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Malaysia UNESCO Day 2016

Congratulations to the members of UNESCO Club, University of Malaya (UMUC) and Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) on their successful participation in UNESCO Malaysia Fest 2016 on the 28th May 2016 at Taman Wetland, Putrajaya.

UNESCO Malaysia Fest 2016 is one of the initiatives of the Malaysia UNESCO National Commission Office (SKUM) which is celebrated annually. This time, it is co-organized with MOSTI and the Ministry of the National Resources & Environment and also in collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Ministry of Communications and Multimedia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Putrajaya Corporation. We were fortunate to have our Minister of Higher Education, Dato' Seri Hj Idris Jusoh; the Secretary General, Ministry of Higher Education, Dato' Seri Ir Dr Zaini Ujang; and other VIPs including Tan Sri Dr Madinah Mohamad. The success of this event lies in the support and hard work of the UMUC volunteers and UMCCD. The UMUC team was led by both the Director (Assoc. Prof. Dr Faridah Noor Mohd Noor) and the Deputy Director of UMCCD (Dr Zuwati Hasim) as was assisted by the UMCCDs

Project Officer (Nik Maisarah Akmal); two research assistants and UMCCD staffs (Cik Nur Amalina Dayana Abdul Aziz, Cik Siti Nor Aisyah Ishak and En Zulkifli Ismail) in planning, organizing and conducting the planned activities.

This year marks the sixth year UNESCO Day being celebrated in Malaysia. The annual event has become a day to celebrate the leading role of Malaysia in implementing UNESCO's global mandate and in order to showcase UNESCO in Malaysia. UMUC's booth was among the highlights. Among the activities organized by UMCCD & UMUC were in line with this year theme that is "inclusiveness". Public were given the chance to try out Malay's traditional games and to participate in demonstration on origamis as well as face painting session. One of the many attractions at UMUC booth was the art painting demonstration by the two talented artists from the Foot and Mouth Painting Artist Association where they demonstrated their unique way of painting by using only their feet. UMUC booth received positive and encouraging feedbacks from the public. It was a tiresome and exhausting day for all UMUC members but it was surely a day to remember!

ACTIVITIES HELD @ UMUC BOOTH



A group of visitors took a we-fie at the UNESCO Club's Photo Booth



Visitors were able to try out Malaysian traditional games like *Batu Seremban* and *Congkak* during the exhibition



One of many attractions at the booth was when Ms Aliah showed her skills in illustrating her work of art



Mr Samri (in red shirt) alongside Mr Kemi were invited to share Mah Meri folktales with audience at the learning booth

English Medium Instruction Programmes in South East Asian Universities:

Where to From Here?

On 24 October 2016, the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya held a public lecture on English Medium Instruction Programme in South East Asian Universities: Where To From Here? by Associate Professor Dr Roger Barnard, UMCCD very own Visiting Professor from the University of Waikato, New Zealand.



Dr Roger Barnard delivering his talk

The lecture started with Dr Roger Barnard addressed briefly on the growth and rationale for university programmes of English Medium Instruction (EMI) over the past 30 years, with an increasing focus on the situation in East Asia. He later showed the present findings from interviews conducted with academics in a number of Asian university contexts relating to EMI issues such as institutional policies, lecturer and student competence, and programme evaluation. These findings, and those of other recent studies, raised important questions that need to be addressed by policy-makers as well as the academics concerned. Among these was on the issue of the role of local languages in EMI programmes, and it is suggested

that, rather than proposing programmes to be taught exclusively in English, there should be a systematic development of dual-medium instruction.



Among the participants attending the lecture

Following the lecture, the question and answer (Q&A) session saw several questions posed by the students and academics that attended the lecture. The discussions were mainly on discussing on the effect of having English medium instruction in Asian universities, particularly in Malaysia and the impact towards lecturers (the teaching process) and students (the learning process). The lecture was well received by participants and they gained valuable insight from the lecture.



One of the participants was seen posing questions during the lecture

Preparing for PhD Proposal

Preparing for PhD Proposal Workshop was held on Wednesday, 26 October 2016 at the Research & Development Building, University of Malaya. The session was fully conducted by Associate Professor Dr Roger Barnard. The main objective of this workshop is to support Higher Degree students as they prepare their formal thesis proposals for presentation and approval, through a workshop programme organised around issues in thinking, reading and writing about research design and practice. On the first session of the workshop, the facilitator explained majorly on the significance of the chosen topic; the appropriateness of the title; the purpose and shape of the literature review; the importance of identifying the research spaces that the PhD project will occupy; the proposed methodological orientation, and the intended procedures for the collection and analysis of data; the importance of ethical considerations, and the list of references to works cited in the proposal. The second part of the session was taken up with a practical workshop, where the issues previously presented were being considered by the participants in the light of potential or actual PhD proposals of their own. Some issues, such as methodology, the collection and analysis of data, and ethical implications were presented and discussed in more depth. By the end of the workshop, the Question and Answer session saw lot of questions being raised up by the participants. However, the participants were expecting the workshop to be longer so more topics can be thoroughly covered by the facilitator.



