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## COMMEMORATING 25 YEARS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITI MALAYA CENTRE FOR CIVILISATIONAL DIALOGUE

Special Lecture by YBhg. Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr.  
Osman Bakar In Conjunction With 25 Years Of The  
Establishment Of Universiti Malaya Centre For  
Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD)



This year marks the 25th year of the establishment of the Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD). To commemorate this special occasion as well as to rekindle the spirit of dialogue, a special lecture by Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar (Al-Ghazali Chair of Epistemology and Civilisational Studies and Renewal ISTAC-International Islamic University Malaysia) was held on 22 December 2022.

The occasion began with a special welcoming remark from YBhg. Professor Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Director of UMCCD followed by the UM Vice-Chancellor officiating the event with a congratulatory speech about the background and achievements of the centre. A special video of the centre was also showcased to highlight its major achievements and programs over 25 years since its establishment. The occasion ended with a very stimulating question & answer (Q&A) session after the special lecture by Professor Osman, the Founding Father of the centre.

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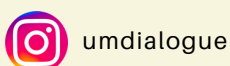
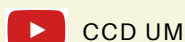
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# Welcome



**PROF. DATUK DR. AZIZAN BAHARUDDIN**  
*Director*

Prior to joining the UMCCD on 1.11.2021, Prof. Datuk Azizan Baharuddin was the Director General of the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) where she served since November 2011. Before joining IKIM, she led the Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) for 11 years beginning the year 2000. She received her BSc (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, United Kingdom in 1989. She specialises in several areas such as bioethics, interfaith/intercivilisational dialogue, Islam and science, environmental ethics & religion, and sustainable development.

She has published more than 200 books, book chapters, monographs, journal articles and newspaper articles in the above-mentioned fields. She is active in several governmental organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGO) connected with her areas of specialisation, as well as being a member of various advisory and consultative committees for various ministries in Malaysia. Among others: 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) (2014–2015); appointed by the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation as Chairman of the National Bioethics Council (MBEN) (2014-2017). She was appointed by the Director-General of UNESCO as Member of the International Bioethics Committee (IBC) in Paris (2014-2017). In 2016, she received the Langkawi Award from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) for her work in environmental education and activism at the national level and abroad. She was a lead member of the drafting team for the Islamic Declaration on Global Climate Change (IDCC) endorsed by the UN United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and submitted to the President of the 70th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), New York in 2016. She was appointed by the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong as Member of the Majlis Kebangsaan bagi Hal Ehwal Ugama Islam Malaysia (MKI) (2018 – 2023). She has been appointed by the YAB Prime Minister as member of the Consultative Panel of the Malaysia Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) (2020 – 2022). Currently, she is also the Chairholder of UKM-YSD Chair for Sustainability.



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# Farewell



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## *Naradata: Vaksin Halal* (Discussion: Halal Vaccine)

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, was a speaker in webinar "Peek into my Class!", organized by the Academic Development & Enhancement Centre (ADEC) on 10 February 2021.

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, gave an online lecture entitled *Kategori Agama Utama Dunia in Siri Dakwah dalam Masyarakat Majmuk*, organized by Hidayah Centre Foundation on 21 March 2021.

On 14 January 2021, Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) collaborated with Universiti Malaya Halal Research Centre (UMHRC) and organized this webinar "Naradata: Program Dialog Vaksin Halal", via Google Meet. The moderator was Dr. Zalina Zakaria (Director of UMHRC) and the panelists were Tuan Haji Amrahi Buang (President of Malaysian Pharmacist Society), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Saadan Man (Head of Department Fiqh & Usul APIUM), and Mr. Johari Ab. Latif (Associate member of UMHRC). Halal vaccines should be considered as part of a global effort to combat pandemics, notably for the COVID-19 outbreak, especially among Muslims. Vaccine injections stimulate the human body's defence system to establish protection against virus infection. Failure to obtain vaccine injections may result in future health complications. Existing vaccines, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), can prevent more than 20 diseases that are life threatening and help civilians of all ages live healthier lives.



