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## UN recognises M'sian think-tank as among world's best

PETALING JAYA: The United Nations has recognised the Malaysia-based Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) of the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) as among the world's best think-tanks.

Asli chief executive and [director Datuk Dr Michael Yeoh](#) said Asli-CPPS has been ranked 16th among the top think-tanks in the world.

"Among the smaller think-tanks with smaller annual budgets of below US\$5mil (RM15.5mil), we came out number fourteen globally.

"We are also the only Malaysian think-tank ranked in the top global 30 for transparency and governance," he said, adding that the rankings were revealed in a global report on think-tanks at the UN on Jan 18.

UN University and the University of Pennsylvania undertook a research of 6,545 think-tanks from 182 countries during a one year-period for the global rankings.

"We are delighted with this international recognition. It is an honour not only for Asli-CPPS but also for the country," said Dr Yeoh.

He attributed the achievement to the organisation's independent, impartial and objective policy research, strategic analysis, and total commitment in upholding truth and justice.

"It will spur us even more to promote human rights, good governance, transparency, global competitiveness, and racial and religious dialogues. We remain committed to our mission of creating a better society," he said.