Dr Roger Barnard as the facilitator for the workshop



Dr Zuwati welcoming the participants to the workshop



Participants who attended the workshop

Getting Published in Academic Journals



Dr Roger Barnard during the Question Answer session



One of the participants giving her opinions on the topic being discussed



Participants jotting down important remarks during the session

Writing and publishing academic journals is no easy task and highly competitive and due to this, a workshop was held to help participants in clarifying the process and offering advices on how to get their academic journals published. The session was also Facilitated by UMCCD's Visiting Professor; Dr Roger Barnard. The workshop was focused on the structure of a research article in a quality-assured journal. The facilitator also explained on the purpose of each section of the article. Other than that, the facilitator took the initiative to train the participants on evaluating abstracts and giving examples to the participants on good and poor aspects of the abstract, literature review, methodology, and the results/findings. The first part of the workshop ended with detailed explanations on the importance of abstracts as 'gate-openers'. The second session of the workshop was taken up with participants getting through the process of getting an article published – from deciding what to write, through how and where to submit a draft article, the stages of the review process, and how to deal with feedback from the reviewers and/or editors of the journal. By the end of the workshop, the Question and Answer session saw lot of questions being raised up by the participants. The participants have had a clear understanding of the criteria for a good research article and the process of getting it published.

Summer Programme in Understanding Malaysian Culture



Delegates from the University of Alabama, USA

The Centre for Civilisational Dialogue was fortunate to receive a visit from the University of Alabama student delegates as part of their summer programme this year. The visit was a collaboration between UMCCD and Global Sports Partners, Subang Jaya. The social visit was inspired to help the students to learn and gain experiences on Malaysian cultures, histories, religions and languages. 10 students participated in this social programme coming from variety and different educational background. A brief introduction on Malaysia by UMCCD Director, Associate Professor Dr Faridah Noor Mohd Noor was the kick-start of the day. She explained on the cultures in Malaysia such as the Malay customs, Baba and Nyonya and the part the students were really anticipated about; the Malaysian food!. Since this programme was held during the holy month of Ramadhan, the delegates wanted to have the experience of fasting. Some of them said it was challenging but it was worth the effort. The programme continued with a visit to the Museum of Asian Arts at the University of Malaya. The visit was responsibly handled by the museum's curator,

Mr. Abdul Aziz where he gave such informational tour to the students and showed them Mah Meri tribal masks as well as few demonstration on how to recognise the types of ceramics available around the world. It was an hour tour before they headed off to the Art Gallery. The Galleria at the University of Malaya treasures most valued and precious artworks by legendary and well-known artists in Malaysia. Some of the artworks even worth up to MYR 1,000 000.00!. It was a privilege for the delegates since they were also got the chance to be part of the *Pua Kumbu* Exhibition. Madam Hazlin Anita Zainal Abidin, an officer at the Galleria acted as the tour guide for the group explained on the history of the prestigious drawings and the background of *Pua Kumbu*. The delegates from the University of Alabama had the best time during the visit; as said by all of them. It was tiring as it was their first time fasting but they took it as part of their drills in order to be ready as volunteers at Iftar@kl on the following day.



A precious group picture as a fond memory to remember by



Assoc. Professor Dr Faridah Noor explaining the history of Mah Meri masks to the delegates



Getting ready for Iftar



UMCCD Deputy Director, Dr Zuwati also volunteered for IFTAR@KL programme



Mr Aziz welcoming the delegates to the Museum of Asian Arts

Sambutan Aidilfitri dan Jalinan Mesra bersama Maybank



Warga Pusat Dialog Peradaban

Pada 28 Julai yang lalu, Pusat Dialog Peradaban telah menganjurkan sebuah majlis sambutan Aidilfitri dan Jalinan Mesra bersama Maybank di Bilik Seminar Khata, Pusat Dialog Peradaban. Sambutan Hari Raya Aidilfitri pada kali ini adalah untuk meningkatkan perpaduan dan mengeratkan hubungan persaudaraan dalam kalangan rakyat pelbagai kaum serta agama di Universiti Malaya. Sambutan ini juga adalah peluang dan medan terbaik untuk mempereratkan ukhwah atau hubungan sesama orang Islam dan kaum-kaum lain. Majlis Sambutan Hari Raya pada kali ini telah merapatkan hubungan di antara Pusat Dialog Peradaban dengan semua warga Universiti Malaya dan juga sebagai satu titik permulaan kolaborasi bersama di antara pusat ini bersama pihak Maybank.

