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The 9th International Conference On Intercultural Communication(ICIC 2017)

"一带一路.多元文化主义与跨文化传播"

"The Belt and Road Initiative,
Multiculturalism & Intercultural Communication"

**William University, China 2017

November, 2017



On 26 November 2017, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (CCD) Director, Prof. Dr Shakila Yacob was invited to deliver a keynote speech at the closing ceremony of the 9th International Conference on Intercultural Communication (ICIC, 2017). The conference was held at Wuhan University, China. The conference is organized by School of Journalism and Communication, Wuhan University, and co-organized by Hebei University Research Centre for Social Development of Islamic Countries. Centre for Civilisational Dialogue has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hebei University Research Centre for Social Development of Islamic Countries. We hope this collaboration will forge closer ties between China and Malaysia through academic exchanges.



KEYNOTE SPEECH (Excerpts)

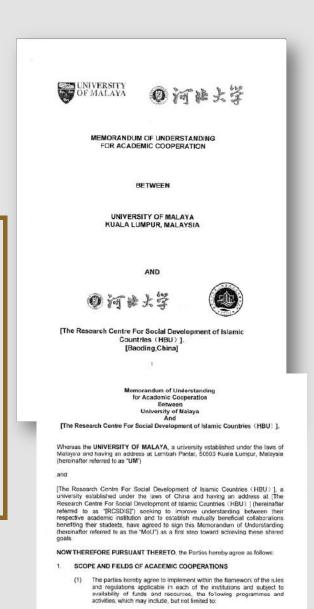
CHINA: GLOBALIZATION AND PROJECTING SOFT POWER

9th International Conference on One Belt One Road Initiative. Multiculturalism & Intercultural Communications

The discourse surrounding the One Belt, One Road Initiative (OBOR) or now famously known as the Belt Road Initiative (BRI) focuses mainly on the geopolitical impact of the initiative centred around economic exchanges between nations aided by strengthened infrastructure worldwide. Not much has been said about the cultural impact of this grand master plan spanning Asia and Europe.

> The policy and approach of "moderate" Islam adopted by both Malaysia and Indonesia and the fight against terrorism would provide some measure of security for foreign investors, including from China. Given China's strategic political and socio-economic interests in Malaysia, Beijing could try to understand Malaysia's effort in this direction. China could engage with Malaysian organisations such as the Global Movement of Moderates (2012) and the new King Salman Center for Global Peace in Kuala Lumpur. Indeed, in the long term, China could also serve as a unifying force in forging and boosting economic and cultural ties between Islamic countries along the BRI routes.

Indeed, in the long term, I firmly believe that China could serve as a unifying force in forging and boosting economic and cultural ties between countries, in particular, Islamic countries, along the routes of the BRI. If China as an engaged global actor could indeed "tell the story well" through its effort to encourage intercultural dialogue on a government to government and people to people levels, the BRI with its futuristic vision would be a story to be shared among generations to come as we are today fascinated with the stories emanating from the ancient silk roads. On yet a critical note, it is imperative that recipient countries, including Islamic nations, must have the political will to engage with China on a level playing field.



A successful outcome from the visit by Hebei University representatives to CCD resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding signed between University of Malaya, Malaysia and The Research Centre for Social Development of Islamic Countries, Hebei University, China

(a) student and/or academic and administrative staff exchanges:

(c) exchange of publications, leports and other academic materials and information;

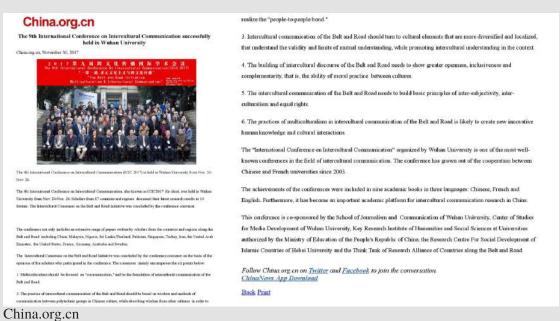
sharing of other activities and programmes in areas of mutual interest, where such sharing shall result in benefit to both Parties.

(2) It is agreed that the terms and conditions of any agreed programme and activity contemplated in this MoU shall be the subject matter of separate written agreements to be negatiated and agreed upon by both Pricise and/or any third parties, wherever applicable. PROVIDED ALWAYS the decision whether to initiate and/or implement any programmine or activity shall be at the sole discretion of each Party.

(b) joint research activities;

HIGHLIGHT

News coverage on the conference





Shakila Yacob: "One Belt One Road": Establishing a Union with Southeast Asia **Islamic countries**

Shakila Yacob research interests include the study of business history, the global economy, and comparative politics. In this meeting, her discussion focuses on two major questions, the discourse on how China could play a leading role in encouraging global understanding through civilizational dialogue and how the "One Belt One Road" initiative could play a big role in encouraging multi-cultural interaction or civilization dialogues.

According to Shakila, the "One Belt One Road" has provided business opportunities for Malaysia and Indonesia. Both countries should build a win-win business relationship with China. On the other hand, China needs to put more effort to understanding of Islam, because the countries along the OBOR routes involve many Islamic countries. This understanding benefits both China and Islamic government and countries. A recent example, under the effort of the Malaysian government, has further strengthened business collaborations between the two countries by fostering partnership between Malaysian Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) and Alibaba with the establishment of the E-hub Digital Free Trade Zone (DFTZ). In addition to the cooperation between the two governments, the E-hub provides a platform for people to people connection bringing more opportunities for civilizational dialogues.

