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VISIT BY A DELEGATION FROM KOREA YOUTH WORK AGENCY

The visit by a delegation from the Korea Youth Work Agency (KYWA) to the Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) marked a significant opportunity for cultural exchange and collaborative dialogue. Their visit included informative sessions, casual conversations, and activities that showcased the rich environment of Universiti Malaya. The engagement laid the groundwork for future initiatives aimed at creating a more inclusive and harmonious society.



|Professor Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, UMCCD Director, interacting with the delegates.

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VISIT BY A DELEGATION FROM KOREA YOUTH WORK AGENCY (KYWA)

Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) had the immense pleasure of hosting a delegation from the Korea Youth Work Agency (KYWA) on the 26th September 2024. KYWA is a public organisation that runs five national youth training facilities across South Korea and offers all-encompassing assistance for young people's healthy development. Promoting diverse and imaginative youth activities is their aim in order to unlock the potential of young people and help them develop their personalities. The 8-people delegation consisted of representatives of various youth-related government and NGO institutions in Korea who were chosen among many officers.

A casual but very beneficial discussion on topics including the mechanisms of communication and dialogue interactions was conducted, while enjoying a delicious meal at the Artisan Kitchen, Universiti Malaya.

The informal discussion gave both parties

the opportunity to casually know each other in depth. The interaction continued through activities at Rimba Ilmu, D'Halaman Books Store, and around Universiti Malaya.

It was an inspiring exchange of ideas and experiences as UMCCD and KYWA representatives discussed on youth engagement, cultural understanding, and strategies for fostering dialogue across diverse communities. The visit provided an excellent platform for strengthening the commitment to nurturing mutual respect, collaboration, and the spirit of global citizenship. The guests from the Korea Youth Work Agency (KYW) had a valuable experience and saw the space to cooperate with UMCCD and carry out beneficial activities at Universiti Malaya.

We also look forward to exploring more opportunities to work together and further our shared vision for a more inclusive and harmonious future! We look forward to collaborative activities in 2025!



WELCOMING NEW FACES AND BIDDING FAREWELL

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW DIRECTOR

The Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) is delighted to extend a warm welcome to Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali from the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, Academy of Islamic Studies Universiti Malaya, as the new Director of UMCCD. With her distinguished academic background and extensive expertise in interfaith dialogue, civilisational studies, and community engagement, Prof. Dr. Khadijah brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to the centre. Her leadership promises to further UMCCD's mission of fostering meaningful discourse, promoting mutual understanding, and advancing knowledge across cultures and civilizations. We look forward to her innovative vision and collaborative efforts in leading UMCCD to new heights of excellence.



Professor Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, UMCCD Director.

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO OUR DEPUTY DIRECTOR

The UMCCD bid a heartfelt farewell to Dr. Asmawati Muhamad, Deputy Director of UMCCD, whose dedication and leadership have been invaluable to our team. Since October 2022, her commitment to excellence and collaborations especially in the Green Mosque Module programmes, has left a great impact on our office and its initiatives. We sincerely thank her for her contributions and wish her luck in her future pursuits as she embark on new opportunities.



Dr. Asmawati Muhamad, UMCCD Deputy Director (October 2022 - October 2024).

