Opening Ceremony of the 8th World Chinese Economic Summit with former Presidents of Indonesia and Taiwan and former Prime Ministers of Australia and Pakistan and Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand

ASLI Chairman Tan Sri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah greeting former President of Taiwan H. E. Ma Ying-jeou

WCES Patron Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew, former President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono of Indonesia, former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd of Australia and ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh

ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh with Prime Minister of Timor Leste H. E. Rui Maria de Araujo

ASLI CEO and ASEAN Leadership Forum Chairman Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh with Prime Minister of Laos Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith and Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Hun Sen

ASLI CEO with Vice President of Indonesia Jusuf Kalla

ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh meeting the President of Sri Lanka H. E. Sirisena

ASLI Chairman Tan Sri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah presenting a memento to 2nd Finance Minister Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani
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Chairman of ASLI & Sunway Group Tan Sri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah AO, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities The Hon. Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong, Former President of Indonesia H. E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Chief Minister of Melaka The Rt Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Hj. Idris bin Hj. Haron, former President of Taiwan, H. E. Ma Ying-jeou and Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department The Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Dr Wee Ka Siong attending the Opening Ceremony of WCES in Melaka.

The Hon. Kevin Rudd and H. E. Ma Ying-jeou in discussion while Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh listened intently to H. E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono’s sharing.

From Left: Tan Sri Tan Koon Swan, Chairman of Tungling Group, Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and Tan Sri Khoo Kay Peng, Chairman WCES Global Business Advisory Council, MUI Group & Laura Ashley

ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh presenting a memento to The Hon. Datuk Seri Ong Ka Chuan, Second Minister of International Trade and Industry (MITI)

The Hon. Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities chairing the Eminent Speakers Session with H. E. Shaukat Aziz, the former Prime Minister of Pakistan and H. E. Professor Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, the former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Thailand

H. E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono having a chat with The Hon. Datuk Seri Ir. Dr Wee Ka Siong whilst H. E. Ma Ying-jeou, Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and Dato’ Sri David Yeat looked on.
8th WORLD CHINESE ECONOMIC SUMMIT

The 8th World Chinese Economic Summit (WCES) was held between 16th and 17th November, 2016 at the Equatorial Hotel in Melaka, Malaysia. It was organised by ASLI in collaboration with the Melaka State Government. It brought together some 650 participants comprising former statesmen, state leaders, government officials, business leaders and academicians. Among the state leaders who attended the two-day summit were the Dato’ Seri Ong Ka Chuan, second minister of the Ministry of Industry and Trade (MITI), Malaysia; Datuk Seri Dr. Wee Ka Siong, Minister in the Prime Ministers’ Department, Malaysia; Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities; H.E. Kevin Rudd, Former Prime Minister of Australia; H.E. Dr Susilo Bambang Yudoyono, former President of Indonesia; H.E. Ma Ying-Jeou, former President of the Republic of China, Taiwan; Datuk Seri Utama Hj. Idris bin Haron, Chief Minister of Melaka and H.E. Shaukat Aziz, former Prime Minister of Pakistan.

Tan Sri Tan Koon Swan, Chairman of Tungling Group, Jason L. Ma, Founder, CEO & Chief Mentor of ThreeEQ Inc., Dr. Lee Oi Kum, Chairman of Barter/Xchange (S) Pte Ltd Cheri Ong, Chair & Founder of Asian Australian Foundation, Dato’ Dr. Jannie Chan, Senior Advisor & Co-Founder of The Glass Limited Lydia Kulik, Managing Director of Busines Council for Cooperation with Malaysia (Moscow Russia) Ch’ng Huck Theng President of CHTNetwork and Dr Giovanni Butera Founder & Chairman of The GAIA Project at the session on “Asian Family Business and Corporate Philanthropy”

ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh moderating the session on “Commemorating 25 Years of Dialogue Partners between China and ASEAN – Building Peace Harmony and Shared Prosperity” with HRH Prince Norodom Sirivudh, Founder & Chairman of Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP), Ambassador Delia Domingo Albert Senior Adviser, SGV & Co, Philippines, Jusuf Wanandi Senior Fellow and co-founder of Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Dr. Ying Yu, Associate Director, One Belt One Road (OBOR) Institute of Oxford University and Dr. Xiang Bing, Founding Dean & Professor of China Business and Globalization of Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business

Madam Ton-Nu-Thi Ninh President, HCMC Peace & Development Foundation & former Vice Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee, The National Assembly Vietnam chairing the session on “Europe-China-ASEAN Partnership” with The Hon. Prof K.C. Chan Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Hong Kong, Dr. Wang Huiyao Counsellor to State Council of China / President, Center for China and Globalization (CCG), and H.E. Maria Castillo Fernandez Ambassador/ Head of Delegation, European Union in Malaysia

Dr. Wilfred Wong President & COO, Sands China Limited & Chairman, Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC), Ng Kok Siong CEO, Sino-Singapore Guangzhou Knowledge City Investment & Development Co. Ltd, Edmond Yeo JP Former London Councillor and Dato’ Sri David Yeat Founder, Chairman & CEO of GD Group at the session on “Urbanisation, Property and Infrastructure Development – Building for the Future”.

Dr. Xiang Bing from Cheung Kong Graduate School of Business delivering his remarks whilst Mr. Steve Howard from The Global Foundation and Prof. John Wong from National University of Singapore looked on.

ASLI CEO Ms. Ng Yeen Seen moderating the session on “Business and Investment Opportunities in Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) and Melaka State Partnership for Shared Prosperity between China and IMT-GT” with Dato’ Nik Azman Nik Abdul Majid Deputy Director-General (Policy) of Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister’s Department, and Datuk Lim Sue Beng Invest Melaka Chief Representative to Jiangsu

Distinguished speakers and guests at the WCES Patron’s Gala Dinner

ASLI COO Ms. Ng Yeen Seen and Datuk Leanne Goh sealing the MoU between ASLI and the Star Media Group with a firm handshake during the Press Conference for the 8th WCES, witnessed by The Hon. Datuk seri Ir. Dr Wee Ka Siong, Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and distinguished quests.

ASLI COO Ms. Ng Yeen Seen with Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Leong Hoy Kum and Puan Sri Sulvian Leong
WCES LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Twelve key leaders from various countries were selected to receive the 8th WCEF Lifetime Achievement Awards. The recipients were:

- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Early Childhood Education:** YABhg. Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor, Wife of the Hon. Prime Minister of Malaysia
- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Global Entrepreneurship:** Mr. Guo Guangchang, Executive Director and Chairman of Fosun International Limited
- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Property Development:** Tan Sri Dato’ Sri Leong Hoy Kum, Group Managing Director Mah Sing Group Berhad
- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in the Food and Property Industry:** Datuk Goi Seng Hui (Sam Goi), Executive Chairman Tee Yih Jia Group and GSH Corporation
- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Global Entrepreneurship:** Dato’ Sri Dr. Vijay Eswaran, Executive Chairman, Qi Group / Member, World Economic Forum
- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Public Services:** Mr. Tanri Abeng, Chairman, PERTAMINA & Executive Centre for Global Leadership
- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Community and Government Leadership:** Mr. Pan Zhusheng, Zinan Village Committee
- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Regional Think Tanks:** Mr. Jusuf Wanandi, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees Centre for Strategic and International Studies Foundation Indonesia
- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Global Halal Industry:** Dato’ Seri Jamil Bidin, Chief Executive Officer Halal Industry Development Corporation Sdn Bhd
- **Lifetime Achievement Award for Leadership in Courier & Express Delivery Services:** Mr. Teong Teck Lean, Managing Director / Group Chief Executive Officer GD Express Carrier Bhd
- **Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalistic Excellence and Media Editorship:** Datuk Leanne Goh, Editor-in-Chief Star Media Group Berhad
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H.E. Kevin Rudd was conferred a special Benevolent Leadership Award by Tan Sri Lee Kim Yee for his contribution to the Chinese diaspora.