## *Siri Dialog Bulanan: Cabaran Hidup Sewaktu PKP* *Dari Pelbagai Perspektif Kehidupan* (Monthly Dialogue Series: Life Challenges during MCO from Various Perspectives of Life)

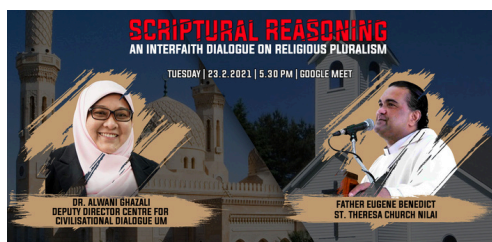
Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, was a speaker in webinar "Aspirasi Muslimah 4.0", organized by Akademi Dr Har on 10 February 2021. The webinar was focused on sharing the content of a book authored by Prof. Dr. Abd al-Halim Abu Shuqqah entitled "Tahrir al-Mar'ah fi 'Asr al-Risalah" or Liberating Women in the Time of the Messenger.

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, gave an online lecture entitled "Mengenali Yahudi" in *Siri Dakwah dalam Masyarakat Majmuk*, organized by Rakan Hidayah Nilai on 23 May 2021.

On 15 February 2021, UMCCD organized the first webinar of the monthly dialogue series. To kickstart the series, "Cabaran Hidup sewaktu PKP Daripada Pelbagai Perspektif Kehidupan" was held via Google Meet with the aim to share observations and experiences of the speaker (Assoc. Prof. Gs. Dr. Rosilawati Zainol) on the impact of Movement Control Order (MCO) from various perspectives of life. Society is confronted with many issues and challenges during the pandemic. Dr. Rosilawati offered steps and options for reducing the impact of these challenges. She explained various perspectives to people from various walks of life. Each stratum of society has a duty to play in maintaining life's well-being, especially during a pandemic. This responsibility is to ensure not only personal safety but also the well-being of the society as a whole. Dr. Rosilawati attended to questions from participants and elaborated on the purpose of MCO, parties involved in MCO, the impacts of it, and future plans after the MCO. The webinar received positive feedbacks and met its objectives in instilling awareness in the general public about the repercussions of the pandemic and the actions that must be taken to encounter it.



## Scriptural Reasoning on Religious Pluralism : A Dialogue



On 23 February 2021, UMCCD held a dialogue via Google Meet, which was also covered via Facebook live. The panelists for the dialogue were Dr. Alwani Ghazali, Deputy Director of UMCCD and Father Eugene Benedict from St. Theresa Church Nilai. The speakers discussed about their respective religious positions on religious

pluralism. Both parties tried to understand each others' point of views through their comprehension of the Quran and the Bible. Dr. Alwani Ghazali mentioned the writing of John Hicks regarding pluralism:

"Pluralism is the view that the great world faiths embody different perceptions and conceptions of, and correspondingly different responses to, the Real or the Ultimate from within the major variant cultural ways of being a human; and that within each of them the transformation of human existence, from self-centeredness to Reality centeredness is manifestly taking place..., so far as human observation can tell".

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, was a speaker in seminar "*Dakwah Masyarakat Majmuk*", organized by Hidayah Centre Foundation in collaboration with *Persatuan Belia Harmoni Malaysia* (HARMONI) on 29 & 30 May 2021.

Former Director of UMCCD, Assoc. Prof. Gs. Dr. Rosilawati Zainol was the moderator for *Program E-Usahawan Bijak* on 6 August 2021. The talk was given by Mr. Adillah Abu Samah, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Me12Pay.

