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## Sambutan Tahun Baru Cina 2020

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Pada 05 Februari 2020, pihak Pusat Dialog Peradaban Universiti Malaya telah memenuhi jemputan sebuah majlis Sambutan Tahun Baru Cina 2020 bertempat di Yuan Lin Xiao Zhot Buddhist Temple, Petaling Jaya, Selangor. Dr Leeana Ismail, Pegawai Projek PDP telah hadir bagi mewakili Pengarah untuk majlis ini.

Turut hadir dalam majlis tersebut adalah Puan Hajah Nurul Akmalina Shamsuddin, Pengarah Bahagian Hal Ehwal Agama, PERPADUAN Malaysia. Para tetamu disambut oleh Rev. Sek Chang Wen, Pengetua Kuil Buddha tersebut bersama sebuah kumpulan Tarian Singa dari Ampang, Selangor. Para hadirin diraikan di pintu masuk rumah ibadat tersebut dengan persembahan Tarian Singa yang merupakan acara utama bagi merayakan Tahun Baru Cina.

Para tetamu dijamu dengan juadah utama iaitu Yee Sang yang juga dikenali sebagai "Prosperity Toss Salad". Juadah ini adalah lambang kemakmuran kekayaan bagi masyarakat Cina. Selain itu, para tetamu turut berpeluang bagi menghayati seni tulisan cina dengan melakukan aktiviti kaligrafi di ruang hadapan rumah ibadat tersebut.

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Pihak PDP amat berterima kasih atas jemputan ini dan berharap hubungan baik ini akan terus berkekalan dan dapat bekerjasama lagi dengan rumah ibadat ini melalui program lain pada masa akan datang.



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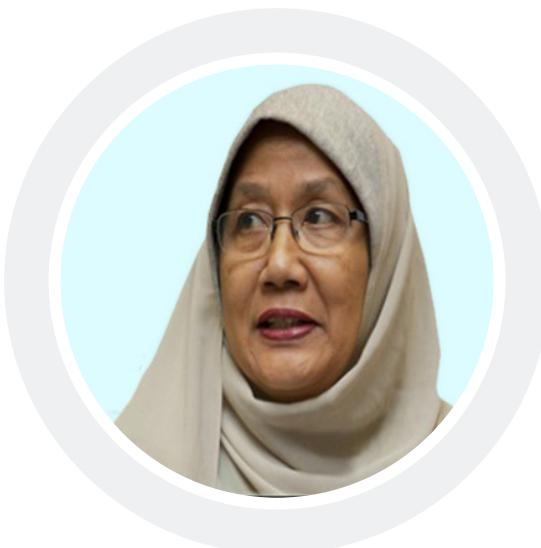
*“Dialogue starts from the courageous willingness to know and be known by others. It is the painstaking and persistent effort to remove all obstacles that obscure our common humanity” - Daisaku Ikeda*

# *Welcoming New Advisors*



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# *Welcoming New Advisors*



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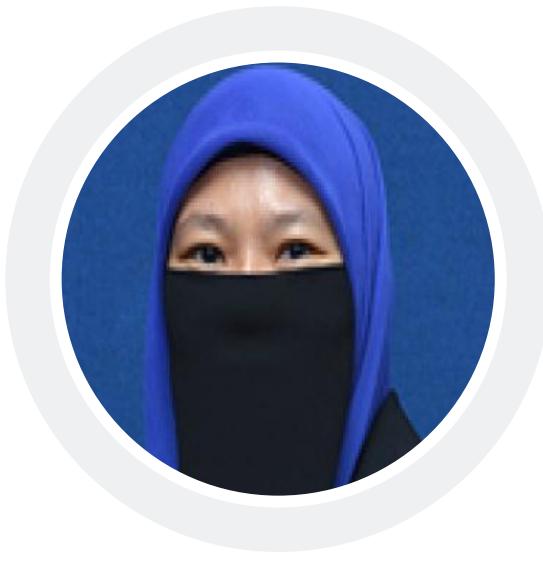


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Collins Chong Yew Keat is currently serving in Universiti Malaya with experience in internationalisation, branding and global outreach. As an alumnus of the university majoring in International and Strategic Studies, he was a prominent student leader with outstanding achievements and has been instrumental in student leadership programmes. He was the President of UNESCO Club, Deputy President of Student Ambassador of UM and President of International Relations Club, among others. He was part of the pioneer group that represented Universiti Malaya and Malaysia at the 2010 World Model United Nations organised by Harvard University and was also the winner of the Ghazalie Shafie Award for being the highest achiever in his batch in International Studies. He has presented papers and given talks at various seminars and conferences on international affairs and regional politics, youth leadership and emerging trends, both during his student days and in his current role. He is also a regular contributor to opinion sections in providing op-eds for both the local and international media on various contemporary global issues and interests.

