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The photo shows a set up by The United Arab Emirates Embassy for their exhibition booth during MAHRAJAN 2016. Their set up made them the winning team for the most creative exhibition booth competition held by the organizers.

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# MAHRAJAN 2016



The Honourable Dato' Sri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs (middle) officiating MAHRAJAN 2016 accompanied by University of Malaya Deputy Vice Cancellor (Academic & Internalisation), Professor Awg Bulgiba Awg Mahmud (right) and Director Academy of Islamic Studies, Professor Dato' Dr. Mohd Yakub@Zulkifli Mohd Yusoff (left).

The International Festival of Arabic Language University of Malaya (MAHRAJAN) is an annual event of the Arabic Language and culture held at the University of Malaya (UM) since 2014. This 3rd festival was held from 18th to 20th May 2016 by the Academy of Islamic Studies of University Malaya (APIUM) in collaboration with the UM Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and the Faculty of Languages and Linguistics, University of Malaya. The opening of the festival was officiated by the Honourable Dato' Sri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, and was witnessed by the ambassadors and representatives from eleven Arab countries.

UMCCD was honoured to accept the invitation from APIUM to collaborate in this event. The Director, Assoc Prof. Dr Faridah Noor, was appointed as the Advisor and the Deputy Director, Dr Zuwati Hasim, as the Head of Protocol & Publicity Unit was responsible for publicity, protocol concerns and media arrangement to ensure the smooth running of the programme.

The idea to organise the first MAHRAJAN developed from the interest and enthusiasm for learning Arabic language and trying to understand its culture. This festival serves as a platform for students to practice their knowledge and skills in Arabic language and have the chance to join in the cultural activities.

MAHRAJAN 2016 was held for three days in a row. It was filled with interactive and fun activities such as Souq 'Ukkaz, Exhibition by Arab Countries & Embassies and Debate in Arabic language. The highlight was a round table discussion cum dialogue between the University of Malaya and participating embassies of the Arab League in Malaysia. A *Dikir Barat* performance in the Arabic language caught the attention of audience much to their delight. The International Festival of Arabic Language University of Malaya (MAHRAJAN) has indeed made its name at both the national and international levels. It is hoped it will make a comeback to share its unique language and culture.



# SOME PHOTOS FROM THE EVENT



Tempting Desserts for visitors at the exhibition booths.



VIPs and respective ambassadors were seen taking pictures together after the opening ceremony session.



Dato' Sri Reezal received a bouquet of flowers from APIUM students as a token of appreciation



Happy faces from the volunteers after a job well done!

# New Development of Muslims and Status in China



## SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Thomas W. Simon, JD, (PhD). is a Professor of International Law at Johns Hopkins University in Nanjing, China. He teaches at the school for Advanced International Studies at the Center for Chinese and American Studies. Currently, he is conducting his research on Chinese Muslim groups in Ningxia and Fujian

A public lecture held at Katha Room, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016

During his recent trip to Malaysia, Professor Thomas W. Simon who was a former Visiting Scholar at UMCCD on Fulbright Scholarship took the chance to make a visit at the Centre once again and was able to deliver a lecture on the New Development of Muslims' Status in China. The lecture was based on his latest research about Chinese Muslim groups in Ningxia and Fujian. The talk traced on the development of Muslim identity in three regions, namely the Han Hui in Central China; the non-Han Uyghers in Western China; and a new Muslim group in Eastern China.

In his lecture, he discussed on how China's New Silk Road has brought these three groups together by taking Halal food production among the Hui points as an example as one of the ways to stimulate the Islamic economy within China and possibly to fill a gap in the local halal industry and market among the Chinese Muslim communities.

Conclusively, this public lecture has given the audience a clear view on this research of his case that greater autonomy among Muslim groups and not greater assimilation will bring greater peace and prosperity to all in China.



Professor Simon doing an introductory talk on his current research



Some of the attendees

"Peace and prosperity in China through Muslim groups autonomy"

-Professor T. Simon



# Monolingual or Dual Language Instruction? Key Issues for Considerations

This public lecture was held at the Cube Room, Faculty of Education, on 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016



Among the participants who attended the public lecture



### SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Roger Barnard is an Associate Professor in Applied Linguistics at the University of Wakaito, New Zealand. He has worked as a language teacher, director of studies, teacher trainer and English Language advisor to ministries of education in several countries including England, Italy, Netherlands, Yemen and Oman. His most recent book, co-edited with Dr. Zuwati Hasim, is *Research Practices in Higher Learning Institutions in Malaysia*, published by the University of Malaya Press.