## Webinar Peranan Agama dalam Menjaga Kesejahteraan Mental sewaktu Musim Covid-19 (Webinar The Role of Religion in Ensuring Mental Wellness during the Covid-19 Pandemic)



On 9 March 2021, UMCCD and Department of Aqidah & Islamic Thought, Universiti Malaya jointly organized this webinar. The panelists represented each religion, namely Prof. Dr. Che Zarrina who represented Islam, Dr. Balakrishnan Kandasamy represented Hindu, Mr. Thai Ming Yeow represented Buddhism, Father Xavier Andrew represented Christianity, and Dr. Charanjit Kaur represented Sikhism. The abrupt appearance of COVID-19 towards the end of 2019 caused a tremendous influence on mental health. A group of experts from the Department of Medical Psychology Universiti Malaya reported in an article entitled "Impacts of COVID-19 Pandemic on Mental Health in Malaysia: A Single Thread of Hope" that stress and mental illness such as depression and anxiety disorders were on the rise. As a first step by the government to reduce the number of mental health-related patients, advertisements to urge people to live a healthy and balanced lifestyle were broadcast in the media. The significance of religion in mental healthcare was emphasized. All panelists agreed that the pandemic significantly impacted the community's psyche. This interfaith conversation aimed to convey perspectives from the different religions on mental health, to understand how believers of the different religions help the mentally sick, and to explore initiatives in helping and supporting mental patients that seek clinical therapy during this highly crucial time. The program attained its objectives, positively impacted and provided assistance to all participants.

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, was a speaker in a dialogue "World Religions: Understanding Islam", organized by Archdiocesan Ministry of Ecumenical & Inter-Religious Affairs (AMEIA), on 24 August 2021.

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, was a panelist in a forum entitled "*Kedudukan dan Hak Wanita dalam Perspektif Agama-agama*", organized by *Jabatan Agama Islam Wilayah Persekutuan* (JAWI) and *Persatuan Seruan Islam Selangor dan Wilayah Persekutuan* (JAM'IAH), on 28 August 2021. Dr. Alwani presented on the roles and rights of women in Islam.

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, gave a talk on *Memahami Agama Kristian* in the seminar series "Dakwah Masyarakat Majmuk", organized by Hidayah Centre Foundation on 18 September 2021.

Former Director of UMCCD, Assoc. Prof. Gs. Dr. Rosilawati Zainol was the moderator for Sesi Program Taklimat UM Me12Pay dan Persatuan Peniaga Kelana Jaya on 28 September 2021.

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, was a speaker in webinar "The Art of Dialogue in Navigating Religious and Cultural Diversity", organized by the Academic Development & Enhancement Centre (ADEC) on 30 September 2021.

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, gave a talk on *Sejarah dan Asas Agama Hindu* in the seminar series "Dakwah Masyarakat Majmuk", organized by Hidayah Centre Foundation on 17 October 2021.

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, gave a talk entitled "Women in Islam: Oppressed or Empowered?", organized by HARMONI IIUM on 4 December 2021.

## *Bengkel Animasi Pemasaran Bersama Prof. Madya Dr. Nurkhamimi Zainuddin (Marketing Animation Workshop with Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurkhamimi Zainuddin)*

On 12 June 2021, UMCCD organized *Bengkel Animasi Pemasaran*, handled by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nurkhamimi Zainuddin via Google Meet. The workshop was attended by students, staffs, and the general public. This workshop focused on how to market products using animation, which is considered an advantage to know during this Covid-19 pandemic. COVID-19 has dramatically halted economic growth and disrupted daily human activities. It directly affected domestic business ecosystems such as food and beverages, construction and manufacturing, tourism, agriculture, construction, and services. As a result, many people lost their jobs. In March 2021, total unemployment rate in Malaysia increased by 17.1% to 610,500 people, up from 521,300 in the same month the previous year. Due to this circumstance, people who lost their employment started to venture into trade. Hence, UMCCD aimed to assist merchants by teaching animation skills to help merchants sell their products more effectively and more impressively. This workshop exposed participants to better business practices and coincided with the government's request to provide assistance to merchants during these trying times. The workshop received positive responses and proved to be beneficial to the traders in attendance.