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# *Welcoming New Associates*



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At IKIM, he works in the promotion of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) particularly in synergising religion and climate action, bioethics, communicating environmental sustainability among religious authorities and community engagement in the area of environmental education and conservation.

Since 2016, he is in charge of networking, internalisation and strengthening national and international partnerships of IKIM, particularly with UNESCO Social and Human Sciences Unit in Jakarta Regional Science Bureau for Asia and the Pacific on ethics capacity building programmes in Malaysia, stakeholder engagements, research and writing guidelines and policy covering ethical issues related to the Sustainable Development Goals, including environment, bioethics and sustainability science with JAKIM, ISESCO, OIC, Ministry of Science and Technology, Academy of Sciences Malaysia, Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, universities and others.

He is an Affiliate Member of National Bioethics Council of Malaysia, Advisor for UNESCO University of Malaya, Member of Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UM Chapter) and Research Associate of Asia-Core Program Malaysia-Japan. He had presented his research/papers in Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Japan, Sweden, Turkey, South Korea, and United Arab Emirates on the topic of ethics, S&T governance and environmental sustainability. He holds a master degree of science (MSc) in science, technology and sustainability from the University of Malaya, Malaysia.

# ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

## An Interfaith Dialogue on Environmental Sustainability 10 March 2020

An interreligious Dialogue entitled "The Interfaith Dialogue on Environmental Sustainability" was held on March 10, 2020 at The Cube Room, Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya. It is a collaboration between the Center for Civilisation Dialogue and Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya. The organisers have invited four panels to discuss this topic on their religion's perspectives. They are Dr Asmawati Muhamad (University of Malaya), Dr Balakrishnan Kandasamy (Malaysia Naalvar Mandram), Mrs. Pai Ling Loh (Buddhist Missionary Society Malaysia) and Rev. Dr Hermen Shastri (Trinity Methodist Church Petaling Jaya).



Environmental sustainability is an important topic to be emphasized, especially in terms of sustainable development or the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG). Each religion has their own perspective on the role of the religious community in preserving the prosperity and sustainability of the nature. The issue of environmental sustainability has been addressed by every panel member with relevance to current issues. The importance of human beings in reserving and preserving the environment was emphasized in order the people to live in calm and harmony. Before the sessions ended, all panels gave the conclusion from each religious perspective. The program ended at 12.00 pm with thoughtful questions by the audience.



## ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

### *Bengkel Kritikan Ilmu 11 Mac 2020*



Sebuah program bertajuk "Bengkel Kritikan Ilmu" telah diadakan di Bilik Latihan UMHRC, Aras Bawah, Bangunan High Impact Research, UNIVERSITI MALAYA pada 12 Mac 2020. Ia merupakan program yang dikendalikan oleh Profesor Emeritus Dr Shaharir Mohamad Zain yang juga merupakan Felo Penyelidik Pusat Dialog Peradaban. Bengkel ini telah dihadiri oleh 19 orang peserta terdiri daripada pelajar Universiti Malaya dan agensi luar.

Bengkel ini adalah bagi meningkatkan kefahaman dan membetulkan lagi kefahaman khalayak terhadap ilmu. Ilmu di sini terutamanya ditekankan pada sains. Kefahaman itu dipumpunkan pada maksud kritikan terhadap sesuatu yang menjadi keperluan bagi pengembangan ilmu.

Dalam bengkel ini dipaparkan tabii kritikan ilmu selama ini yang tidak terkeluar daripada acuan sarjana berkenaan. Berasaskan pada beberapa contoh konkrit hadirin bengkel akan ditunjukkan bagaimana kritikan ilmu dapat ditingkatkan kemanfaatannya dalam kritikan ilmu yang lebih komprehensif dan seterusnya dalam penghasilan ilmu baharu yang lebih baik lagi.