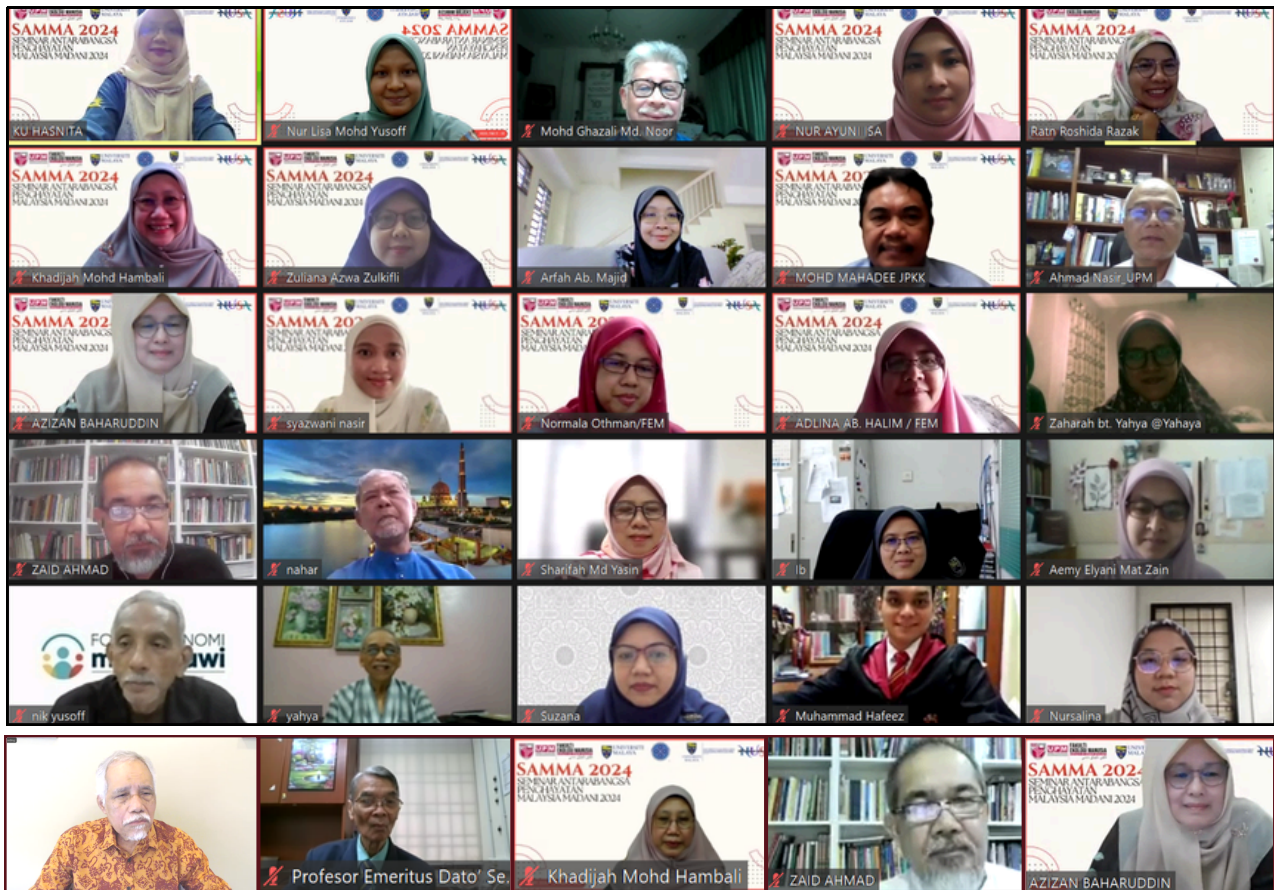
SEMINAR ANTARABANGSA MALAYSIA MADANI 2024 (SAMMA 2024)

The Universiti Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) in collaboration with the Faculty of Human Ecology, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) organised the *Seminar Antarabangsa Malaysia Madani 2024* (SAMMA 2024) on the 10th & 11th September 2024. The seminar aimed to deepen understanding and appreciation of the Madani Malaysia philosophy, which emphasizes social integration, justice, human values, and advancement founded on pure values. The theme of the conference "Excellence with A Soul" has a significant connotation, as it represents the commitment to achieving success not only intellectually and materially, but also in terms of spiritual and ethical ideals. This soulful excellence means comprehensive achievement in which the balance of physical, moral, and spiritual development is maintained



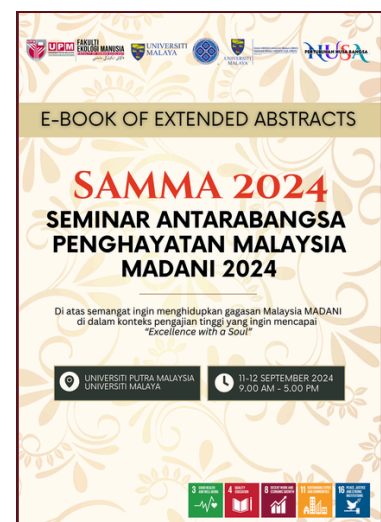
This approach aligns with the concept of a Civilised Malaysia, emphasising progress and human values. The event featured several prominent keynote speakers who are experts in their disciplines. They were Emeritus Professor Dato' Dr. Osman Bakar, Al-Ghazali Chair of Epistemology and Civilizational Studies and Renewal, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) who spoke on "*Malaysia Madani Sebagai Sebuah Falsafah Ketamadunan dan Sebuah Kerangka Dasar-Dasar Sosial: Isu-Isu Utama Untuk Ditangani*" and Emeritus Prof Dato' Seri Dr. Md. Salleh Yaapar, Honorary Fellow of ISTAC-IIUM, who presented on "Higher Education for Malaysia Madani: Vision and Implementation Towards Impactful Success". Besides that, Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, Director of UMCCD, delivered on "*Budaya 4T + 2T Pengukuh Harmoni Interaksi Multi Etnik Malaysia Dalam Konteks Madani*", Prof. Dr. Zaid Ahmad, Principal Fellow of Hadhari Islamic Institute, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, presented on "*Menggapai Idealisme, Melagang Realiti: Menterjemah Madani Dalam Wacana Peradaban Bangsa Era Pasca-Normal*", Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Advisor of UMCCD, spoke on "*Kerelevanan Dokumen Al-Mizan: Satu Perjanjian Dengan Bumi Dalam Konteks Falsafah Madani*". Last but not least, Dr. Mohd Farid Mohd Shahrar, Director of the Center for the Study of Sharia, Law and Politics (SYARAK), Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM), shared on "*Sejarah dan Falsafah Lagu dan Muzik dalam Tradisi Islam*".