## *Program Diskusi Buku Dunia: Cabaran Mantik kepada Muslim World Book Discussion Program: The Challenges of Logic to Muslims*

On 6 April 2021, UMCCD collaborated with Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) to organize this world book discussion program, via Zoom. Prof. Dr. Amran bin Muhammad was the moderator and Prof. Emeritus Shaharir bin Mohamad Zain as the discussant, reviewed on his book entitled "*Cabaran Mantik kepada Muslim*". The video recording of the program can be viewed via UMCCD's Facebook page. According to Prof. Emeritus Shaharir, *mantik* or *nyaya/hetuwidya* (before the 14th century), and logic (from the 20th century) is one of the fundamentals of knowledge of the Malay Civilization. This is the first book that explained about Malayonesian logic, which is made up of syllogism-pantunan, budik budi, and mantik moga-moga, all of which were translated into logic. This book is also thought to be the first to critic the Western logic and challenged Muslims to evaluate its compatibility with Malayo-Islamic beliefs, demonstrating that logic is equally loaded with national values and culture. The book also included three varieties of Islamic Civilization's original logic (burhan logic, jihah logic, and al-Katibi logic). This program was very useful as it allowed participants to comprehend the book's content through interactions with the author himself.





Former Director of UMCCD, Assoc. Prof. Gs. Dr. Rosilawati Zainol, was a speaker at the Roundtable Discussion on "Circular Economy: Sustainability Elements in Governance and Economic Planning", organized by UKM-YSD Chair for Sustainability on 7 December 2021.

Director of UMCCD, Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, was the 16th Asian Biohydrogen and Biorefinery Symposium and Sustainability Challenge (16th ABBS-SC 2021), organized by UKM-Yayasan Sime Darby Chair for Sustainability on 15-17 December 2021. The keynote address entitled "Circular Economy Capitalising on the Wealth of Religions".

Director of UMCCD, Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, was an invited speaker in the webinar *Asas dan Falsafah kepimpinan dan Kejurulatihan dalam Pergerakan Puteri Islam Malaysia* (PPIM). Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan presented a topic entitled "Merubah Mindset Kepemimpinan dalam PPIM", organized by PPIM on 18 December 2021.

Deputy Director of UMCCD, Dr. Alwani Ghazali, was a panelist in webinar "Perpaduan Nasional IKRAM MUSLEH", organized by IKRAM MUSLEH on 18 December 2021.

## *Siri Dialog Bulanan:* *Mengenali Dialog bersama Dr. Alwani Ghazali* (Monthly Dialogue Series: Knowing Dialogue with Dr. Alwani Ghazali)


1. *Dialogue as thinking together* (Berkikir bersama2), David Bohm, 1917-1992

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  - Bebas daripada agenda tertentu
  - 20-40 org duduk bersama berhadapan satu sama lain dan pertemuan ini berlangsung secara berkala
  - gantung atau tangguh fikiran menghukum sambil mendengar
  - ada fasilitator, tapi tak ada ketua



2. *Dialogue as Emancipation* (Pembebasan), Paulo Freire's (1921-1997)

- utk jadikan org yang tertindas bukan lagi sebagai objek, tetapi sebagai subjek. Secara tak langsung teori ni memerdekakan manusia.
- Ada 4 aspek dalam teori ni:
  - menyedari masalah
  - refleksi secara kritikal
  - Praxis atau berubah daripada bercakap kepada bertindak
  - solidariti (bersama2 memanusiakan manusia)



On 10 July 2021, UMCCD held its monthly dialogue series entitled "Mengenali Dialog", via Google Meet. The dialogue was conducted by Dr. Alwani Ghazali, Deputy Director UMCCD. It aimed to answer all questions about dialogue. Simply described, dialogue is a "two-way discussion between two persons with opposing viewpoints on a subject, with the goal of learning the other person's perspective on the subject or issue being addressed." (Leonard Swidler). Dialogue has two interactive dimensions: individual consideration and the sharing of ideas with others. The first dimension enables a person to get to know himself by requiring him to spend time reflecting or self-reflecting. Contact with others is possible in the second dimension. Following that, there are seven different types of human verbal exchange: Conversation, discussion, meeting, debate, storytelling, face-to-face contact between two people, and a group of people who have come together to investigate or make a conclusion on a topic.