Bengkel ini diharapkan akan dapat meningkatkan kefahaman dan membetulkan lagi kefahaman khalayak terhadap ilmu terutamanya dalam bidang sains.



# ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

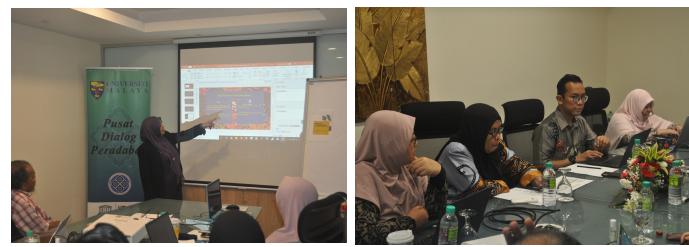
## Bengkel Pemantapan Pusat Dialog Peradaban 12 & 13 Mac 2020

Pada 12-13 Mac 2020 yang lalu, Pusat Dialog Peradaban telah mengadakan bengkel dalaman di Bangi Resort Hotel, Bandar Baru Bangi, Selangor. Bengkel dua (2) hari itu bertujuan untuk pengukuhan hala tuju pusat ke arah visi dan misi yang ditetapkan.

Bengkel hari pertama bermula dengan menilai semula fungsi dan peranan (visi dan misi) Pusat Dialog Peradaban sebagai Pusat Penyelidikan di bawah Kluster Penyelidikan **Social Advancement & Happiness** ke arah High Impact Centre of Excellent (HiCoE) serta memperkuuh dan memperjelaskan lagi bidang-bidang fokus yang harus diberi keutamaan oleh Pusat Dialog Peradaban. Seterusnya sesi ini disambung dengan mengimbas kembali pembangunan pusat dari awal penubuhannya oleh YBhg Datuk Dr Azizan Baharuddin, Profesor Kehormat PDP, yang juga merupakan mantan Pengarah PDP satu ketika dahulu. Beliau memulakan pembentangan dengan latar belakang penubuhan PDP sejak tahun 1996. Seterusnya pembentangan Analisis SWOT PDP telah dihuraikan dan mendapat beberapa komen penambahbaikan daripada para peserta.

Slot seterusnya disampaikan oleh Pengarah PDP, Prof. Madya Gs Dr Rosilawati Zainol yang melaporkan Indeks Prestasi Utama PDP (KPI) yang dicapai bagi tahun 2019. Secara keseluruhan, PDP berjaya mencapai matlamatnya melebihi sasaran. Pengarah ingin mengucapkan terima kasih kepada kakitangan atas segala usaha dan kerja keras yang diletakkan di atas kejayaan.

Sesi ini kemudiannya membincangkan aktiviti PDP dan jaringan bagi tahun 2020. Terdapat kira-kira sepuluh (10) aktiviti yang dicadangkan bersama dengan KPI yang ditetapkan untuk penerbitan PDP bagi tahun ini.



Sesi pada petang hari pertama diteruskan dengan perbincangan mengenai aktiviti yang telah dirancang bagi tahun 2020. Senarai program/aktiviti PDP dan Kelab UNESCO UM bagi tahun semasa telah disusun dan diharapkan dapat dilaksanakan supaya mencapai matlamatnya.

Hari kedua diteruskan dengan sesi seterusnya iaitu berkaitan bahan Penerbitan PDP. Beberapa perkara telah dibincangkan yang merangkumi pemurnian Format Manuskrip Jurnal Katha dan Peradaban serta templat penghantaran manuskrip bagi kedua-dua jurnal tersebut.

"Hikmah Kerlukan dan Uzlah" adalah topik yang disampaikan pada sesi seterusnya oleh Prof. Emeritus Dr Sahahrir Mohamad Zain. Pada sesi ini, beliau telah membentangkan jenis kepimpinan dan kepengurusan secara umum. Beliau telah mengupas beberapa contoh kepimpinan yang lampau sebagai rujukan peserta.

Sesi terakhir berakhiran dengan rumusan daripada Pengarah PDP. Beliau menyoroti setiap sesi untuk perjalanan keseluruhan bengkel dan berharap peserta dapat memanfaatkan kandungannya. Pada akhir bengkel tersebut, Pengarah PDP memberi tanda penghargaan kepada semua peserta sebelum mereka pulang ke Kuala Lumpur.

## ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

# Webinar | Covid-19 and Religion: Sustainable Development Before and After The Crisis (15 July 2020, 8 PM)



The COVID-19 pandemic has intensified and altered efforts around global economic, social, environmental and political development. The consequences of the virus are expected to be long lasting with world economies crippled and social inequalities exacerbated. According to Inger Andersen, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), "The global coronavirus pandemic, which has already caused unimaginable devastation and hardship, has brought our way of life to an almost complete halt. The outbreak will have profound and lasting economic and social consequences in every corner of the globe".

This webinar discussed measures following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic worldwide, including its implications on sustainable development. Speakers debated on how religion and faith groups today can contribute to development goals and the ways in which faith groups can (or already do) engage in civil society projects during COVID-19, how can this engagement continue?. Panellist from the University of Malaya, Datuk Prof. Dr Azizan Baharuddin provided a special look at the alignment between the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while Datin Prof. Dr Raihanah Abdullah describes on Muslim principles and values, and the roles of Religious leaders in addressing Covid19 pandemic issues.

The organisers were delighted that we had a relatively good attendance, that stayed for the most part until the end of the 1.5 hour session. Only three questions were raised by the audience as the time were not sufficient enough for the speakers to respond. The webinar was a successful event coordinated by both University of Malaya and KAICIID team and received positive response from the attendees. CCD hopes that this kind of collaboration will continue in many years to come.



# ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

## Webinar | International Day of Education 2020 12 August 2020



**Dr. Alwani Ghazali**  
Deputy Director of UMCCD

The initial grand ideas to celebrate International Day of Education 2020 by Mr. Collins Chong, UMCCD associate, could not be executed this year due to the inevitable COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, the crew which was led by Mr. Muhammad Amiriskandar had come up with the online streaming mode which was broadcast via the UMCCD FB page.



**Dr. Amer Siddiq Amer Nordin**  
Director of UMCares

The theme for 2020 was "Learning for People Planet, Prosperity, and Peace". The online event was jointly organized by UM UNESCO Club, Pusat Teknologi Maklumat UM, UM Halal Research Centre (UMHRC), The Centre for Internship Training and Academic enrichment (CITrA), UM Marketing & Recruitment Centre, and UMCares - The Community and Sustainability Centre. It was held on the morning of 12th August 2020 and conducted by the Vice President of UM UNESCO Club, Mr. Devanthiran Letchumanan. The event was graced by the welcoming speech opening speech given by the Director of UMCCD, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rosilawati Zainol, and the officiation by Prof Dr. Yong Zulina Zubairi, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Tnc's Office (Academic & International).



**Dr. Zalina Zakaria**  
Director of UMHRC

Following the opening ceremony, representatives of all centers involved in the event delivered their short messages in conjunction with the International Education Day 2020. The session was wrapped up with the announcement of winners for three competitions which started few weeks in prior to this event. The first winner of the photography competition was Ahmad Raihan Tasnim Mohd Satar. The second and the third places were won by Amanda Coay Si Hui and Muhammad Farhan Wafiy Mohd Shahir respectively. As for the painting competition, Nurul Aisyah Bashirah Erman Syah had won the first place, whereas Maryam Basyirah Zamrie and Nur Irdina Khairunnisha Zainuddin secured the second and third places respectively. Finally, Putri Natasya Huda was the winner public for speaking competition. This was followed by Christopher Kuling Anak Esing in the second place and Nik Nurulasyikin in the third place. There was a consolidation prize for this public speaking competition which went to Muhammad Jazlie Jabarudin.



**Dr. Wendy Yee Mei Tien,**  
Director of CITrA

We would like to thank the collaborators, and all who were involved in making this event part of our success stories.



## Majlis Perasmian Siri Dialog Perpaduan Universiti Malaya



Majlis ini merupakan majlis perasmian Siri Dialog Perpaduan Universiti Malaya. Perasmian ini diadakan pada pagi 27 Ogos 2020 bertempat di Galeri Seni Universiti Malaya. Perasmian ini disempurnakan oleh Dato' Dr. Mahmood Merican selaku Penasihat Pusat Dialog Peradaban Universiti Malaya serta penaja siri Dialog Perpaduan ini. Pengarah Pusat Dialog Peradaban Universiti Malaya, Prof. Madya Dr. Rosilawati binti Zainol turut mengambil peluang untuk berucap dalam majlis perasmian pada hari tersebut. Majlis perasmian ini merupakan sebuah simbolik yang menunjukkan sebagai sebuah langkah permulaan terhadap program-program yang berbentuk dialog yang akan lebih digiatkan selepas ini. Sebuah forum yang bertajuk "Rukunegara Sebagai Asas Perpaduan Bangsa Malaysia" membuka tirai program Siri Dialog Perpaduan ini.