The sub-themes that have been selected for SAMMA 2024 include the Importance of Philosophy and Civilization of Malaysian Society, Cross-Cultural Dialogue, Facing Diversity of Ethnicity and Culture, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Religion, Spirituality and Ethics, Philanthropy (wakaf, zakat, endowment) in the Economy Circular Economy, Education and Technology, Politics, Government and Statehood, Facing the 3C (confusion, contradiction, complexities) challenge and other related themes.



Invited keynote speakers. From left: Emeritus Prof. Dato' Dr. Osman Bakar, Emeritus Prof Dato' Seri Dr. Md. Salleh Yaapar, Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, Prof. Dr. Zaid Ahmad, and Emeritus Professor Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin.

As SAMMA 2024 concluded, at the Closing Ceremony, Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Advisor of UMCCD, commented on the engaging talks and thought-provoking ideas given throughout the event particularly about Malaysia's Madani vision, which prioritised sustainable growth, inclusion, and progressive governance. The seminar not only encouraged intellectual discourse, but also opened doors for future cooperation to improve the nation's socioeconomic and cultural landscape. Extended abstracts of the topics and presentations discussed during the conference were compiled and published into a book. To access the e-book, please refer to the link: <https://dialogue.um.edu.my/Proceedings/E-Book%20of%20Extended%20Abstracts%20SAMMA%202024.pdf>.



WORKSHOP ON THE TRANSFORMATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP MODULE



[Members of the Phase 2 TSLM Development from Academy of Science Malaysia and Universiti Malaya.

The National Science Council authorized the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation to implement a National Planetary Health Action Plan (PTKPN) based on science, technology, innovation, and economy through the Academy of Science Malaysia (ASM), in coordination with central agencies and pertinent ministries. The development of a Transformational Sustainability Leadership Module, as a mechanism for PTPKN's operation and monitoring is one of the study's objectives. As a consultant for this project, UMCCD and their other UM collaborators has already carried out Phase 1 of TSLM Development. However, the created TSLM must be adjusted in accordance with PTKPN. Hence, in order to coordinate and finalise the content and flow for Phase 2 TSLM Development, on the 3rd & 4th October 2024, a workshop with the UM team was organised by ASM at Eastin Hotel Kuala Lumpur.

VISITING LECTURE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOBILITY FROM FAKULTAS USHULUDDIN DAN HUMANIORA, WALISONGO STATE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY



The International Student Mobility Program at Universiti Malaya is the first international academic initiative for Fakultas Ushuluddin dan Humaniora students, aimed at enhancing their global academic experience. The program was held on the 22nd and 23rd October 2024, with the Department of Aqidah & Islamic Thought, Academy of

Islamic Studies and UMCCD together. The students attended lectures, presented research papers, and engaged in discussions with Universiti Malaya lecturers and students. Topics ranged from gender-based conflict transformation to Sufistic healing therapy, showcasing diverse academic interests. The program was highly interactive, linking concepts such as IQ, EQ, and SQ to various fields. Both parties expressed enthusiasm for continuing and expanding the program, hoping for increased participation and stronger collaboration between UIN Walisongo and Universiti Malaya in the future.

RESEARCH DISCUSSION WITH UNIVERSITAS MAULANA MALIK IBRAHIM MALANG, INDONESIA



A photo of Prof. Dr. Khadijah (middle) with researchers from Universitas Islam Negeri Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang.