This lecture was a collaboration between the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and the Faculty of Education. This lecture was part of Dr. Roger's plan while he was staying in Malaysia. In his lecture, he started off with a brief historical review of the development of programmes combining academic and second language instruction in Western and Asian educational contexts – Content Based Instruction (CBI), Dual Language Instruction (DLI), Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) and English Medium Instruction (EMI). The lecture then addressed the five pedagogical issues that he mentioned need to be considered while considering the medium of instruction for programmes in both schools and tertiary institutions which includes an appropriate model of classroom pedagogy; the linguistic and academic competence of the teachers; the linguistic and academic engagements of the students; interaction among students and teachers and the assessment of the students' learning. Dr. Roger then brought the audience back to the crux of the matter; the two wider issues related to the impact on the development of academic genres in the first language, and the sociocultural implications of selecting students for enrolment in EMI or DLI programmes. He asserted that in most cases DLI is more desirable and practicable compared to EMI to promote students' bilingual academic literacy. The lecture has raised fruitful discussion among the audience. His lecture attracted academics from the Ministry of Education, the National University of Malaysia as well as the postgraduate students from the University of Malaya.



Pn. Rozita (UMCCD staff) assisted participants during registration

# Early Islam and the Birth of Capitalism

This public lecture was presented on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at the Lecture Hall 3, Faculty of Business & Accountancy, University of Malaya



## SPEAKER'S PROFILE

Benedikt Koehler was born 1953 in New York and later raised in Germany. He received his tertiary education at Yale (BA-History), City University London (MSc) and Tübingen (PhD). He retired from a career in finance and Economics in 2012, and he has written biographies of the nineteenth century political economist, Adal Muller and the co-founder of Deutsche Bank, Ludwig Bamberger. He is also an editor of *History of Financial Disasters 1857-1923*. As both historian and former banker, his articles on early Islamic economics have appeared in the *Economic Affairs* since 2009.



From left: Prof. Mohd Nazari (moderator) and Dr Benedict Koehler

Islam is one of the major religions in the world, covering the continents from Africa to Asia. The foundation of Islam is based on the concept of Oneness of God (Tawhid), where there is no other God but Allah. Throughout the Islamic civilization, scholars of Islamic history cover many aspects of the religion but with little discussion on trades and entrepreneurships.

In this lecture, Dr Benedikt Koehler, author of the “Early Islam and the Birth of Capitalism” put forth a controversial thesis, in which he argued that Capitalism was first introduced by the Islamic civilization and later re-emerged in the West, which then founded the idea of Capitalism. Much of his lecture centred on the prevalence of markets during the pre-Islamic era and how Prophet Muhammad’s (PBUH) family members played major roles in business and trades during those days.

There are many prominent theories on capitalism. Karl Marx, a renowned sociologist and economist for example, spoke of ‘das capital’. Marx’s notion was that there is something called das capital, which can be imagined like a horror clown, and the people in the society are at the ends of the strings like puppets and act in the interest of the capital. Meanwhile, another sociologist Max Weber was the first to include the word capitalism in his book title and as Dr Koehler quoted, “Capitalism and the way we act in the society is determined by something outside the pre-existing economy; it comes from religion.” Another theory emerged from Friedrich Hayek(1932), who

found the most common term used is ‘market’ and since then, the word capitalism has given way to the term ‘free market’ economy.

In pre-Islamic Arabia, he argued, where there were no central governments and no singular system, the concept of capitalism might begin to take root. Hayek(1932) had asserted that the markets and governments do not necessarily get along with each other. Governments will try to stop markets from flourishing. Therefore, a place like Arabia is conducive to market economy than a very highly organised empire such as the Romans.

Following the lecture, the question and answer (Q&A) session ensued, which saw a lively argument and good discussion on the premise of his lecture as well as some encouragement from members of the floor.



Question & Answer session

“The foundation of Islam is based on the concept of Oneness of God..There is no other God but Allah”



# Observation of Modesty in Christianity & Islam

This public lecture was conducted at Katha Room, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016



Zohreh Sadatmoosavi is a lecturer of philosophy and religions in Payame Nur University in Tehran, Iran. She majors in “religions and mysticism”. She has published two books on “Modesty and Veil in Divine Religions” and has written over 20 articles regarding religions and women issues. She hosted an exhibition on “Modesty and Modest Dress of Women in Divine Religions (Judaism, Christianity, Zoroasterianism and Islam) presented in more than 20 universities in Iran” (2004-2011) and has received awards and grants in this regard. She has also studied and written on women issues for more than 15 years.