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Programme Series with Prof. Dr John Nirenberg How to Manifest Intercommunity, Intercultural and Inter-Civilisational Dialogue in Practical Ways



Prof. Nirenberg with some of the participants who attended the seminar



Participants listening to Prof. Nirenberg's explanation



Prof. Nirenberg

On 25 November 2017, an interactive seminar on 'How to Manifest Intercommunity, Intercultural and Intercivilisational Dialogue in Practical Ways' was held at the Video Conference Room, Level 1, Research Management & Innovation Complex, University of Malaya. The purpose of the seminar is to promote understanding and collaboration between cultures and ethnicities before an introduction by Prof. Nirenberg. He then encouraged everyone to introduce themselves and share relevant background and experiences related to the topic of the day. Prof. Nirenberg explained the different types of bias, tensions and conflict, which could be of racial/ethnic origin, religion and belief, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation, and even to economic class/caste. Throughout the seminar, he encouraged and welcomed participant to ask away any bubbling thoughts that they have in their mind or share any opinions that could contribute to the discussion so as to keep the seminar interactive.

A number of academicians and students attended this seminar and contributed to the discussion. One of the participants, Dr Patrick, a Visiting Professor from the Asia-Europe Institute (AEI) pointed out that politicians use racial issues to play on people's fear as a means of gaining support from the public. Prof. Shakila also shared her experiences of racism and prejudices that she faced as a woman and as a Muslim back when Islamophobia was growing in the USA. Malaysia has long battled with racism. Associate Professor Dr Rosilawati provided an example that is within the local context and is closer to our setting. She shared how she noticed her students tend to stay with those of the same ethnicities, and how she had to ensure her students mixed well with students of different ethnicities. Academicians from other faculties concur with Associate Professor Dr Rosilawati's experience. Overall, this highly interactive seminar provided a number of interesting insights on the importance of organizing a series of intercommunity, intercultural and inter-civilisational dialogue to promote tolerance and civility among diverse communities in Malaysia.



Programme Series with Prof. Dr John Nirenberg An Introduction to PROBE (Practical Organisational Behaviour Education)

A workshop introducing PROBE (Practical Organisational Behaviour Education) was conducted by visiting Professor Dr John Nirenberg. The workshop was held on 13 October 2017 at Video Conference Room, Level 1, Research Management and Innovation Complex, University of Malaya. The primary objective of the workshop was to introduce the concept of using the creation of student created small businesses as the basis for learning about organizational behavior. Most participants were postgraduate students from various educational backgrounds. The workshop began at 9.00 am with a quote by psychologist Carl Rogers that illustrated the importance of learning by doing and experiencing the material one wants to master. Likewise, participants were encouraged to share their opinions or raise question throughout the workshop as a way of taking responsibility for their learning. Prof. Nirenberg also elaborated on the philosophy of experiential education as the foundation of PROBE building on Kolb's experiential learning cycle. An important point that was highlighted by Prof. Nirenberg is that PROBE is very much student-centered. The discussion throughout the workshop was informative and constructive. Participants were open to share their experiences and asked questions that further pushed the discussion into a deeper and wider context. Workshop participants who were mostly postgraduate students enjoyed the comprehensive workshop.

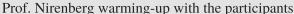


Prof. Nirenberg explaining on the concept of PROBE



Programme Series with Prof. Dr John Nirenberg The Dissertation and Implications for **Publishing and Career Advancement**







Participant sharing their research background

In this highly attended workshop on "The Dissertation and Implications for Publishing and Career Advancement", Prof. Nirenberg thoroughly explained the four Boyer's Model of the Four Types of Scholarship: Discovery, Integration, Application and Teaching. He then proceeded to explain the publication process in detail. Prof. Nirenberg encouraged the participants to fully participate in the venues that will help disseminate their ideas and findings, in both verbal and written communication. This can be done through various platforms such as conferences, community outreach, peer-reviewed journals, blogs and more. He also encourages the participants to find professional associations that are related to their own field of study in order to get first-hand information on matters pertaining to the field, build a network, and get feedback on their own work. Joining professional associations helps one to keep abreast with current trends and events that are happening in the region or internationally. Towards the end of the workshop, Prof. Nirenberg shared some of his tips for writing and getting published. In sending articles to journals, he stressed the importance of following the journal's requirement precisely in order to have the best chance of succeeding. He also reminded the participants to be resilient and never give up if they get negative feedback or have a submission rejected.



Participants listening attentively to Prof. Nirenberg's explanation



Happy faces after the intense workshop

Colloquia

Programme Series with Prof. Dr John Nirenberg The Challenges of Cultural Diversity in Malaysia: Malay, Chinese and Indian









In the month of October, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (CCD) welcomed visiting professor, Professor Dr John Nirenberg from Walden University, Minneapolis, USA. A programme series was carried out beginning with a colloquia on The Challenges of Cultural Diversity in Malaysia. The objective was to further understand the Malay, Chinese and Indian cultures, and how cultural differences influence organizational behavior from a managerial perspective. The colloquia series was carried out on three different days, each day focusing on one ethnic group. Participants from various backgrounds participated in the colloquia series, including academicians and students. One of the main conclusions in each session was that as an

historically multi-ethnic society, each generation of Malaysians must re-enforce the commitment to mutual understanding and inter-communal respect and