On the 19th November 2024, lecturers from two universities in Indonesia visited UMCCD to conduct interviews on the relationship between religious communities in Malaysian and Indonesian universities. Their study, titled "Model for Strengthening Religious Moderation in ASEAN Higher Education Institutions (Indonesia-Malaysia-Brunei Darussalam)," involves collaboration with Associate Professor Dr. Mohd Zaidi Daud, Head of the Department of Shariah and Law, Academy of Islamic Studies, Universiti Malaya. The research team includes Prof. Dr. H. Achmad Khudori Soleh, Hajjah Erik Sabti Rahmawati and Mr. Iqbal Ali Wafa from Universitas Islam Negeri Maulana Malik Ibrahim Malang, Indonesia and Dr. Mohammad Haris Balady from Universitas Islam Negeri Kyai Haji Achmad Siddiq Jember, Indonesia. Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, Director of UMCCD, highlighted the friendliness and mutual respect within the diverse campus community. The researchers were impressed by the harmonious relationships among multiethnic and religious communities in Malaysia, particularly at Universiti Malaya.

MINI EXHIBITION: GUARDING OUR WATERS TOGETHER



Under the PJ SEED 5.0 project, the Universiti Malaya, in partnership with Majlis Bandaraya Petaling Jaya (MBPJ), UMCCD, and UM UNESCO Club (UMUC), organised the "Guarding Our Waters: Lakes for Tomorrow" mini exhibition, which took place on the 23rd November 2024 in Taman Aman Lake, Petaling Jaya. The event aimed to raise awareness about freshwater conservation, share research findings on water quality and ecosystem health, and promote community involvement in environmental sustainability. Among the main activities conducted were a park cleaning session, recycling and upcycling demonstrations, a car boot sale, and a forum discussion titled "Guarding Our Water Together: From Local Governance to Global Goals." The event successfully brought together local residents, researchers, volunteers, and community leaders, fostering collaboration among academia, local government, and the community. With an attendance of approximately 50 to 100 participants, the exhibition served as an engaging platform for knowledge-sharing and collective action towards environmental sustainability.

THE LOTUS SUTRA EXHIBITION: SHARED VALUES ON PEACE AND HARMONIOUS COEXISTENCE



[From right (Left picture): Dr. Asmawati, Dr. Nadiyah, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah, and Dr. Alwani attended the exhibition

On the 8th September 2024, the exhibition "Lotus Sutra - A Message of Peace and Harmonious Coexistence" was inaugurated at the ISTAC-IIUM in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. As part of the commemorative event "Shared Values on Peace and Harmonious Coexistence," the event was jointly organised by the Institute of Oriental Philosophy (IOP), Dunhuang Academy China, and *Persatuan Soka Gakkai Malaysia* (SGM), with the support of UMCCD and the International Academy of Indian Culture, the Institute of Oriental Manuscripts of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Malaysia's Ministry of National Unity (KPN), ISTAC. The exhibition featured replicas of significant Lotus Sutra manuscripts, including the *Petrovsky Sanskrit* and *Gilgit* manuscripts. It also showcased panels on the historical spread of Buddhism, murals from the Dunhuang Mogao Caves, and interfaith dialogues inspired by IOP founder Daisaku Ikeda.

FORUM "PEACE AND HARMONIOUS COEXISTENCE"



[Director of UMCCD presenting on her topic



[From left: Prof. Dato' Dr. Christopher Boey, Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, Dr. Wendy Yee, Mr. Thurai Chantheran

A forum on peace and harmonious coexistence was held on 15th December 2024, at the SGI Asia Culture and Education Centre in Johor Bahru. More than 300 people attended in person and virtually. The forum featured insightful presentations by four distinguished speakers: Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, Director of UMCCD and Professor at the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, Academy of Islamic Studies Universiti Malaya; Dr. Alwani Ghazali, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, Academy of Islamic Studies Universiti Malaya as well as Core Member of UMCCD. Universiti Malaya; Mr. Thurai Chantheran, Head of Interfaith at the Malaysian Organisation for Hindu Knowledge, Science, Heritage and Art; and Dr. Wendy Yee, Principal of Soka International School Malaysia. Prof. Dr. Khadijah highlighted the Islamic concept of *Wasatiyyah*, emphasising balance, moderation, justice, and fairness as key principles for fostering peaceful coexistence. She stressed the need for humility, respect, and an open mind in interfaith dialogue. The discussion, which was moderated by Prof. Dato' Dr. Christopher Boey, an honorary professor at Universiti Malaya and a professor at IMU, gave the audience the opportunity to examine the significance of promoting a peaceful society from various angles.