Moderator pada hari kejadian diwakili oleh saudara Zairudin (Naib Presiden ABIM), manakala ahli panel pula diwakili oleh En. Eddin Khoo (Pengarah dan Pengasas PUSAKA) dan Syed Saddiq Albar (Pengasas Bersama PROJEK57). Majlis perasmian ini juga turut mendapat liputan dari pihak media untuk ditulis dan diterbitkan. Beberapa ahli jawatankuasa yang menjayakan majlis tersebut, moderator, dan ahli panel turut diwawancara oleh pihak media dalam mendapatkan informasi-informasi tambahan mengenai program yang dijalankan.



### 邱武英：重考試輕人文 教育應回歸解決哲學

(八打灵再也27日讯)独中统考特别委员会前主席邱武英认为，如今的教育并没有注重完整性，而是专注于功能性教育，培育出许多为了应付考试而学习的学生。唯他认为，教育应归因在解决哲学教育的问题。

他认为，现在的教育较注重在科学和科技方面，唯不应因此忽略人文方面的事务，而是应形塑一个平衡的社会。

邱武英今日出席Projek57社会企业与马大民间对话中心联办的“《国家原则》作为马来



■邱武英（中）和赛沙迪（右）在对话会上分享自己对团结的看法，左为再鲁丁。

#### 制定團結定義

另外，Projek57的联合创办人赛沙迪则提及，国家原则扮演者重要的角色，虽然人在求学时会谈到国家原则，却未进一步了解其中的深意，甚至工作后就完全抛诸脑后。

他认为，国家原则可以促进国民团结，成为国家的指南针，唯若国家要达到目的地，还是需要展开很多合作才能达到。

他也提及，大马也应该制定

本身对于团结的定义，而不是以其其他国家的标准为标杆，因各国情都有所不同。

对话会的主持人为伊斯兰青



# ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

## NARADATA Rukun Negara Penaut Perpaduan Kaum

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PENDAFTARAN

Forum ini diberisi oleh 3 ahli panel yang berlainan latar belakang iaitu Muhammad Faisal Abdul Aziz (President ABIM), Eddin Khoo Bu Eng (Pengasas dan Pengarah PUSAKA), dan Collin Swee Lay Keong (Pengasas Bersama PROJEK57) dan seorang moderator iaitu Tharma Pillai (Pengasas Bersama Undi18).

Penaja utama bagi program ini adalah Institut Kajian Dasar dan Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Malaysia. Program ini merupakan kolaborasi daripada 4 organisasi iaitu Pusat Dialog Peradaban Universiti Malaya, PROJEK57, Angkatan Belia Islam Malaysia (ABIM), dan CITRA Universiti Malaya.

Forum dijalankan secara langsung di layar skrin di tempat kediaman masing-masing sesuai dengan norma masa kini berikutan pandemik covid 19 di seluruh dunia. Seramai 584 peserta yang berdaftar dan mengikuti forum ini secara atas talian melalui platform *Microsoft Teams* yang telah disediakan oleh pihak penganjur.

Forum ini mendapat sambutan yang hangat oleh para peserta berikutan soalan yang bertubi-tubi diberikan kepada ahli panel menunjukkan bahawa para peserta mendapat *output* daripada tajuk yang dibincangkan.

Tajuk yang dibincangkan mampu menarik minat peserta untuk turut serta dalam sesi soal jawab yang disediakan oleh pihak penganjur. Soalan yang diajukan mampu dijawab dan dibincangkan oleh ahli panel dengan jawapan dan idea-idea yang bernas.