Majlis sambutan ini bermula pada 12 tengahari dan berakhir pada 2 petang. Pusat Dialog Peradaban telah menjemput pihak dan jabatan yang telah bekerja

bersama Pusat Dialog Peradaban dalam menjalankan aktiviti sepanjang tahun ini. Majlis ini turut diserikan dengan kehadiran Penolong Naib Canselor (Jaringan Industri & Masyarakat); Profesor Dr Rofina Yasmin Othman selaku tetamu kehormat majlis ini. Antara tetamu kehormat yang turut hadir adalah Profesor Datin Raihanah Abdullah (Dekan Kluster Penyelidikan Kemanusiaan), dan juga wakil-wakil dari Maybank.

Di samping itu, pihak Maybank turut menjalankan satu sesi bersama tetamu yang bagi membincangkan topik ASB Genius. Sesi ini mendapat sambutan yang memberangsangkan daripada semua pihak.

Sambutan dan Jalinan Mesra Maybank pada tahun ini telah mendapat sambutan yang amat menggalakkan dan diharapkan agar kolaborasi bersama ini dapat diteruskan pada masa yang akan datang.



Foto bersama YBhg. Profesor Datin Dr Raihanah Abdullah (dua dari kiri) selaku Dekan Kluster Penyelidikan Kemanusiaan Universiti Malaya



Juadah yang menyelerakan dihidangkan kepada para tetamu yang hadir



Profesor Madya Dr Faridah Noor menyampaikan cenderahati kepada wakil Maybank



Antara tetamu yang hadir memeriahkan majlis sambutan Hari Raya Pusat Dialog Peradaban

UMCCD welcomes New Visiting Professor



The Centre for Civilisational Dialogue welcomed Associate Professor Dr Roger Barnard as our new Visiting Professor from October 2016 to November 2016. Dr Roger Barnard is an Associate Professor in applied linguistics at the University of Waikato, New Zealand. Before taking up his post in 1995, he worked in England, Italy, the Netherlands, Yemen and Oman as language teacher, director of studies, teacher trainer, and English language adviser to ministries of education. Over the past twenty years, he has accepted several visiting professorships in Asian universities, where he has taught graduate classes and carried out research projects with local colleagues. He publishes frequently, and has presented papers at international conferences. He has supervised and examined many international PhD students, and often publishes with them. 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. As part of his appointment with the centre, Dr Roger will be working on a range of activities in accordance with the strategic objectives of the centre, including organising workshops, public lectures and to assist the Director and Deputy Director in publishing journals for the centre.



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International Conference on Civilisational Dialogue 2017 (IConCiDi)

'Dynamics of Cultural Diversity'

16 - 17 May 2017 | The Royale Chulan Damansara, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

CALL FOR PAPERS

We are pleased to announce that the Center for Civilisational Dialogue, University of Malaya, will convene an international conference on the theme, "The Dynamics of Cultural Diversity" from 16 - 17 May, 2017. IConCiDi 2017 welcomes submission of abstracts and papers on the following subthemes, but are not limited to topics listed under each subthemes:



Peace, Heritage & Security

- Maritime Culture
- Technology
- Geopolitics
- Cultural Heritage
- Energy & Environment
- Strategic Leadership
- Archives and Digital World
- Strategic Management



Diversity in Education

- Inclusive Education
- Pedagogy
- Assessment
- Ethics in Education
- Language Policy
- Knowledge Sustainability
- Educational Technology



Cultural Understanding & Diversity

- Interfaith Dialogue
- Shared Culture
- Gender
- Youth and the Changing World
- Language and Identity
- Organisational and Cultural Practices
- Global Green Economy



Important Deadlines:

Submission of Abstracts : 15 March 2017

Notification of Acceptance: 20 March 2017

Submission of Full Papers : 15 April 2017

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PROGRAMME FOR 2017

No.	Activity	Date/Month
1	A Cross Cultural Study of Mind and Spirit in Brain Science by Professor Dr Kai-Yuan Cheng	26 January
2	Bengkel Ilmu Swa-acuan	22 February
3	Walk for Unity	25 February
4	Workshop: Hands on Basic Spatial Data Handling Using Quantum GIS (Session 1)	14 March
5	Seminar Antara Budaya: Ilmu, Agama-Ideologi dan Bahasa by Professor Emeritus Dr Shaharir Md Zain	15 March
6	Forum Wanita: Poligami & Hak Wanita	17 March
7	Workshop: Hands on Basic Spatial Statistics Using GeoDa (Session 2)	21 March
8	Love Conquers All: Dialogue on Peace and Cultural Understanding	April
9	From China to Malaysia to USA: An Incredible Journey by Dr Stephen Eng Huat Ling	14 April
10	Still An Outsider Inside America by Professor Dr Stephen Ling	17 April
11	International Conference on Civilisational Dialogue (IConCiDi) 2017	16 & 17 May
12	Dialogue on Islam for Public Understanding	May
13	International UNESCO Day 2017	June
14	International Youth Day in conjunction with World Poetry Day (School Holiday Programme)	June
15	Intercultural Exchange Travelogue Programme	August
16	Bengkel: Meningkatkan Kualiti Pelajar di Peringkat Pengajian Tinggi (IPT): Sembang Santai	October
17	World Philosophy Day	November