Colloquia

Programme Series with Prof. Dr John Nirenberg Leading in a Multicultural Context

A colloquium on Leading in a Multicultural Context was held on 20 October 2017 at Video Conference Room, Level 1, Research Management and Innovation Complex, University of Malaya. The colloquium's objective was to discuss the challenges in developing leadership skills, attitudes, and knowledge that are required to stimulate creative contributions from the employee's perspective. Prof. Nirenberg began the colloquium with a simple yet very critical question on the definition of being a Malaysian and the term Leadership. Majority of the participants shared their views on these two subjects. The concept of pushing people to do what they are capable of doing versus accepting their limitations was also discussed in the colloquium. Prof. Nirenberg also explained the term "power distance" which refers to the degree to which a subordinate expects the boss leader to be disciplined. Interestingly, Malaysia scores a high percentage in power distance similar to other countries such as Singapore and the United Kingdom. An important message that was sent across towards the end of the colloquium, is the importance of being an ally; that is people who recognize the unearned privilege they received from society's pattern of injustice and taking that responsibility to change these patterns. Being an ally also means that one can use their own experience of injustice or oppression and using it to help others who are in a similar situation. Even though Malaysia has been a multi-racial nation for decades, the colloquium helped to enhance participants' understanding on leadership in a multicultural context which is crucial in a diverse community like Malaysia.



Participants looking satisfied with the colloquium session

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CONSERVATION OF MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM

CONSERVING MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM THROUGH AWARENESS AMONG YOUTHS.



Mr. Nazeri explaining on rehabilitation programmes in different areas

The International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem was proclaimed by the General Conference of UNESCO to highlight the importance of mangrove ecosystems as "a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem, providing by virtue of their existence, biomass and producing substantial benefits to human beings, providing forestry, fishery goods and services as well as contributing to the protection of the coastline and being particularly relevant in terms of mitigation of the effects of climate change and food security for local communities".

On 3 August 2017, the University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) invited a representative from the Global Environment Centre (GEC), Mr. Md Nazeri Mohd Sidek, Senior Programme Officer for the Forest and Coastal Programme in Field Office Manjung, Perak, to present on mangrove ecosystem in Malaysia.

GEC currently has three Community-Based Forest Rehabilitation Programme, which are 'Sahabat Hutan Bakau Kuala Gula (SHBKG), Sahabat Hutan Bakau Lekit Sitiawan (SHBLS), and Sahabat Hutan Bakau Kampung Dato' Hormat (SHBKDH). The 'Sahabat Hutan Bakau' (SHB) programmes consist of members who are actively involved in the rehabilitation, protection, and management of the mangroves.



Majority of the participants are youth interested in the conservation of mangrove ecosystem

Mr. Nazeri shared some of the activities they have carried out in each SHB. Their primary objective in the main SHB activity is to conserve the mangrove ecosystem which includes the plantation and rehabilitation of the mangrove ecosystem. He also shared some photos of their previous collaboration with schools and universities where students participated in mangrove rehabilitation programmes. It was interesting to learn that the crop yields from the mangroves are then used to support the community as they are used to shell brooches, tea from Acanthus leaves, Sonneratia jam, decorations and other variety of crafts.

Overall, it was an interactive talk as the audience posed interesting questions and were really engaged throughout the talk. Majority of the audience were pleased with the talk and hope that more can be done on our side at the university level to raise awareness on the importance of the mangrove ecosystem, and to play our part in conserving and protecting the rapidly disappearing mangrove ecosystem. In conclusion, it can be said that through this talk, the University of Malaya UNESCO Club, under Centre for Civilisational Dialogue has successfully achieve its objective to instill awareness and help youth better understand their role in conserving the mangrove ecosystem in conjunction with the UNESCO's International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystem 2017.

EAT WELL, LIVE WELL

A public lecture on Eat Well, Live Well was held in conjunction with UNESCO's World Science Day for Peace and Development 2017, and to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the Department of Science and Technology Studies, Faculty of Science, University of Malaya. Puan Sri Dr Norlaili Abdul Aziz delivered the lecture at the Department of Science and Technology Studies Meeting Room. Our speaker holds a Certificate in Food Hygiene & Safety from University of West England, Bristol, England, and has been giving public lectures on Food and Health since 1997. The lecture began with an important note on having a balanced lifestyle by focusing on mental, emotional and spiritual health other than physical health. With our hectic lifestyle we tend to choose what is easy and fast in order to accommodate our busy schedule that we forget to be mindful of our physical needs. Prolonged disregard to our bodily needs lead to various diseases such as diabetes, high-blood pressure and dysfunctional organs. Puan Sri stresses the importance of being health-conscious in what we eat; not only must we choose clean and hygienic food, but also food that is nutritious and good for our overall well-being. It is also advisable to cleanse our body of toxins at least once a month in order for our body to function at optimum level. All in all, the audience thoroughly enjoyed the session as there were discussions at the end of the session.