10TH SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF CULTURE AND RELIGION CONFERENCE (SSEASR)



In conjunction with its 65th anniversary, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the Universiti Malaya collaborated with the South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR) to organise and host the 10th SSEASR conference entitled “Sustainability in Cultural and Religious Traditions in South and Southeast Asia” held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The conference was also a regional conference of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR), Member of CIPSH under the auspices of UNESCO.

The 10th South and Southeast Asian Association for the Study of Culture and Religion (SSEASR) Conference successfully brought together scholars, researchers, and cultural practitioners to explore the region's rich and diverse traditions. Held from 2–4 December 2024, the conference provided an engaging platform for intellectual discussions on topics such as arts, archaeology, sustainable tourism, language and literature, and religious studies in South and Southeast Asia. With a broad range of sub-themes, including Malaysian culture and religion, diaspora issues, pilgrimage, and trade routes, the conference facilitated multidisciplinary exchanges that deepened understanding of historical and contemporary cultural dynamics.

Participants from various academic institutions and research backgrounds contributed valuable insights into the region's evolving socio-religious landscape. The event emphasized the importance of cross-cultural dialogue in fostering regional cooperation and understanding. Papers were presented in English and Bahasa Malaysia, reflecting the conference's commitment to inclusivity. With engaging panel sessions and in-depth discussions, the 10th SSEASR Conference successfully reinforced its role as a crucial platform for scholars to exchange ideas and contribute to the global discourse on culture and religion in South and Southeast Asia.

WORKSHOP ON "AL-QURAN AND MENTAL HEALTH"

The Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) organised a workshop on "Al-Quran and Mental Health: Modern Lifestyle, Depression, and Suicidal Tendencies" on the 3rd September 2024 at the Tun Hussein Onn Memorial Hall, Kuala Lumpur. UMCCD Research Fellow, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Durriyyah Sharifah Hasan Adli, was invited to participate in the workshop. The workshop addressed the link between modern lifestyles and rising suicide cases, integrating perspectives from modern psychology and Islamic thought for a balanced understanding. Sessions included discussions on the Quran as a therapy for mental health by Dr. Asham Ahmad, Senior Fellow of the Center for Shariah and Law Studies, IKIM, teenage depression and suicide by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Norhayati Ibrahim from the Center for the Study of Healthy Aging and Wellbeing, Faculty of Health Sciences, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, counseling strategies for suicide attempts by Mrs. Umm Nazra Nadzam, a registered clinical psychologist, and workplace emotional stress by Mr. Khairul Azhar Idris, Fellow, Center for Economic and Social Studies, IKIM, covering causes, treatments, and prevention.



PRESENTATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND DIRECTION OF GENERAL STUDIES SUBJECTS (MPU) AT HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (IPT)



The Higher Education Ministry's (KPT) Top Management has agreed to review and revise the existing General Studies subjects/ *Mata Pelajaran Umum* (MPU) course modules in Higher Education Institutions (IPTs) to better align with the current needs of students and the nation. The mandatory MPU courses under review are Philosophy and Current Issues (FIS) and Appreciation of Ethics and Civilization (PEP). To facilitate this process, KPT has established the General Studies (MPU) Course Review Advisory Committee, which UMCCD Advisor, Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, is a part of. In line with this, a meeting between the Minister of Higher Education and the advisory committee took place on the 1st October 2024 in the Government of National Unity Meeting Room, Level 36, Menara Dato Onn, World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur. The meeting was chaired by YB Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir, Minister of Higher Education.

BENGKEL MELESTARIKAN MODUL ISTITABAH MAJLIS AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR



Participants discussing during the workshop.

On November 15-17, the Islamic Religious Council of Selangor (MAIS), through the Al-Riqab Rehabilitation Division, held a workshop, Bengkel Melestarikan Modul Istitabah MAIS with the goal of refining the teachings and recovery approach for members of the Global Ikhwan Services And Business Holdings Sdn Bhd (GISBH).