On 10 March 2016, the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya in collaboration with Public Diplomacy from the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran held a public lecture on Observation of Modesty in Christianity and Islam by Ms. Zohreh Sadatmoosavi, a PhD student from the Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya.

This lecture addressed on the similarities in the importance of modesty in Islam and Christianity. She initiated her lecture by emphasizing on the importance of modest conduct in daily life. Slides of historical icons and paintings of Mary (SA); the blessed lady in Christianity as well in Islam followed by historical pictures from Christian nuns and observant women were the significant evidences concerning the issues raised in the lecture.

She also stated that historically cultural studies imply that modesty observance and wearing modest covering for women in almost every society was common until recent centuries. Obviously, woman’s covering is indeed part of being modest in Islam.

She continued the lecture on the concept of Haya’, the natural feeling of embarrassment from doing something out of purity and neatness to keep the individual from immorality. She claimed that along with the social changes and extent of influence from modern Western culture, modesty was one of the main issues that had been questioned. Over the decade, the issue of modesty norms and women’s wearing modest dress were widely discussed in academic and media discourse. This lecture mainly focused on a comparison on the similarity for modesty norms in these two religions as God’s ordain.

Following the lecture, several interesting questions posed by the students and academics during question and answer (Q&A) session. The discussions were mainly on the concept of modesty proposed by Ms. Zohreh as a visible modesty that leads to the root of one’s virtue which is the heart. The lecture was well received by the audience and they gained valuable insight from the lecture.



Dr. Hussein; Education Counsellor from the Iran Embassy who came to show his support to the speaker



Participants were attentively listening to the lecture



# Celebrating UNESCO World Poetry Day through

## REACH OUT!

### MELAKA



From Left: Dr. Zuwati Hasim (UMCCD Deputy Director), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Faridah Noor Mohd Noor (UMCCD Director), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hj. Salleh (Malaysian National Laureate) and Mdm. Noor Shamsiah (Headmistress of SK Lubok Redan)

The existence of poetry serves to communicate the innermost values of diverse cultures and it reaffirms our common humanity that each and every one of us shares for over centuries in most culture in the world. In the effort to recognize the unique ability of poetry to capture the creative spirit of the human mind, UNESCO has declared that March 21st be the day to celebrate World Poetry Day.

The purpose of celebrating the Day is not only to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression, but also to promote teaching of poetry and encourage poetry recital as the oral tradition in this time. In conjunction with 'World Poetry Day 2016', the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and the University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) organized a programme called "Reach Out! Melaka", a volunteering activity targeting primary school students in a selected primary school in Melaka. Reach Out! Melaka is the first outreach programme in the history of UMCCD and UMUC, in collaboration with Sekolah

Kebangsaan (SK) Lubok Redan, the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB) and the Institute of Teacher Education International Languages Campus (IPGKBA).

The programme took place on 19 and 20 February 2016 at SK Lubok Redan, Masjid Tanah, Melaka. The project—with Associate Professor Dr Faridah Noor Mohd Noor (UMCCD's Director) as an advisor, led by Dr Zuwati Hasim (UMCCD's Deputy Director) and assisted by Cik Nik Maisarah Akmal Nik Mustafa (UMUC's Project Officer) and Cik Nur Amalina Dayana Abd Aziz (Project Coordinator)—has gathered the UNESCO Club members as well as the pre-service teachers of English language from the University of Malaya (UM) and Institute of Teacher Education International Languages Campus (IPGKBA) as volunteers.



Our main sponsors & collaborators

Among the objectives of Reach Out! Melaka programme were to introduce the beauty of poetry to primary school students, particularly in the rural area, and to encourage them to confidently communicate in English through fun and interactive activities designed for them. The participants were made up of Year 5 and Year 6 students, with a total of 50 pupils altogether while the teachers and the volunteers acted as facilitators for the whole programme. The programme was officiated by Emeritus Professor Dr Muhammad Hj Salleh, Malaysian National Laureate, who also shared his experiences on writing poetry. In his speech, Prof. Muhammad encouraged the students to take up poetry-writing as early as possible, as a means to express themselves and also to preserve the tradition. He also shared some delightful poems that successfully captured and entertained the audience present.