## Monthly Dialogue Series: Interfaith Leadership with Dr. Faridh Omar

On 14 July 2021, UMCCD organized "Interfaith Leadership: Exploring Malaysian Experiences" via Google Meet. This topic was presented by Dr. Mohd Faridh Hafez Bin Mhd Omar, a Senior Lecturer at Faculty of Leadership and Management, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM). Dr. Faridh Omar presented the definitions of interfaith leadership as: (1) the ability to lead individuals and communities that orient around religion differently toward understanding and cooperation (Eboo Patel, 2016), (2) the responsibility to influence opinions of public and government policies as part of educating and regulating the society (Casidy et. al, 2016), and (3) the responsibility to enhance the religiosity of its followers, and in Islamic perspective, it concerns 'ilm imperative and islahi imperative

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(this world and after) (Rasheed and Aasim, 2013). He also listed the framework and values of interfaith leadership which included truth & justice, consultative & cooperative working, trust, integrity, accountability, inclusiveness, diversity and openness, mutual respect & peaceful coexistence, lawful, and justly balanced society (ummatan wasatan). Dr. Faridh Omar concluded that interfaith leadership is where purpose, empathy and caring becomes the strategic driving forces for state or organization in a disruptive and complex world.

## *Siri Dialog Bulanan Edisi Hari Merdeka: Merdeka dalam Pandemik* (Monthly Dialogue Series Independence Day Edition: Independence in Pandemic)



On 25 August 2021, UMCCD held this forum via Google meet, Facebook live, and Youtube live. Dr. Alwani Ghazali was the moderator while the panelists were Prof. Datuk Dr. Harlina Hj. Siraj from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yee Mei Tien from Universiti Malaya (UM), and Kiridaren Jayakumar from Open University Malaysia (OUM). On the eve of independence this year, the number of COVID-19 positive cases increased to over 1 million despite the implementation of Movement Control Order (MCO) for several months. The people's anger began to peak as more people

lost their source of income, leading them to become mentally stressed. Children involved with online learning process started to feel bored and lose focus. At the tertiary institution level, graduates felt burdened with the new mode of learning. That was the scenario people were facing. According to the panelists, in this pandemic era, independence not only meant recognising the country's freedom, but also freedom in terms of the people's mental health and economy. This forum met its objectives which included learning about the perspectives of Malays, Chinese, and Indians on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, determining how mental well-being can be strengthened during the pandemic, and discussing measures that can be taken in the face of economic, educational, and family crises during the pandemic.

## *Siri Dialog Bulanan Edisi Hari Malaysia: Malaysia Harapan Kita* (Monthly Dialogue Series Malaysia Day Edition: Malaysia Our Hope)



On 23 September 2021, UMCCD in collaboration with Projek 57 held a dialogue entitled "Malaysia Harapan Kita" in conjunction with Malaysia Day. Tuan Haji Badlishah Sham, Krishna Kumar, and Nelson Jia Jun Ng were the panelists, while Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli was the moderator. In order to accomplish the goals of this forum, each panelist were from different backgrounds. Malaysia's future must be shaped from numerous perspectives going forward, based on the recommendations of people in power. MCO has let us witness a substantial loss of human lives, physical and mental health problems, economy distress, and social disruption. This forum discussed on the researches and recommendations in building a better and prosperous future for Malaysia, and the

importance of unity among Malaysians to achieve it. All of the program's objectives were met, including exploring the perspectives of Malays, Chinese, and Indians on the formation of a stable and strong Malaysian future, learning how to create a harmonious Malaysia, and discussing on steps to be taken to address the economy, education, and family crises, so that Malaysia can set a good example to the world.

Director of UMCCD, Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, was a guest speaker at WK20 Online Commemorative Event of 20th Anniversary of *Wisma Kebudayaan Soka Gakkai Malaysia (WKSGM)* with the theme "Embracing our Shared Humanity", organized by *Persatuan Soka Gakkai Malaysia (SGM)* on 27 November 2021.

Director of UMCCD, Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, was the keynote speaker for the 6th International Conference on Islam and Higher Education (6th ICIHE 2021), organized by University College of Yayasan Pahang (UCYP) in collaboration with International Institute of Islamic Civilization (IIIC) and Centre for Integrated Knowledge (CIK) on 2 and 3 December 2021. The keynote speech entitled "Science, Spirituality and Sustainability: Towards a New Hybrid Knowledge".