Audience from different backgrounds interested to learn more about living well



Prof. Shakila delivering a token of appreciation to Puan



A small but attentive crowd

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2017

By Dr Zuwati Hasim, Associate Member of Centre for Civilisational Dialogue







Beginning of the walk



Display of participants' effort in the colouring competition

the UN/UNESCO International Day and is commemorated on every 5th of October. This year's local UNESCO World Teachers' Day will be celebrated on the 7th of October 2017 (Saturday) at the Faculty of Education, University of Malaya. It is in fact the first time for this UNESCO observed International Day to be celebrated in Malaysia. To further elaborate, Malaysia based on its historical counts has chosen and declared 16th of May as the national Teachers' Day to remember the day when the Federal Legislative Council accepted the recommendations of the Education Committee Report 1956 known as the Razak Report as the

World Teachers' Day is declared as one of

• to emphasise the role of teachers in nation building (including unity and integration), national development and community service;

education policy for the country. Among the

objectives of Teachers' Day in Malaysia include:

- to draw the attention of parents, students and the public to the important role played by teachers for the Malaysian society;
- to foster a feeling of professional solidarity and goodwill among teachers;
- to raise the prestige and status of teachers in the society;
- to give teachers the opportunity to develop their competence through seminars, conferences, etc held on Teachers' Day;
- to assess objectively the role of teachers in

the context of Malaysia and take further steps to enhance the teachers' roles.

In support for the UN/UNESCO one of the International Day (that is the World Teachers' Day) which is observed every 5th October and in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel which was made in 1997, the University of Malaya Academic Staff Association (Persatuan Kakitangan Akademik Universiti Malaya - PKAUM) and Malaysian Academic Movement (Pergerakan Tenaga Akademik Malaysia - GERAK/MOVE) in collaboration with the Malaysian National UNESCO Commission along with UM Alumni Administration Office, Curriculum & Educational Technology Department of Education Faculty, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, UM UNESCO Club and a few other non-government organizations (NGOs - Yayasan Sarana Pendidikan Malaysia, My Prihatin, CESTA16, Persatuan Lestari Alam Malaysia) stood together and successfully organized a day event to celebrate this World Teachers' Day 2017. The event would not be possible without the financial support received from the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO, the Education International, Maybank and many other individuals. Also, we were very fortunate to receive supports in various forms that contribute to the success of this event.

This year's declared theme is "Teaching in

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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 20

Freedom, Empowering Teachers". In considering educators of all levels, we hence proposed 'Empowering Educators through Academic Freedom' as the theme at our national level. Various activities were conducted for people of all walks of life to participate. Among the activities were Education Solidarity Walk & Run 2017 where registrants were given options to take part in either 3km or 7km event; a forum on "Academic excellence in Malaysian universities" (was held earlier on the 3rd of October that took place at the Faculty of Law); colouring competition, poster competition and poetry competition; a light forum called Edu Talk or Bicara Santai which is conducted in Bahasa Malaysia (Malaysia National Language) entitled "Pemberdayaan dan Peranan Pendidik: Dulu, Kini, & Akan Datang (Academic empowerment and roles: past, present, and future), brought forward speakers who are in- and out- of field to share their views, experiences, and resolutions. We were honoured to have Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim (a Malaysian historian) and the honourable Tuan Budiman Mohd Zohdi, Member of Parliament, Puan Jamelah Mansor (the recipient of best principal award) and Mr Ahmad Haziq A Azman (in-service teacher) as the panellists for this Edu Talk or Bicara Santai.



Edu Talk/ Sembang Santai

There were also exhibitions from various organisations related to all forms of education – educational research, special needs, agriculture, teacher training, money management, etc. On the



Colouring competition

day of the event, there were also performances from the Sri Aman Secondary School and Batu Road Primary School. On top of that, we also had promotional/sales booths. We invited the public to join and celebrate this event together to appreciate our teachers and educators as well as to highlight the important role of education in developing the nation. Most importantly is to understand on the needs for academic freedom and teaching in freedom to empower teachers and educators in general. Among the people who came to this event were the academics of University Malaya were Professor Datuk Dr Rohana Yusof (UM Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs & Alumni), Deans of Faculties, MOVE and PKAUM Representatives (Assoc. Prof Dr Rosli H. Mahat and Mr Aznijar Ahmad Yazid), Professor Dr John Nirenberg (Visiting Professor from Walden University, USA).

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest and warmest gratitude to all my committee members, our collaborators, schools (SMK Bukit Jelutong, SMK (P) Sri Aman, SK Jalan Batu, SMK Munshi Abdullah), university students, KEMAS Pre-schools, individuals and various parties who had supported this World Teachers' Day 2017 celebration. We hope to receive strong and continuous supports in the future.

Dr Zuwati Hasim

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WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY 2017:

FORUM: PHILOSOPHY, SCIENCE & YOUTH

Bridging the gap between youths and philosophy

In conjunction with World Philosophy Day 2017, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (CCD) organised activities to celebrate the UNESCO's International Day. World Philosophy Day is celebrated every third Thursday in November with the aim to highlight the importance of philosophy among youth. The celebration of World Philosophy Day 2017 at the University level took place on 17 November 2017 at Research Management and Innovation Complex (RMIC), University of Malaya. A forum on Philosophy, Science and Youth was held in the morning at Video Conference Room, RMIC. Two renowned Professors and a young aspiring scholar were invited to speak on the topic of Philosophy, Science and Youth. The forum was moderated by Professor Dr Mohd Hazim Shah bin Haji Abdul Murad, Deputy Director of Institute of Public Policy and Management (INPUMA). Professor Dr Rofina Yasmin Othman began by introducing herself and invited the audience to also introduce themselves. Prof. Rofina's presentation on 'The Responsible Scientist' discussed the issue of scientists' ethics in research and its relation to philosophy.

