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ASLI's CPPS Ranked Among Top 10 Think Tanks in the World

At the United Nations in New York and the World Bank in Washington DC, the Global Think Tank Report was announced last week. This annual ranking of the World's leading Think Tanks was undertaken by the University of Pennsylvania, USA.

In the Global Study, ASLI's Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) was ranked as **7th Best in Asia**; for the ranking of the World's Best 20 Think Tanks with a smaller budget of less than USD 5million, CPPS was ranked **No 9th in the World**.

Chairman of CPPS, Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam said it is gratifying for CPPS to achieve such high rankings among the World's best with limited financial and manpower resources. He added that CPPS will continue to undertake public policy research and advocacy and speak up without fear or favour.

The Chief Executive Officer and Director of ASLI, Tan Sri Michael Yeoh said *"ASLI established CPPS about 8 years ago to promote independent public policy research and has organised many Policy roundtables and submitted many public policy proposals to the Government over the years. CPPS has focused on National Unity, Race Relations, Religious understanding, Education reforms, Human Capital development, National competitiveness and low income groups as its primary areas of focus. ASLI continues to support CPPS for its useful role of public policy research and advocacy and will strive to maintain high ethical and professional standards in carrying out our work"*.

The Director of CPPS, Ms Ng Yeen Seen also revealed that CPPS is ranked **No 27 out of the global top 30 for Transparency and Good Governance Think Tanks List** and the only Malaysian Think Tank in this list. CPPS is also ranked among the top **Think Tanks for Outstanding Policy-Oriented Research Programmes** and for **Best Advocacy Campaigns**. Over 1600 think Tanks from 182 countries were ranked in this global survey of Think Tanks. *"It is gratifying for CPPS to jump up from 16th position last year to 7th best Asia Think Tank this year and this will spur us to contribute even more in line with ASLI's vision of creating a better society"*

The Global Go To Think Tank Rankings is an international survey conducted by the Think Tank Civil Societies Program under the International Relations Program at the University of Pennsylvania supported by the United Nations. The rankings are based on an annual global peer and expert survey of over 1950 experts and peer institutions. Its main objective is to recognize some of the world's leading public policy think tanks and to highlight the notable contributions these institutions are making to government and civil societies worldwide. This list has been regarded as the insiders' guide to the global marketplace of ideas and an authoritative source for top public policy institutions around the world.

In its sixth consecutive edition, 6,603 think tanks from 182 countries were invited to participate in the process, out of which 1,647 think tanks were nominated. The entire process involved 9,000 journalists, policy makers, public and private donors, think tanks as well as regional and subject area specialists. The program also assembled a set of Expert Panels, comprising over 750 expert members from around the world to help in refining and validating the generated lists.