Director of UMCCD, Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, gave welcoming remarks at the Roundtable Discussion on "Circular Economy: Sustainability Elements in Governance and Economic Planning", organized by UKM-Yayasan Sime Darby Chair for Sustainability on 7 December 2021.



## KAICIID-UMCCD Webinar 2021



The global COVID-19 pandemic has caused devastating social, economic and political crises, which led to a noticeable increase in the demand for mental health services. On 5 October 2021, UMCCD together with King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID) held a webinar "Faith in times of pandemic: Coping mechanisms for the vulnerable in Asia", which was officiated by Dr. Rosilawati Zainol, Director of UMCCD. The moderator was Reverend Father Renan Obregon. The invited speakers were Dr. Alizi Alias, Mr. K V Soon, Ms. Arshinta Soemarsono, Ms. Aghalya Darmalingam, and Venerable Napan Thawornbanjob. This webinar was in conjunction with the World Suicide Prevention Day and the upcoming World Mental Health Day. The speakers which were from Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand, acknowledged that anxiety and stress are normal when people are faced with uncertainties. The pandemic has caused intense stress and disruption to people, and is causing pronounced mental health concerns in various vulnerable groups of the population. The speakers discussed on various coping mechanisms and mentioned that religious and spiritual coping strategies were essential means that can be used to deal with the consequences of COVID-19.

## Cultural Dialogue on the Future of Civilisation



In the 21st century, it is worth rethinking about civilization from its past, present and future. On 1 December 2021, UMCCD held the "Cultural dialogue on the future of civilisation", via Google Meet. This dialogue focused on two cultures; the Malay Muslim and the Japanese (Shintoic) cultures. The interlocutors were Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Director of UMCCD and Prof Dr. Takeshi Kimura from Tsukuba University, Japan. The moderator for this webinar was Dr Alwani Ghazali, Deputy Director of UMCCD. Among the objectives of this dialogue were to explore Japanese and Malay cultural aspects and how the two civilisations can grow in the future and to create mutual understanding between the two civilisations in the East. The dialogue delved into questions on how these cultures influence its people's values, identity, attitude and perspectives which can eventually prepare them for the future.

## Bengkel/ Retreat Pusat Dialog Peradaban 2021 Centre of Civilisational Dialogue Workshop/ Retreat 2021



UMCCD held a retreat program entitled "Bengkel Pemantapan Hala Tuju Pusat Dialog Peradaban" for its fellow members from 29 to 31 December 2021 at Grand Millenium KL. Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Director of UMCCD, gave a brief explanation on the importance and significance of UMCCD to the members, especially to the new UMCCD members. The achievements of UMCCD in 2021 were presented and the role of UMCCD in UM Strategic Plan was discussed. Activities for the year 2022 were also discussed and planned in the workshop.

## Research Project

Currently the centre is carrying out a project entitled "Enculturation of universal in daily live activities towards social wellbeing from diverse religious background among the young generation". It is sponsored by The Mahmood And Ragayah Foundation (*Tabung Penyelidikan Dato' Dr. Mahmood Merican*). The project leader is Associate Prof. Gs. Dr. Rosilawati binti Zainol (Faculty of Built Environment/UMCCD). The researchers involved are Associate Prof. Dr. Wendy Yee Mei Tien (CITRA), Dr. Alwani Ghazali (Academy of Islamic Studies & UMCCD) and Chang Lee Wei (UMCCD). The main aim of the project is to create peaceful thinking among youths through the inculcation of positive values in everyday living.

UNESCO is the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. It seeks to build peace through international cooperation in education, sciences and culture (Retrieved from <https://www.unesco.org>).