Prof. Muhammad, Pn. Noor Shamsiah, Head Mistress of SK Lubok Redan, and Ms. Hendon, lecturer of IPG KBA. Prof. Muhammad was invited to deliver some of the prizes to the best drawings and poems for Dream Island. The activities designed for the five stations in Activity 3: Treasure Hunt, were all made relatable to the students. We incorporated traditional games, such as hopscotch (*permainan tingting*) with colour poem to make the activity fun yet meaningful for the students. En. Nazri Ramli, the President of the Parent-Teacher Association (PIBG) and an officer from the District Education Office (PPD) were invited to deliver their speeches and to present prizes to the Treasure Hunt winners as well as for the Most Active Student and the Most Outstanding Student awards.

Overall, the event went well and received great response from the students and the teachers. On behalf of UMCCD and UMUC, we would like to congratulate all winners and acknowledge the volunteers for their precious and tireless efforts to contribute to this programme. We would also like to express our sincerest gratitude to the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Institute of Teacher Education International Languages Campus, Tenaga Nasional Berhad, Smart Reader and Kumpulan Media Karangkrak for their support and assistance in making Reach Out! Melaka a success.



Cheerful Reach Out! Melaka volunteers posed for the camera before the activities started

The activity began with an ice-breaking session. The students selected their group names based on an element in poetry, the concept of onomatopoeia—the creation of words that imitate natural sounds—and practice their cheer for a short cheer battle. The purpose is to build team spirit as they will be working in groups throughout the day. This is then followed by the first activity, Teach Me!, where the students were introduced to different types of poems that were accessible and easy to develop by young learners. The second activity, Dream Island, was designed for students to fire up their imagination and creativity. Students were requested to design their own dream islands and write a short poem based on the islands they created. For this activity, students’ presentations were judged by



Prof. Muhammad Haji Salleh officiated the event with a verse of *pantun*



One of the volunteers gave instructions to the pupils for treasure hunt activity



# PHOTOS OF THE ACTIVITIES



Year 5 & 6 students were chosen to be part of the programme

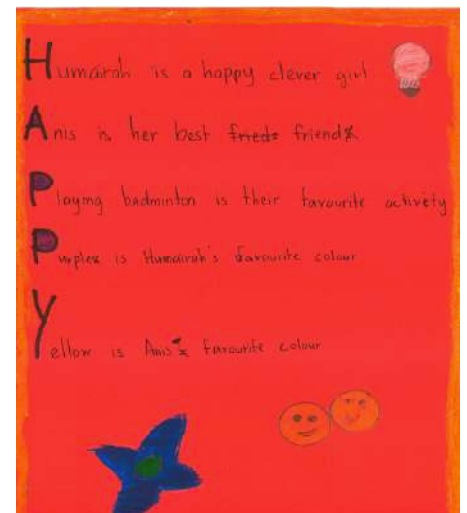
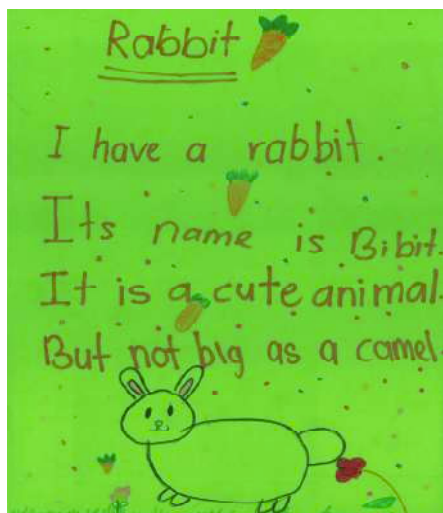


During the activity



Reach Out! Melaka volunteers with the Malaysian National Laurete

# LEARNERS' OUTPUT





# ENGLISH CARNIVAL 2016

## A Chorus of Applause for University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) !



UMUC Choral speaking members.

Congratulations to the University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) members who participated in the Choral Speaking Competition on the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016, organized by the Institute of Teacher Education (International Languages Campus) in conjunction with its English Carnival 2016.