# HONORARY PROFESSOR'S ACTIVITIES

## AKTIVITI PROFESOR KEHORMAT 2020

YBhg. Datuk Profesor Dr. Azizan Baharuddin

### SESI WEBINAR "THE NEW NORMAL SERIES", ASTRO AWANI

YBhg. Datuk Prof. Dr. Azizan Baharuddin menjadi tetamu/ahli panel undangan dalam siri "The New Normal Series: Aidilfitri dan COVID-19 Beraya Secara Berhemah" di Astro AWANI, pada 20 Mei 2020 (Rabu).



### TEMUBUAL PROGRAM "ANALISIS AWANI", ASTRO AWANI

YBhg. Datuk Profesor Dr. Azizan Baharuddin menjadi tetamu undangan dalam siri program Analisis AWANI dengan membincangkan berkaitan "Solidariti Normal Baharu Ramadan" di Astro AWANI, pada 24 April 2020 (Jumaat).

# PDP MEMBERS' COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## Prof. Emeritus Dr. Shaharir Mohamad Zain



Pada 23 Oktober 2020, felo kehormat Pusat Dialog Peradaban, Prof Emeritus Shaharir Mohamad Zain telah dijemput sebagai pengucaptama bagi Seminar Falsafah Malaysia ke-8 yang dianjurkan oleh International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) dan Persatuan Pendidikan Falsafah dan Pemikiran Malaysia (PPFPM). Seminar ini telah diadakan melalui platform Zoom selama dua hari dari 23 hingga 25 Oktober 2020 serta telah mendapat sambutan hangat dari para peminat falsafah. Barisan pakar yang turut memberi ucaptama pada sesi tersebut ialah Prof Emeritus Datuk Dr Osman Bakar dari Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC) dan Prof Kai Yuan Cheng, bekas Timbalan Presiden Universiti Kebangsaan Yang Ming (2017-2018).

Prof Emeritus Shaharir Mohamad Zain juga turut menyampaikan ucaptama dalam International Conference on Malay Medical Manuscripts (ICOMM 2020) yang diadakan pada 15-16 Disember 2020 secara dalam talian. Konferens yang telah dirasmikan oleh Rektor Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Malaysia (UIAM), Tan Sri Dato' Zulkifli Abdul Razak. Ia telah dianjurkan oleh UIAM Kampus Kuantan. Turut memberi ucaptama pada majlis itu ialah tiga pakar bidang yang lain. Mereka ialah Pak Kemas Andi yang merupakan Pengurus Makmal Naskah Melayu Pascasarjana UIN Raden Fatah Palembang; Dr Goh Cheng Soon, Pengarah Perubatan Tradisional dan Perubatan Komplementari, Kementerian Kesihatan Malaysia; serta Dr Mohd Affendi Mohd Shafri, Ketua Projek Manuskrip Perubatan Melayu UIAM.



# PDP MEMBERS' COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## Prof. Madya Dr. Rosilawati Zainol

Suatu penyelidikan bagi membantu menjana pendapatan nelayan melalui pelancongan dan teknik kitaran ekonomi telah dijalankan oleh Pengarah Pusat Dialog, Prof Madya Dr Rosilawati Zainol bersama sekumpulan penyelidik.



Projek itu tertumpu pada komuniti nelayan di Kampung Pulau Gajah, Kota Bharu, Kelantan. Dalam pertemuan dengan komuniti tersebut pada bulan Ogos tahun ini, para penyelidik yang diketuai oleh Prof. Madya Dr. Rosilawati telah memberi taklimat berkenaan cara mengitar semula sampan terpakai bagi tujuan pelancongan. Selain itu, peserta juga telah didedahkan dengan beberapa modul ekonomi kitaran serta aktiviti-aktiviti berkaitan seperti pembuatan baja dari sisa laut, pembuatan alat-alat perhiasan dari hasil laut dan juga perkhidmatan bagi membolehkan pelancong merasai pengalaman membawa bot dan menangkap ikan.



Pada pertemuan tersebut, kumpulan penyelidik telah dikejutkan dengan lawatan Naib Canselor, Datuk Ir. (Dr.) Abdul Rahim Haji Hashim ke tapak projek. Yang jelasnya, Datuk Naib Canselor berasa suka cita dengan projek penyelidikan yang dijalankan. Projek tersebut adalah satu bentuk usahasama yang baik di kalangan warga universiti yang dilihat sebagai menara gading dalam mengkhidmati masyarakat melalui perkongsian ilmu dan bimbingan dekat untuk memperkasakan masyarakat Malaysia. Ia telah ditaja oleh Kementerian Pengajian Tinggi Malaysia.



