countries. Furthermore, through working with the NCRE team, attending round table meeting with other postgraduate students and lecturers, conducting research on an array of topic, was able to change my whole outlook on Europe process and development toward progress.

Apart from work, it would be such waste if I do not travel around the South Island of New Zealand. My friends and I went to Kaikoura during the weekend



- 15 Hagley Park Europe Day Celebration
- 16 Banner to Promote Europe Day
- 17 During the Europe Day
- 18 Handling the Quiz for Europe Day

and Queenstown during the Queen's Birthday holiday. In New Zealand, the Queen's Birthday holiday occurs on the first Monday of June. In Kaikoura, the local speciality is crayfish and I enjoyed my glorious fish and chips from blue cod fish there. Since Christchurch is known for its gorgeous park and garden, we also visited a few interesting places in Christchurch, such as Hagley Park, Canterbury museum, Sumner beach, New Brighton beach, the famous Sunday market in town, Lincoln University and many more.

In addition, internship is great way to gain experience and make connections with others. During nine weeks in New Zealand really open my eyes to certain issues. As a Muslim, instead of being a minority, I am exposed to everything that I never experience before, such as celebrate Ramadan abroad, fasting for short period because it was winter during that time and many more. Moreover, Christchurch is totally different from Malaysia, not only different in the peoples, but also culture and environment too. It was a memorable experience for me and my friends because it was the end of autumn and about to start the winter season when we arrived there. The temperature was so cold, around 15' celcius to -5' celcius. One of the best moments was my first time experience of snow.

Overall, I found my internship at the NCRE to be a great opportunity that allowed me to gain some experiences and knowledge about EU and New Zealand in the field of studies. I truly developed a deeper understanding about EU. I shall look back at this internship as one of the most rewarding experiences I have had as a postgraduate student. As cliché as it sounds, this experience made me realize how lucky I am to have a great experience and wonderful friends at University of Canterbury. The NCRE and New Zealand as well, will likely remain on my memory forever.

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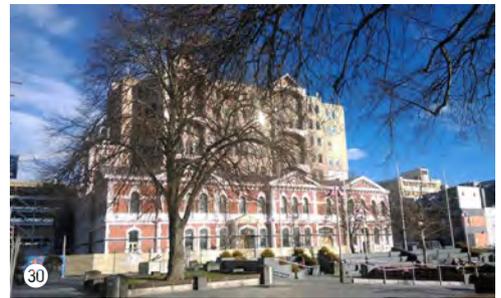


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# Masters and PhD Programmes at AEI

## International Masters in Information Management (IMIM)

Given the gaps in information and knowledge both within and between countries, especially between Asia and Europe, this programme will promote local and global sharing of new information and communication technologies much needed in the 21st century. The impact of the New Economy on organisational structures, management, and development processes requires a strong grounding in economics of information and organisational systems that promote information

sharing. This Postgraduate programme is designed to offer breadth of content, intellectual depth, and rigour complemented with attention to a wide range of applications and case studies. It will be of relevance to business managers as well as those concerned with organisational development, internet, and new media training, e-Commerce, also research analysts and others.

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The International Masters in Regional Integration programme examines the origins and consequences (for nation states as well as firms and citizens) of efforts and strategies to redraw boundaries of authority at the regional level in the context of intensified globalisation. Using an interdisciplinary and comparative approach, the programme focuses on explanations of the intensity

and type of authority shift to regional institutions across issues and across regions. It places particular emphasis on understanding the relationship between regional integration and processes of economic globalisation, the development of new forms of governance, and the reconfiguration of the state.

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## International Masters in ASEAN Studies (IMAS)

The International Masters in ASEAN Studies programme provides an advanced level of understanding of the political, economic, social, and cultural forces which shape ASEAN as well as the attendant policy process in a range of issue areas. It does so through a consideration of four aspects of ASEAN:

- To offer an analysis of the historical, social and cultural forces that have shaped Southeast Asia as a macro-region in the world order;
- To consider the contested nature of theoretical concepts – how the same basic categories are understood in partially different ways in competing theoretical approaches to regionalism and regionalisation, and how some concepts belong more to some theories than the other;
- To assess the institutional arrangements, changing policy agenda and governance issue of ASEAN in the contemporary period; and
- To compare the key characteristics of ASEAN with analogous developments in regional associations elsewhere in the world.

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The area of study is in the field of Social Sciences and Humanities. The nature of the proposed research must be based on multidisciplinary and comparative studies encompassing any country or region within Asia and Europe.

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- Globalization, Regional Integration and Development;
- Sustainability, Governance and Social Change;
- Multiculturalism and Community Development;
- Social Development and Ethnicity;
- Business Network, Knowledge Management and Competitiveness;
- Gender and Development; and
- ASEAN-EU Research Areas.

The mode of study is by Dissertation/ Thesis only. Although research is the principal requirement for attaining a higher degree, students are also required to pass a Research Methodology course, give seminar presentations, present papers at conferences and publish research articles in journals as part of the programme requirements.



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