Despite the time constraint and minimal opportunity to practice, a group of fifteen students represented UMUC managed to achieve 3rd place in the competition. What's interesting about this group is that they managed to work together (both local and

international students) in composing their own piece of work about 'Academic & Life Goals' in just two days of preparation (after class hour) along with practicing using several techniques such as alternating lines, chants, whispering words, changing tones, singing, creating sound effects, altering the tempo and rhythm, and choreograph some movements. Farah Aiman binti Azhar was given the responsibility to choreograph and ensure the sounds and movements were synchronized.



Dr. Zuwati (front, wearing red baju kurung) with the UMUC members who participated in the choral speaking competition.



# UNESCO Club Network: Educational and Cultural Visit from Soka University, Japan



Delegates from the Faculty of International Liberal Arts, Soka University, Japan.

On the 4th of March 2016, University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) received a visit from Faculty of International Liberal Arts, Soka University, Japan as part of their International Fieldwork programme. This visit was organized by the Open University Malaysia (OUM) International Unit that centered on the theme of understanding the socio-cultural linguistic milieu of Malaysia. Based upon the theme of the visit, UMUC scheduled interactive programmes for the learners in helping them to understand cultures in Malaysia. Associate Professor Dr. Faridah Noor, as the director of the centre made a brief introduction about UMCCD and prepared informational slides for the students in terms of religions, cultures and traditional food in Malaysia. Moving on from the talk, Mr. Abd. Aziz Rashid,

from the Museum of Asian Art, UM had also arranged an entertaining demonstration on the history of ceramics found in Asia and a mini learning session with the learners on determining the quality of the ceramics. Then, the students were given the chance to have a little tour around the museum before they proceed to the third activity of day which was a visit to the UM Galleria. All in all, they truly had an amazing time and we hope that they will treasure the memories and experience that they had during the 2-week stay here in Malaysia.



Assoc. Prof. Dr Faridah with Professor Ichiro Sugimoto



A photo at UM's Iconic spot is a must!

# Role of Reasoning in Understanding Religion

A seminar conducted to stimulate discussion on rationality as well as intellectuality arguments related to Iranian and Malay cultures.

A seminar on the Role of Reasoning in Understanding Religion was hosted by University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) on 24 March 2016 at the Museum of Asian Arts, University of Malaya. The seminar was co-organized with the Ferdowsi Research & Cultural Institute, Asia West-East Institute and University of Malaya Museum of Asian Arts. This seminar was also supported by the Cultural Centre of the Iranian Embassy.

The seminar was aimed to dialogue the role of reasoning as a framework to understand religion and our perception of God. For some and the postmodernist philosophies look at mystical practices through intuition and transcendental experience like Sufism. Rationally, religion also requires a need for human reason to bring goodness into people's daily lives. This event was also put forward the differences in the type of thinking such as analytical or intuitive for discussion. One question posed was whether these types of thinking can define one's extent of religiosity, and whether an increase in analytical thinking would also increase one's religious (dis)belief.

Several speakers in this area were invited to point out and also to discuss their views and perspectives with the audience. The first session of the seminar started with a talk by Dr. Ali Akbar Ziaee, Cultural Attache from the Embassy of Iran and also the representative from Ferdowsi Research & Cultural Institute. His talk was focused on faith and reason, where both considered to be sources of justification for religious belief.

The second session was by Dr. Dato' Baharuddin Ahmad from ASWARA. The talk brought a very interesting context in which he linked the role of reasoning and the culture of one's individual in understanding one's religion. Dr. Kasim Ramli from the International Islamic University (IIUM) focused on the function of intellect and its impact on understanding religion.

After the sessions ended, a dialogue session followed. Panelists consisted of Mdm. Khalina Khalili from UTM, Professor Salahuddin Mohd Shamsuddin from UM and Dr. Ali Ziaee were moderated by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Faridah Noor Mohd. Noor. The discussion centred on the role of reasoning based on Malaysian and Iranian perspectives. The seminar concluded that reasons and beliefs, or transcendental knowledge, that come through sort of revelation merge in a mysterious proportion to form humans' characters.

Audience which included a group of pupils from SMK Mahmud were entertained to classical Iranian music and songs. Everyone was treated to an exquisite Iranian cuisine. Both were sponsored generously by the Cultural Centre of the Iranian Embassy. In conclusion, the role of reasoning is the basis of human intellect of which humans are endowed with and together with the guidance from God it will be put to the best use.