A total of 25 workshop participants from various agencies and departments, including the Selangor Mufti Department, the Selangor Department of Islamic Religion, the Universiti Malaya (UM), the Islamic University of Selangor (UIS), and officers from the MAIS Riqab Rehabilitation Division. Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali@Hambali, UMCCD Director also Professor at the Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, Academy of Islamic Studies UM, officiated the event as the Chief Expert. Participants in the workshop included Ustaz Suhaimi Ismail, Director of MAIS Management Services; Dr. Norraini Nordin, Director of the Social Development Sector, MAIS; Dato' Prof. Associate Dr. Haji Miszairi Haji Sitiris, Deputy Mufti of Selangor for Sahibus Samahah; and lecturers from the Islamic University of Selangor and the Universiti Malaya. The Superintendent of the Baitul Iman Belief Purification Center (MAIS), the Superintendent of the Baitul Ehsan Belief Purification Center (MAIS), and the Chief Assistant Director of the Selangor Department of Islamic Religion also took part.



WORLD QURAN SYMPOSIUM 2024

JAKIM's Al-Quran and Al-Hadith Studies Branch, Research Division, organised the World Quran Symposium 2024 with the theme "Ummatic Transformation through the Miracles of the Quran". The symposium was held on the 10th October 2024 at Dewan Merdeka, World Trade Center Kuala Lumpur, and was officiated by YAB Dato' Sri Haji Fadillah bin Haji Yusof, Deputy Prime Minister.

Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharudin, Official advisor of UMCCD, also member of the National Council for Malaysian Islamic Religious Affairs, together with Prof. Dato' Dr. Muhammad Nur bin Manuty, Chairman, Malaysian Institute of Islamic Understanding and Dato' Professor Dr. Mohd Farid Ravi bin Abdullah, Vice-Chancellor, Selangor Islamic University were panelists of the forum session that discussed on "Al-Quran and the Well-being of Human Civilization". The forum was moderated by Mr. Iszam bin Padil, Chief Assistant Secretary, (Quran/Hadith Regulation) Ministry of Home Affairs, Putrajaya.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) SEMINAR IN EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY



UMCCD Advisor, Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, as moderator

Artificial Intelligence (AI) Seminar in Educational Technology/ *Seminar Kecerdasan Buatan (AI) dalam Teknologi Pendidikan*, co-organised by the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) and the Division of Resources and Technology Education, Ministry of Education Malaysia was held on the 11th & 12th November 2024. The seminar was officiated by Associate Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil, Director General of IKIM. It featured a keynote address entitled “*Memartabatkan Konsep Insaniah, Membangun Generasi Madani*” presented by Emeritus Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Yusof Othman, Member of the IKIM Board of Directors. This was followed by presentations and discussions led by prominent academics and professionals, focusing on themes related to digital pedagogy, ethics, AI-based learning strategies, virtual reality, machine learning applications, and the future of digital civilisation. UMCCD Advisor, Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin was the moderator for the first session on “*Strategi, Etika dan Falsafah dalam teknologi Pendidikan*”. The seminar was concluded with a closing address by YB Mrs. Fadhlina Sidek, Malaysia's Minister of Education.

THE LAUNCH OF THE BOOK 'GARIS PANDUAN DAKWAH MENANGANI KESIHATAN MENTAL WANITA'

On the 15th October 2024, the Symposium Mental Health Solutions from the Dakwah Perspective (SMILED) was successfully organised at Azman Hashim Hall, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Kuala Lumpur. At the same event, the book 'Dakwah Guidelines for Dealing with the Mental Health of Women (*Garis Panduan Dakwah Menangani Kesihatan Mental Wanita*)' was also launched. The book is the result of a research collaboration between YADIM and strategic partners such as the Faculty of Islamic Studies, National University of Malaysia, Academy of Islamic Studies, Universiti Malaya and Hospital Bahagia, Ulu Kinta, Perak. Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali, UMCCD Director, is one of the research team members who participated in the book's publication.



Director of UMCCD, Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali as one of the researchers involved in the development of the book.

WORKSHOP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE 'SOLUSI KESIHATAN MENTAL DARIPADA PERSPEKTIF DAKWAH' (SMILED) MODULE



|Director of UMCCD (most right) during the workshop. |The line of experts involved in developing the module.