Prof. Hazim presented on 'Science, Philosophy, and Civilisational Dialogue: Holy



Participants who attended the forum

Trinity or Unholy Alliance' which focused more on assisting the audience, particularly youth, to further understand the definition and aspects of philosophy. The third speaker, Mr. Arief Arman, presented on 'L'Existence Precede L'Essence: Existentialism and Its Myriad Manifestations, and Its Relationship to Youthful Idealism'. Mr. Arief shared his perspectives on why and how some youths are involved in extremist activities. Following the speakers' presentation, there was an engaging and thought provoking discussion among the speakers with the audience. Participants in this forum include Datuk Rajmah Hussain, CCD's advisor; Associate Professor Dr Khadijah, Executive Director of Institute of Public Policy and Management (INPUMA); Dr Kuang Ching Hei, CCD's Associate, and other undergraduate and postgraduate students.



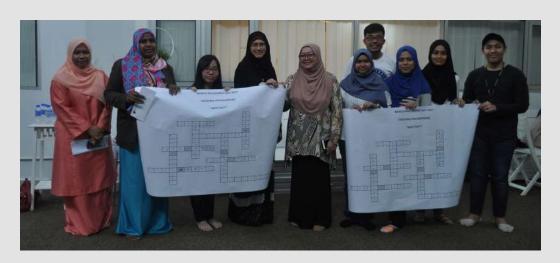
Prof. Hazim explaining on theories in philosophy



Audience focusing on the presentation by Prof. Rofina

WORLD PHILOSOPHY DAY 2017:

CROSSING PHILOSOPHERS



Making the most out of Philosophy

Following the Forum on Philosophy, Science and Youth, the University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) organized a fun and engaging educational games to prove that philosophy could be fun, and to encourage youths to be interested in philosophy. This educational game is part of the World Philosophy Day 2017 celebration organised by the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (CCD). The activity took place Friday evening on 17 November 2017 at the Open Space, Level 6, Research Management and Innovation Complex, University of Malaya. Prior to the game, participants played a game related to philosophy as preparation for the main activity. The highlight of the educational game is Crossing Philosophers where participants were given a huge crossword puzzle. What makes the game interesting is that in order to obtain the clue, each player must complete a random challenge given by the facilitator. The importance behind this activity is to symbolize the difficulties philosophers faced in getting information or coming to the realisation of an important matter. At the end of the day, participants enjoyed the game and winners received great prizes sponsored by Royale Chulan Damansara and Domino's Pizza Malaysia.



One of the contestants filling in her answer



Assoc. Prof. Dr Rosilawati delivering the prize to the winner, accompanied by Prof. Shakila



During the game

UNESCO CLUB

UC RECRUITMENT DAY

The University of Malaya welcomes new students at the beginning of September of every year. In this month, students from various background begin their journey in the varsity with one similar purpose: to gain knowledge. UMUC provides a platform for these students to gather, learn and apply their skills and knowledge through activities carried out by the club. The UMUC Recruitment Day was head by the Recruitment Head, Mr. Muhammad Faris Zafri bin Zulkifli at all three locations; Faculty of Science, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences and Faculty of Medicine. The recruitment booth received constant visits from students including undergraduate and postgraduate, national and international students who came to learn more about the club. Members who participated in the UMUC Recruitment Day include Muhammad Wafi Nazri bin Ibrahim, Hani Nur Izni binti Mohd Yazid and Muhammad Adeeb Idraki bin Dzulkaflee. The three day recruitment drive was successful in registering 38 new UMUC members. UMUC now has a total of 198 registered members for the year 2017.



Materials prepared and ready for our Recruitment Drive



Students gathering at our booth to learn more about **UMUC**



New member registration



Our Head of Recruitment, Mr. Faris explaining to potential students about UMUC

VISITING SCHOLAR

CCD WELCOMES PROFESSOR DR JOHN NIRENBERG

Professor John Nirenberg has served as a dean, professor, consultant, and writer seeking to uncover the principles that result in eupsychian organizations – psychologically healthy, creative, productive and satisfying workplaces. Currently, Professor Nirenberg is a Fulbright Specialist and a consultant to organizations with T-Quad. Formerly, he was Professor of Leadership and Organizational Change and a mentor to doctoral students at Walden University where every dissertation must contribute to positive social change. Professor Nirenberg is the author of Global Leadership (Capstone/Wiley); Power Tools: A Leader's Guide to the Latest Management Thinking (Prentice Hall); and, The Living Organization: Transforming Teams Into Workplace Communities, published jointly by Irwin Professional Books and Pfeiffer and Co. His articles have appeared in professional and academic journals on five continents.



Prof. Nirenberg during one of his sessions



Prof. Dr John Nirenberg

He has lived in Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Australia and Thailand for almost ten years where he was an educator and consultant. While in Malaysia he edited Aspects of Management in Malaysia. It was the first management book in Malaysia that integrated Malaysian cultural influences with conventional management principles.

Professor Nirenberg received his postdoctoral training in interpersonal dynamics at the Stanford University Graduate School of Business where, upon completion of his training, he served as a course facilitator in that program. He earned his Ph.D in Educational Administration and Organizational Behavior, an MBA, a Master's Degree in Social Science, and a Master of Fine Arts degree (Creative Nonfiction Writing).