Dr. Ali Ziaee was seen discussing with the participants while having tea



Assoc. Professor Dr. Faridah Noor, UMCCD Director during the opening ceremony



## Speakers & Panels



Dr. Ali Ziaee



Dato' Dr. Baharuddin Ahmad



Dr. Kasim Ramli



Professor Salahuddin



Ms. Khalina Khalili

## Activities



Ms. Amalina Dayana as the Mistress of Ceremony for the day

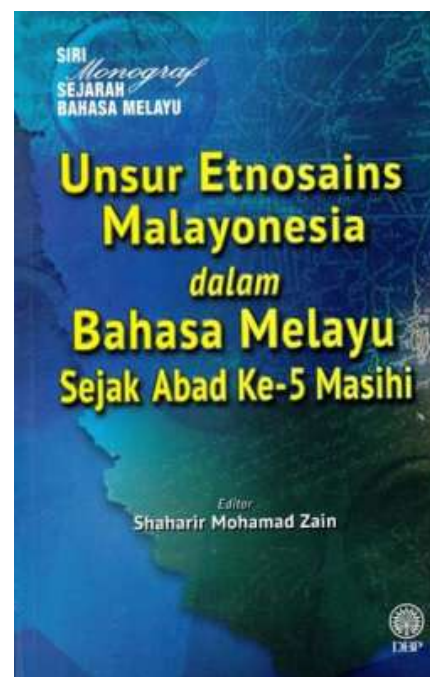


A special performance on classic Iranian music left the audience in awe



Students from SMK Mahmud, Raub Pahang were also invited to be part of the seminar

# Congratulations! Emeritus Professor Shaharir Md. Zain



The Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) would like to extend our warmest congratulations to Emeritus Professor Dr. Shaharir Md. Zain who is UMCCD's Research Fellow for winning an award for *Anugerah Karya Suntingan Terbaik* (Best Editorial Award). The award was given by Majlis Penerbitan Ilmiah Malaysia (MAPIM) in

their recent MAPIM-KPT award for the year 2015.

This award stands alone proudly witnessing all of your hard work and dedication. We wish you the very best and certainly in hope for more awards to come in the near future!



# The Centre for Civilisational Dialogue Celebrates Its 20th Anniversary

The year 2016 marks a year-long celebration of the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue's 20th Anniversary. To commemorate this momentous event, the International Conference on Civilisational Dialogue (IConCiDi 2016) will be held in November 2016. It looks forward to a congregation of its members, networks, collaborators and supporters at this conference. Founded in 1996 and formalised in 1997, this Centre has a reputable chain of international network and partners for its dialogues activities to foster peace and harmonious understanding. The International Visiting Scholar Programme has opened its door to distinguished scholars and delegates from ASEAN countries, the Asia Pacific region, Europe, United States, United Kingdom, and the Middle East. Through its academic and cultural exchange activities, it has collaborated with reputable higher institutions of learning and agencies. It has indeed established itself globally as a reputable platform for civilizational dialogue and first in this region.

The first Malaysian UNESCO Club (UMUC) formed in 2006 is based at this Centre. Together with the Centre, UMUC promotes student-centred activities that empower them to support UNESCO's peace and sustainable development plans.

The present team congratulates the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue for celebrating its 20th Anniversary. May the Centre achieve many more illustrious achievements and soar to greater heights in the next 20 years. Happy Anniversary – Tahniah!



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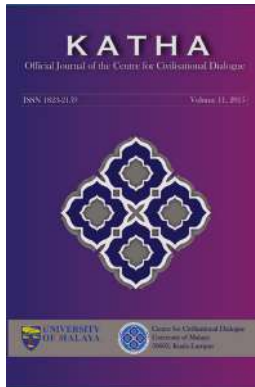
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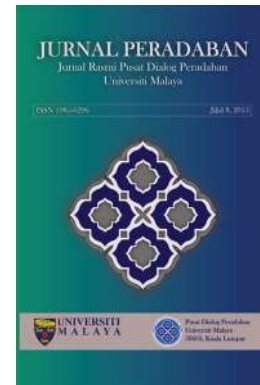
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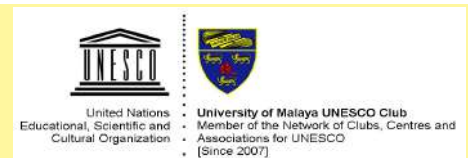
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Professor Thomas W. Simon



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Dr. Benedict Koehler



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Zohreh Sadatmoosavi



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**Role of Reasoning in Understanding Religion**  
Seminar



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(IConCiDi 2016)

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