# PDP MEMBERS' COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

## Dr. Alwani Ghazali



Timbalan Pengarah PDP, Dr Alwani Ghazali telah dijemput oleh Persatuan Mahasiswa sebagai panel yang mewakili pentadbir universiti dalam Kolokium Mahasiswa Kebangsaan. Kolokium tersebut telah berlangsung pada 20 hingga 21 November 2020 dan dianjurkan oleh Majlis Perwakilan Pelajar Malaysia (MPPK), Persatuan Belia HARMONI dan Pergerakan Tenaga Akademik Malaysia (GERAK). Pembentangan beliau yang bertajuk 'Memperkasa Budaya Dialog dalam Kalangan Warga Universiti' telah mengupas kepentingan dialog di kalangan komponen-komponen, unit-unit dan pemegang taruh yang membentuk struktur sesebuah universiti.

Beliau berpendapat bahawa dialog adalah sangat instrumental dalam memperkuatkkan komunikasi di antara unit-unit yang berbeza di dalam universiti. Di samping itu, dialog adalah pentas mencari persefahaman yang penting bagi pelbagai latar belakang yang wujud dalam sesebuah universiti. Bagi mewujud dan memperkasakan budaya dialog, setiap pihak harus terlebih dahulu belajar mendengar dengan baik sebelum mampu bercakap atau menyampaikan dengan berkesan.



Pada 21 Disember 2020, Dr Alwani telah tampil dalam segmen Open Forum menerusi ikim.fm. Beliau telah berkongsi cabaran-cabaran yang wujud dalam era media baru dalam usaha memperkuatkkan keharmonian di antara agama melalui tajuk "*Challenges of Religious Harmony in the Era of New Media*". Beliau telah mengemukakan dua jenis cabaran iaitu cabaran luaran dan cabaran dalaman. Antara cabaran luaran yang diketengahkan ialah atheisme, agnostisisme, pluralisme agama, dan kerosakan yang dilakukan jurnalis terhadap suatu berita atau imej suatu agama. Antara cabaran dalaman yang dibincangkan pula termasuklah kata-kata kesat di kalangan jaguh papan kekunci segelintir Muslim yang menyadur Islam dengan sentimen perkauman serta salah faham di antara konsep 'izzah dengan kesombongan dalam beragama.

## A History of UNESCO's Literary Policy from Its Inception to Now



This volume by a Canadian academic at Carlton University in Toronto should not be considered as essential reading for anyone interested in UNESCO, especially given the characterization of the organization in it, but it does shed light on its past and current purpose, especially as they relate to its promotion of advanced literacy. Sarah Brouillette admits at the end of her introduction that her narrative is "explicitly Marxist," although that is more than obvious from the first pages. Indeed, Brouillette's history of UNESCO's book policy from 1945 to the present is basically one of the sort of "sellout" to commerce that academics so detest, and it is one that many people who follow UNESCO's doings may well disagree with. On the other hand, this book is quite well-researched, especially in drawing on UNESCO documents and other primary materials such as literary works, which Brouillette critiques in the light of UNESCO's avowed policies against the backdrop of the relevant decade. Basically, her book is the story of how UNESCO went from compiling translations of the world's literary classics in the forties and fifties to promoting third-world local publishing as part of decolonization in the sixties and seventies to a gradual shift toward neoliberal intellectual property protectionism in the eighties and nineties, and from there to overt involvement in the commodification of culture in the developed world that it does in this century.

The first two chapters thus address UNESCO's Collection of Representative Works, which consisted of the translation, usually into French or English, of literary classics from over eighty countries that the organization deemed worthy of storing in its Paris warehouses. Brouillette emphasizes that nearly all of UNESCO's leadership in its first twenty years was Frenchmen or Englishmen, but she also addresses American hegemony after WWII, not only in its huge funding, but also in its attempts to use translations of literary works such as Yasunari Kawabata's novel *Snow Country* to legitimize its development of postwar Japan. Chapters three and four narrate the twists of UNESCO's cultural policies in the newly liberated former European colonies, especially its conflicts about how to institute mass education and literacy in them. The final two chapters relate the decline of literary reading worldwide and the rise of commodified culture, of which Brouillette considers UNESCO's Cities of Literature and Creative Cities programs examples.