Visit by Darwin Centre Trust and the Darwin International Institute for the Study of Compassion (DIISC)



Group photo of attendees



Discussion during the visit



Emeritus Prof. V. G. Kumar Das sharing his thoughts with the attendees

On 3 October 2017, Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (CCD) welcomed the Darwin Centre Trust and The Darwin International Institute for the Study of Compassion (DIISC). Among those who attended the brief meeting was Professor Dr Shakila Yacob, Director of Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, Associate Professor Dr Rosilawati Zainol, Deputy Director of Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, Emeritus Professor Dato' Dr V.G. Kumar Das, Former Dean Faculty of Science, University of Malaya, Professor Dr Thong Kwai Lin, representative from Institute of Biological Science, University of Malaya. CCD welcomed Professor Patrick Pietroni, head of the Darwin Trust. Present patron of the Darwin Trust is Professor Ruth Padell, great, great, grand-daughter of Charles Darwin. The meeting was also attended by Professor Dr Mohamed Keshavjee, who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Darwin International Institute for the study of Compassion. The meeting began with a warm welcome by the CCD's Director. The meeting was chaired by the Director who then introduced the background and roles of CCD to the distinguished guests. Professor Pietroni shared with the attendees about Darwin Centre Trust. He also explained the concept of compassion, the types of relationships we have with others, such as anger, denial oppression and empathy. Professor Pietroni emphasized that it is important to establish tolerance in understanding how discipline fits into compassion. Professor Keshavjee discussed the Darwin Programme; the background and objectives of the programme, as well as expectations of a Darwin scholar. He further highlighted the importance of the institute in instilling the element of compassion among its scholars as the element of compassion is getting lost with time.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

Workshop

WORKSHOP ON INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND **DIPLOMACY CULTURAL DIPLOMACY: NEW ZEALAND BY** H.E. JOHN SUBRITZKY

7 September 2017, Treaty Room, IDFR



Report Launch

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ADVISORS:

Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim

Emeritus Professor Tan Sri Dr Khoo Kay Kim was born in Kampar, Perak, Malaysia on March 28, 1937. He received a B.A., M.A., and a Ph.D in 1959, 1967, and 1974 respectively from the University of Malaya. His doctoral thesis was entitled The Beginnings of Political Extremism in Malaya 1915-1935 (1974), where he was supervised by Kennedy G. Tregonning, the Raffles Professor of History at the



University of Malaya. Khoo is one of the co-authors of Rukunegara. He is a highly regarded national academic for his views on local sports and socio-political issues.



Professor Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin

Azizan Baharuddin received her B.Sc (Hons) in Biology from the University of Tasmania, Australia in 1978, MSc (Univ. College London) in 1979 and PhD in Philosophy of Science (Science & Islam) from University of Lancaster, U.K. in 1989. She specializes in several areas such as interfaith and inter-civilisational dialogue, Islam and science, environmental ethics, bioethics, as well religion and sustainable development. She is active in several governmental organizations (GO) and non-governmental

organizations (NGO) connected with her areas of specialisation, as well as being a member of various advisory and consultative committees for ministries in Malaysia. She was appointed by the Prime Minister as the Chairman of the National Committee for the Promotion of Understanding and Harmony Among Religious Adherents (JKMPKA) from 2014 – 2015; appointed by the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation as member (2009 – current) and Chairman of the National Bioethics Council (2014 – 2015). She was appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO as Member of the International Bioethics Committee in Paris (2014 – 2017). She was Director at the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (until 2011) and Professor at the University of Malaya until 2015. She was appointed the Deputy Director-General of the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia/ Institut Kefahaman Islam Malaysia (IKIM) in 2011 and the Director-General in 2015. She has also been awarded the Maal Hijrah Award for Wilayah Persekutuan. Most recently she was appointed member of the Shariah Board of Directors of QSR Brands Holdings (M) Berhad, and member of the Board of Advisors for the Organisation of the Legacy of Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi (LEGASI).



Datuk Dr Rajmah Hussain

Datuk Dr Rajmah Hussain had served in the Malaysian Foreign Service for 32 years before retiring in June 2008. She served in six diplomatic posts abroad, four of which were at the Ambassadorial level – as Ambassador of Malaysia to France (with concurrent accreditation to Portugal), Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva, Ambassador of Malaysia to Austria (with concurrent accreditation to the Slovak Republic) and Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations in Vienna, and Ambassador of Malaysia to the United States of America. This is in addition to earlier postings to the Embassy of Malaysia in Brussels and in Washington DC. Datuk Dr. Rajmah holds a PhD in International Relations from the London School of

Economics and Political Science, University of London (1988), where she had earlier obtained her degrees of B.Sc (Economics) (1974) and M.Sc (Politics) (1976). Datuk Dr. Rajmah was conferred the award of Darjah Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah (DSSA) from the Sultan of Selangor in 1999 which carries the title of Datin Paduka and the award of Panglima Jasa Negara (PJN) from the Yang diPertuan Agong in 2007 which carries the title of Datuk. She has published a book entitled "Malaysia at the United Nations: A Study of Foreign Policy Priorities, 1957-1987' (Second Edition by University of Malaya Press (UM PRESS) in 2010.