On the 2nd December 2025, the YADIM Research Management Centre (YRMC), a centre led by Prof Dr. Sharifah Hayaati Syed Ismail from Universiti Malaya, held a workshop at Putrajaya for Phase 2 (Training of Trainers) and Phase 3 (community outreach) of the development of the *Solusi Kesihatan Mental Daripada Perspektif Dakwah* (SMILED) Module. The workshop was chaired by Chairperson Datuk Dr. Harlina Halizah Siraj and officiated by YADIM CEO, Ustaz Zamri Zainal Abidin. Experts from various fields collaborated to finalise the module, which focuses on mental health, Islamic psycho-spiritual aspects, *dakwah* solutions, and evaluation. Among those present in this expert group were Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali (Director, UMCCD and Professor, Department of Aqidah and Islamic Thought, Academy of Islamic Studies UM), Prof. Dr. Sajaratulnisah Othman (Medical Specialist, Universiti Malaya), Assoc. Prof. Dr. A'dawiyah Ismail (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia), Dr. Zurina Abdul Hamid (Deputy Secretary, Services Division, Public Service Commission of Malaysia), Dr. Norli Abdul Jabbar (National Centre of Excellence for Mental Health (NCEMH), Ministry of Health Malaysia), Dr. Saramah Mohd Isa (Forensic Psychiatry Specialist, Hospital Bahagia Ulu Kinta, Perak), and Ustazah Suhaizam Sulaiman (Department of Islamic Development Malaysia, JAKIM). Also present were Dr. Masitah Esa (Head, Dakwah Research Unit, UPD), along with her officers, Ms. Siti Afiza Iman, Ms. Husna Saifulzaman, and Mr. Aniq Muqri Mohammad. The workshop aimed to enhance the module's quality, ensuring it serves as an effective training resource for addressing mental health issues from an Islamic perspective.

MEDIA COVERAGE: MALAYSIA, INDONESIA'S JOURNEY IN PUSHING FOR GREEN FINANCE

The press release titled "Malaysia, Indonesia's Journey in Pushing for Green Finance" explores the strides and shared challenges faced by both countries in advancing sustainable financial ecosystems. Co-authored by Siti Hafsyah Idris (Universiti Teknologi MARA), Lee Wei Chang (Universiti Malaya), and Iman Prihandono (Universitas Airlangga), the article highlights regional cooperation, policy frameworks, and the critical role of green finance in achieving climate goals. Edited by Shahirah Hamid, Senior Commissioning Editor at 360info Southeast Asia, the article was published by Astro Awani and 360info, bringing vital attention to Southeast Asia's commitment to environmentally responsible economic development.

RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS

APPOINTMENTS BY INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY AND NATIONAL ORGANISATION

Director of UMCCD, Prof. Dr. Khadijah Mohd Khambali @ Hambali was appointed as:

1. Ahli panel Penasihat Akidah bagi Pelaksanaan Modul Penasihat Akidah di negeri Melaka, by the Majlis Agama Islam Melaka.
2. International Visiting Professor by Faculty of Islamic Studies, Universitas Trunojoyo, Madura, Indonesia.



APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS (MKI)

The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Shah, has conferred appointment letters to six new members of the National Council for Islamic Religious Affairs (MKI). The six appointees are the Chairman of Bursa Malaysia, Tan Sri Abdul Wahid Omar; Chairman of the



Malaysian International Islamic Financial Centre (MIFC) Leadership Council, Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar; and Senator and Member of the Selangor Islamic Religious Council, Datuk Salehuddin Saidin. Also receiving the appointment letters were the **Advisor of the UMCCD, Emeritus Prof. Datuk Dr. Azizan Baharuddin**; former Director-General of the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM), Datuk Mohamad Nordin Ibrahim; and Fellow at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Oxford, Datuk Dr. Afifi al-Akiti.

RECOGNITION OF RESEARCH PROJECTS

Senior Research Officer of UMCCD, Mr. Chang Lee Wei received recognitions for his outstanding performance in the:

1. Program Keharmonian Agama di Selangor, a research project led by him, sponsored by the Majlis Perpaduan dan Integrasi Selangor (MPIS).
2. 2nd Research Officer National Symposium (ReONS) - Bronze Award, Winner of Best Presentation Award



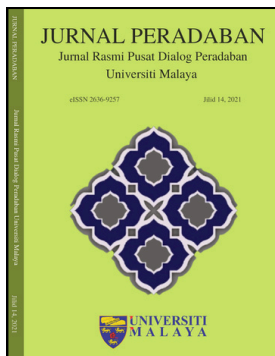


**Seminar Kebangsaan Penghayatan
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10-11 September 2024**



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