The Universiti Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) aims to encourage the youth of Universiti Malaya to participate in public issues through deliberation on social issues, and by proposing suggestions to decision-makers in their regions and local communities. It also aims to emphasize youth responsibilities towards their community and future through discussing different issues and organizing seminars, discussion groups, and events. The activities of the club are mainly targeted to university students, young community leaders and young professionals. Among the activities of UMUC in 2021 were:

## UM UNESCO Club Virtual GAPS - Together

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is a common motor disability among children, which results from injury to the immature, developing brain. COVID-19 has been disruptive to all families, but the effects of school closures and social distancing are further amplified for families of children with CP. On 6 June 2021, the Bureau of Welfare & Social Work of Universiti Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) 2021 and Gabungan Anak-anak Palsi Serebrum (GAPS) Malaysia organised virtual activities for children with CP via Google Meet. It involved UMUC members from Bureau of Science & Technology, Bureau of Publicity & Publication, and Bureau of Outreach & Education. The objectives of this program were to provide opportunities for children with CP to develop social skills, increase communication opportunities among children with CP and members of UMUC, and give children with CP a sense of control and empowerment through virtual activities. Puan Rafidah Ahmad, President of GAPS delivered the welcoming speech. Two virtual games and Adaptive Dikir Barat (ADB) training were organized for the children. At the end of the program, all participants did their very best and parents were extremely happy with their children's participation.

## International Day of Youth 2021: UM Celebrates Youth Forum



On 14 August 2021, in conjunction with International Youth Day 2021, UMUC organized the International Youth Day 2021: UM Celebrates Youth forum via Google Meet. The theme of the forum was youth empowerment. The topics discussed were: (1) Reimagining Empowerment of Youth with Special Needs by Prof. Dr. Loh Sau Cheong, (2) Youth and Entrepreneurship by Anastasia Sylvia W. Pongoh, (3) Empowering Youth through Internationalization, Mobility and USR by Dr. Palacio Fernando, (4) We are in this together: Youth's Uncertainty, Anxiety and Creativity in the New Normal by Weerawan Theeraroungchaisri, and (5) Youth training, featuring Mr. Eric Soo Leong Onn. This forum aimed to discuss and understand the plights of the youth during the COVID-19 pandemic, address the meaningful engagement and participation of young people effectively, as well as highlight the presence of youth with special needs amidst the COVID-19 outbreak.

## UNESCO World Teachers' Day/Academia Day 2021

As October 5th is celebrated as Academia Day and October is known as the Month of Academia, on 5 October 2021, UMUC organized the Academia Day Celebration - UM Celebrates Academicians!. Academicians were invited as the guests of honor, and everyone was welcomed to join in celebrating the academicians. The Academia Day Celebration was celebrated to show appreciation, respect, and gratitude to academicians who have guided, motivated, and shared their knowledge with us.



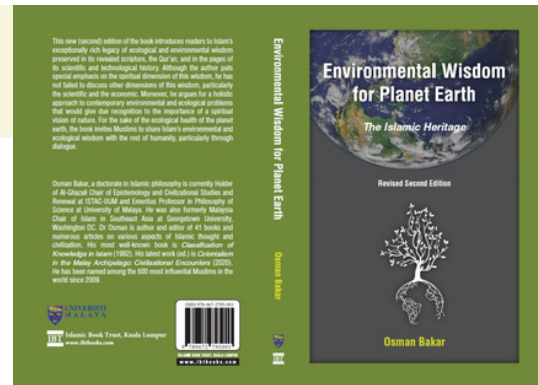
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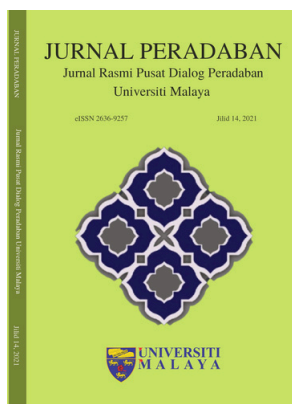
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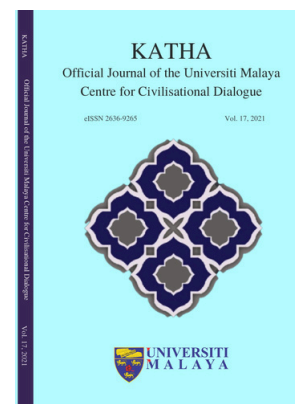


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