Professor Dr. Mohd Hazim Shah Abdul Murad

Dr Mohd Hazim Shah obtained his Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies in Science from Manchester University in 1977, his Master's degree in Philosophy of Science from the London School of Economics in 1979, and his Ph.D from the University of Pittsburgh in 1990. He was a Professor of History and Philosophy of Science in the Department of Science and Technology Studies, University of Malaya from 2005 to 2015, where he was also the Head of Department from 2001 to 2007. He has also spent time as a Visiting Scholar in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Melbourne in 1993,



and the Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge in 2008. He retired from the University of Malaya in 2015, and after his retirement, served as a Senior Research Fellow in the same department until 2016. He has published in local and international journals such as Studies in History and Philosophy of Science, Philosophy East and West, and edited several books. His research interests are mainly on science, religion and modernity. In 2015, he was appointed as a member of the OIC Task Force on "Science's Big Question", headed by the former Secretary-General of the OIC, and historian of science, Prof Dr Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu. Currently he is the Deputy Director of the International Institute of Public Policy and Management, University of Malaya.



Puan Sri Dr Norlaili Abdul Aziz

Puan Sri Dr Norlaili binti Abdul Aziz received her MBBS and MPH from University of Malaya. She holds a PG Diploma in Reproductive Medicine from UPM, and holds a Certificate Food Hygiene & Safety from University of West England, Bristol, England. Puan Sri Dr Norlaili has had various working experiences from working at City Hall Kuala Lumpur in 1984, to Ministry of Health from 1994 to 2000. Her career in tertiary education began in 1997 where she was seconded as Head of Student Health Services at Universiti Utara Malaysia, and Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia as Guest

Lecturer from 2000 till present. She is currently involved as Course Coordinator for "Principles of Family Health", MPH/MMed Sc PH, and a research member studying Adolescent Health. Puan Sri is also teaching on a number of subjects such as Family Health, Society, Behaviour and Health, and Women's Health. Her other responsibilities include wellness clinic duties and consultancy on her area of expertise. Puan Sri Dr Norlaili has contributed numerous publications in journal publication, book chapters, project reports and newspaper. Her recent publication includes 'Predictors of sexual risk behavior among adolescents from welfare institutions in Malaysia: A Cross Sectional Study' (BMC Public Health, 2014).

ASSOCIATES

Dr Zuwati Hasim

Zuwati Hasim is a senior lecturer at the University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. She completed her Ph.D in Applied Linguistics from the University of Waikato, New Zealand where her research focused on understanding ESL writing and its assessment practice through the sociocultural lens. She is an associate member of the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue of University of Malaya and an editor to KATHA Journal. She has led several research projects, and her most recent publications are Barnard, R. and Hasim, Z. (Eds.) (2018) English Medium Instruction programmes: Perspectives from South East Asian Universities; Hasim and Barnard (Eds.) (2017) Research Practices in Higher Learning Institutions in Malaysia and Hasim and Chang (2016) Narratives of Intercultural Relationships & Understanding. She has collaborated with



academics both locally and internationally. Recently, she was invited as a keynote speaker on the ESL by Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia, Bandung, Indonesia. She was also a guest researcher and a visiting scholar at the University of Muenster, Germany. Her strong interests in sharing knowledge and bringing about positive social change in practice and perspectives is evident through her involvement in the social event and networks. She was a programme director for the Celebration of UNESCO World Teachers' Day 2017 (Malaysia chapter) which was funded by the Malaysia National Commission for UNESCO and Education International.



Dr Shahreen Mat Nayan

Shahreen Mat Nayan is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Media Studies, University of Malaya. She obtained her B.A. in Communication (Advertising) Magna Cum Laude from the University of Hartford, USA, M.A. in Education at Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, and her Ph.D in Communication (Rhetoric) at University of Denver, Colorado, USA. Upon returning from Denver, Shahreen taught at the School of Communication, Universiti Sains Malaysia before joining University of Malaya in September 2013. She was also one of the contributing writers for *The Halal Journal Magazine* between July and December 2006. She received the Best Journal Article Award (under the Humanities and Social Science Category) from the Malaysian Scholarly Publication Council (MAPIM) – Ministry of Education Malaysia. Shahreen's winning article in Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities (a

SCOPUS publication) was entitled "Hugging the Trees for Life: Implicating Bitzer in the Non-violent Rhetorical Situation of the Chipko Movement". In addition to comparative and non-violent rhetoric, Shahreen is also interested in research topics related to media studies and inclusivity. She is particularly interested to discover the ways in which rhetoric and/or the media can be used as tools to promote dialogue, peace, diversity and inclusiveness.

Associate Professor Dr Kuang Ching Hei

Kuang Ching Hei is currently an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Languages & Linguistics, University of Malaya. She is a certified teacher specialising in TESOL (Ipoh Teacher's Training College-1977), holds a PhD in Sociolinguistics (University of Malaya, 2007), a Master of Arts in English Language Teaching (Ealing College of Higher Education, London, 1988), an Executive Diploma in Counselling (UMCCed, 2009) and is a certified and qualified Executive Coach (UMCCed, 2010). She is a trainer and speaker for workshops organised



by ADEC (Academic Development Centre, UM) focusing on Postgraduate Supervision, Coaching and Mentoring, Teaching and Learning (Building student rapport, Know your learners, Student centred learning, Learning assessment), and is a facilitator and trainer on Academic writing skills, Critical thinking skills, Qualitative research methods and Literature review for postgraduate students. She has also conducted modules on Know your Learners and Student Centred Learning for Training Programmes for New Lecturers (TPNL/ADEC). She has also completed all the modules of 'Teaching & Learning in Higher Education' organised by the Academy of Leadership for Higher Education (AKEPT) for master trainers. She is co-author of 'Writing the Resarch Paper (2006), author of 'Linguistic Journey of a Bilingual Child' (2012), 'Simultaneous acquisition of Mandarin and English: from birth to age two years' (2012), 'Guide to Doing a Critical Review of Journal Articles' (2013) and 'Assessing Learning Outcomes and Giving Feedback' (2013). She also mooted the idea and compiled a collection of real stories on postgraduate supervision in higher education which was published as 'Stories and Reflections of Student Supervision' (co-ed., 2013). She writes and edits in her leisure hours.



