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### **ASLI's Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) among top 6 best think tanks in the Southeast Asia and the Pacific Region**

ASLI's Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) earned its way into the top six (6 out of 60) think tanks in the Southeast Asia and the Pacific Region. Announced on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2015, the ranking was published in the "2014 Global Go to Think Tank Index Report". This annual global study on think tanks surveyed 6,618 think tanks worldwide and was conducted by the renowned University of Pennsylvania. CPPS is one of only two Malaysian think tanks to top the list. Compared to 2013, CPPS has moved up one rank in its position as one of the top think tanks in the South East Asia and the Pacific region.

Globally, CPPS is ranked 90 (Top Think Tanks: US and non-US), making it the only think tank in Malaysia to achieve a position in this particular category.

CPPS ranked 27<sup>th</sup> in the world in the category of Transparency and Good Governance Think Tanks; and sits at 29<sup>th</sup> in the global ranking of Best Trans-Disciplinary Research Programme at a Think Tank. CPPS is also ranked 35<sup>th</sup> globally in the Best Use of Social Network; 36<sup>th</sup> in the world for Best Advocacy Campaign and 49<sup>th</sup> globally as an Education Policy Think Tank. ASLI and CPPS were the only Malaysian think tanks to rank in the Most Significant Impact on Public Policy category, where ASLI sits 48<sup>th</sup>. CPPS is the only Malaysian think tank to feature in the category of top 51 think tanks in the world with an Outstanding Policy-Oriented Public Programme.

ASLI features in the world's top 33 for Think Tank Conference list; 29<sup>th</sup> for Best New Idea or Paradigm Developed; and is ranked as 37<sup>th</sup> among think tanks with the Best External Relations/Public Engagement Programme. ASLI also ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the world for Think Tank to Watch.

CEO of ASLI, Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh is delighted to announce that both ASLI and CPPS have improved in their global rankings and are the only Malaysian think tanks represented in the Top 22 Think Tanks with an Annual Operating Budget of Less than US \$ 5 million. “That we are able to rank highly at the global level speaks of the level of contribution we have made to the government in Malaysia, the corporate sectors and the public at large”, he said. “We are also pleased that our collaboration and partnership with key stakeholders at various level of society in Malaysia is recognised. We are indeed grateful for this international recognition”, remarked Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh.

Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam, Chairman of CPPS is delighted with the performance of both organisations in the international rankings. “I’m particularly pleased our think tank has put Malaysia on the map as a leading think tank in the world. Our ranking has improved and we have scored respectfully in several criteria”, he noted. “This reflects the quality of Malaysians who are able to be competitive internationally when we adopt the values of meritocracy. We thank the ASLI and CPPS teams, government agencies, corporations, civil societies, and donors who have helped us to build this great reputation, and we look forward to excelling further in the areas of public policy and participation in research.” said Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam.

Ms Ng Yeen Seen, COO of ASLI and Senior Director of CPPS noted that the rankings show both ASLI and CPPS are recognised as amongst the most influential think tanks in Malaysia with the most significant impact on public policy. “We are delighted that the international community recognises our significant influence and role in developing policy discussions within the context of Malaysia”, she said.

ASLI and CPPS will continue to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam, Chairman of CPPS, ASLI and CPPS’ Board of Directors, the Government of Malaysia, civil societies’ and to our corporate partners for helping us to strive successfully.

For the complete ASLI and CPPS ranking information, please refer to the summary below:

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Summary of ASLI’s Rankings:

- **No. 33 in the World Best Think Tank Conference**
- **No. 32 in Best Transdisciplinary Research programme at a think tank**
- **No. 47 in Best use of Social Network**
- **No. 48 in Think Tank with the Most Significant Impact on Public Policy**
- **No. 54 in Best Managed Think Tank**
- **No. 53 in Best Institutional Collaboration Involving Two or More Think Tanks**
- **No. 29 in Best New Idea or Paradigm Developed Think Tanks**
- **No. 37 in Think Tank with the Best External Relations/Public Engagement Program**
- **No. 21 in World Ranking for Think Tank to Watch**
- **No. 57 in Best Think Tank Network**
- **No. 22 in Top Think Tanks with Annual Operating Budgets of Less Than \$5 Million USD**

Summary of CPPS's Rankings:

- **No. 90 in Top Think Tanks Worldwide (U.S. and non-U.S.)**
- **No. 6 in Top Think Tanks in Southeast Asia and the Pacific**
- **No. 49 in Top Education Policy Think Tanks**
- **No. 27 in Top Transparency and Good Governance Think Tanks**
- **No. 36 in Best Advocacy Campaign**
- **No. 55 in Best Institutional Collaboration Involving Two or More Think Tanks**
- **No. 65 in Best Managed Think Tanks**
- **No. 37 in Best New Idea or Paradigm Developed by a Think Tank**
- **No. 47 in Best Think Tank Conference**
- **No. 52 in Best Think Tank Network**
- **No. 29 in Best Transdisciplinary Research Program at a Think Tank**
- **No. 35 in Best Use of Social Networks**
- **No. 62 in Think Tanks with the Most Significant Impact on Public Policy**
- **No. 51 in Think Tanks with Outstanding Policy-Oriented Public Programs**
- **No. 21 in Top Think Tanks with Annual Operating Budgets of Less Than \$5 Million USD**

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