To repeat, Brouillette's avowedly academic Marxist critique might be wearisome for many readers to will reject her depiction of UNESCO almost as a crypto-neo-imperialist and capitalism-serving body with a mainly Western leadership. Nevertheless, leaving aside the author's interpretations, the facts she digs up about UNESCO's evolution, especially its efforts to promote literary reading and literacy in conjunction with overall socio-cultural development around the world, will certainly be informative, and more importantly will help those who care about UNESCO's mission going forward into the century to think about it better. Brouillette closes on the grim notes that in 2017 the USA withdrew its funding (again) and that China's influence in it is growing, and she even opines that the organization's days might be numbered. In sum, this is a thought-provoking volume.

**Book Review: UNESCO and the Fate of the Literary, by Sarah Brouillette,  
Stanford UP, 2019, 192 pp., available on Kindle, ISBN-13: 978-1503610314**

**Review by Prof. Dr. Hal Swindall,  
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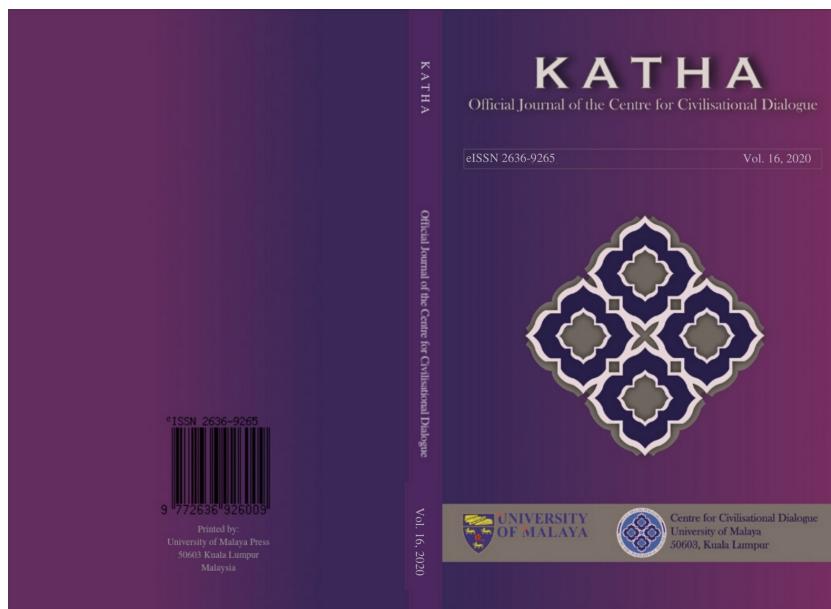
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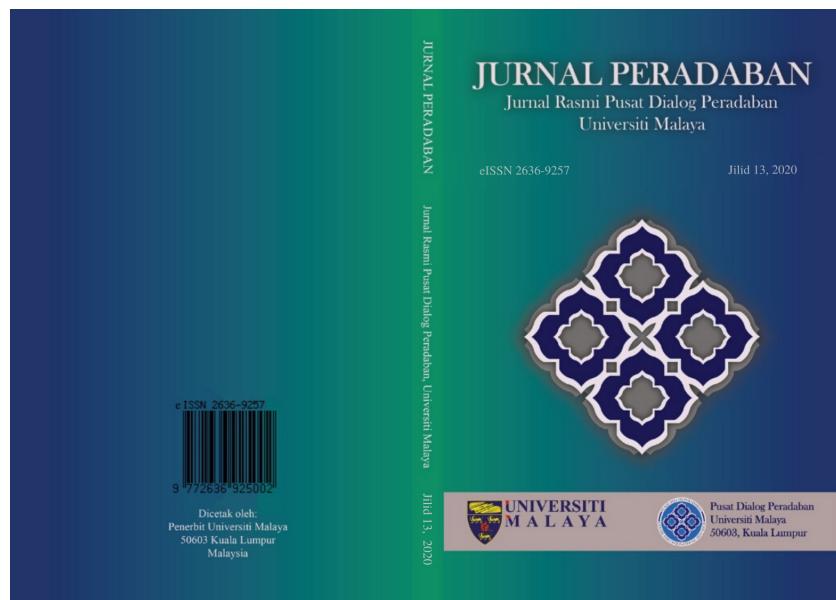
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