Mr. Chang Lee Wei

Chang Lee Wei completed his Bachelor in Science (Management and Policy Studies in Science & Technology) and Master in Philosophy (Civilisational Dialogue) both from the University of Malaya (UM). He is currently a Research Officer at the Research Cluster Coordinator Office at the University of Malaya. He had served the Centre of Research for Computational Sciences & Informatics for Biology, Bioindustry, Environment, Agriculture, and Healthcare (CRYSTAL), UM before from September 2015 until September 2017. Chang began his career as a Research Assistant at the University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) in May 2009, until he

was appointed as a Social Research Officer at UMCCD in August 2009 and later as a Research Officer in June 2015. He was involved in carrying out research, working on publication, handling consultancy, coordinating visiting programme and dealing with the administration. During his time at UMCCD, he was actively involved in various dialogue programmes such as interfaith dialogue, dialogue for peace and dialogue for minority rights. His current research interests include civilisational dialogue, dialogue for peace, national unity, transgenderism and bioethics.



Ms. Lili Fariza Ariffin

Lili Fariza Ariffin currently serves as a Project Officer at University of Malaya. She obtained BSc. (Policy and Management of Science and Technology) from University of Malaya in 2010 and later her MSc. (Science, Technology, and Sustainability) in 2015 from the same university. Her interests are mainly in project management, sustainable innovation systems, and policy studies which stemmed from her prior undergraduate education. She is most recently appointed as the Advisor for University of Malaya UNESCO Club,

the first ever UNESCO Club in the Malaysian Higher Learning Institutes. She is also affiliated to UM Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UM SDSN) as an Associate Member and was appointed by the Vice-Chancellor to be part of University of Malaya Eco-Campus Standing Committee.



Mr. Mohd Noor Musa

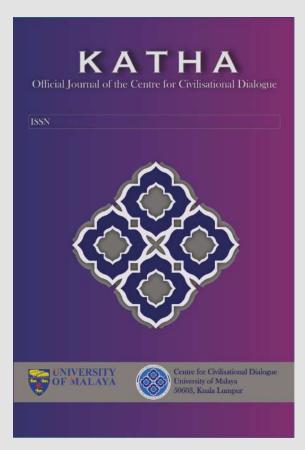
Mohd Noor Musa obtained his MSc. degree in Science, Technology and Sustainability from University of Malaya (UM). He participated in research activities and joined a multidisciplinary group of researchers focusing on religion, sustainability and environment. He had presented his research in various program/seminar/ conferences locally and abroad – such as in United Arab Emirates, Sweden, Japan, Cambodia, Korea, Turkey, Indonesia, and France. He was appointed as a Bioethics Associate during UNESCO International

Bioethics Committee Meeting at UNESCO Paris. He was a member of various organization and research groups including University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC), UM Secretariat for Environment (UMCARES), Neuroscience Research Group (NeuroRG), Asian Core Program (UM-Kyoto Research Network), Global Climate for Muslim Group and UM Sustainable Development Solution Networks (UM-SDSN). He served as an Affiliate Member of the National Bioethics Council of Malaysia, where he works closely under the Chairperson of the Council. He has published in journals and book focusing on environment, religion, sustainability and bioethics. Currently he works as Special Officer to the Director-General of the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM).

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The Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya (CCD) is pleased to announce that the publication of the Journal of KATHA (KATHA) is entering its 14th year. KATHA is a peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal with readership throughout the fields of humanities, social and natural sciences. It provides a platform for scholars, experts, researchers, practitioners and students to publish original research, review papers, and other scholarly works. It welcomes manuscripts written in English. KATHA is now accepting submissions for Volume 14 to be published in 2018. The journal invites research articles, theoretical papers, as well as book reviews touching upon any aspect of intercivilisational understanding or intercultural discourses on religions, philosophies, languages and knowledge or sciences. The journal considers manuscripts not previously published or currently under consideration by other

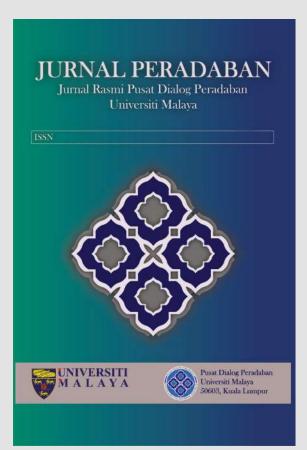
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UPCOMING VISITING SCHOLAR

1. Professor Eddy Ng

Professor Eddy Ng is a specialist in Organisational Behaviour, with a focus on managing diversity for organizational competitiveness, the changing nature of work and organization and managing an intergenerational workforce. Professor Ng also holds the F. C. Manning Chair in Economics and Business at Dalhousie University, Canada.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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