Tan Sri Michael, the CEO of ASLI, remarked that WCES is an internationally well recognised forum. With the launch of the One Belt One Road initiative (OBOR), it provides a strategic platform for business investment opportunities. In relation to that, WCES is a significant mechanism in supporting the implementation of OBOR.

With the reliable infrastructure development, Datuk Seri Utama Hj. Idris bin Haron, Chief Minister of Melaka described Melaka as a strategic place to invest, but also an attractive city in Asia Pacific for companies to set up their regional HQ. Offering quality healthcare services by multiple hospitals, Melaka is now becoming the choice for health tourists to enjoy affordable and quality healthcare services. With more property development to complete, a friendly city state with low-cost of living and political stability can be established.

In his speech, Dr. Wee Ka Siong, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department, is confident that through China’s One Belt, One Road initiative, Malaysia will be able to achieve its aim of becoming a high-income economy in 2020 by driving the country’s economy forward despite current economic setbacks. Immense opportunities will be created across virtually all employment sectors such as transportation, tourism, trade and education under the OBOR Initiative. As the gateway to Chinese investment in ASEAN, Malaysia can both serve and benefit from endless business opportunities. Our private sector-led economy and rules-based political environment allows Malaysia to play a strategic role in being a stepping-stone for Chinese investment throughout the region as a whole.

A dialogue of civilizations between East and West, was a critical foundation to tackling the challenges of the 21st century, from climate change to violent extremism. In his keynote address, H.E. Kevin Rudd, former Prime Minister of Australia, defined the importance of understanding the spirit of the region and its strategic future. It is called a Pax Pacifica, drawing on Western concepts as well as the Confucian doctrine of the middle way. According to him, neither the west, nor the east, nor any particular culture, has a monopoly over wisdom. In fact, the beginning of wisdom is to understand the wisdom of others. It is therefore critical that the world’s great civilizations and cultures remain open to dialogue between and among themselves. Just as it is critical, in an era of resurgent populism, isolationism, and protectionism not only within China but also another and one civilization from another. Moderation between extremes—a pragmatic synthesis of opposing viewpoints—may be the only road to sustainable regional peace, order and stability.

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H.E. Ma Ying-jeou, former president of the Republic of China Taiwan views foreign trade as the key to economic growth in East Asia. Taiwan has invested US $29 billion dollars in the ASEAN economy. There are many ways that ASEAN countries, order and stability. An effective, pan-region mechanism and policies. It is called a Pax Pacifica, drawing on Western concepts as well as the Confucian doctrine of the middle way. According to him, neither the west, nor the east, nor any particular culture, has a monopoly over wisdom. In fact, the beginning of wisdom is to understand the wisdom of others. It is therefore critical that the world’s great civilizations and cultures remain open to dialogue between and among themselves. Just as it is critical, in an era of resurgent populism, isolationism, and protectionism not only within China but also another and one civilization from another. Moderation between extremes—a pragmatic synthesis of opposing viewpoints—may be the only road to sustainable regional peace, order and stability. An effective, pan-region mechanism and policies.

The summit also expounded on how the partnership between Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle (IMT-GT) and Melaka State was able to accelerate private sector-led economic growth in the IMT-GT region by increasing trade and investment; increasing global exports; creating employment, educational, social and cultural opportunities in the IMT-GT region; and encouraging the private sector to play a leading role with support from the public sector.

With the rise of China one of the leading global powers, it also ought to address the issue of urbanisation and its global expansion. In this regard, there is a great need to look into sustainable solutions for development. This allows for heightened investment opportunities and improved infrastructure without compromising human health. Green technology helps urbanisation by providing sustainable solutions for development. With increased opportunities for investment, and ones that are mutually beneficial for all parties involved, recipients can focus on healthy lifestyles while experiencing rapid infrastructure development and growth. The international community can work together to become truly environmentally friendly via stronger business partnerships.

With the introduction of One Belt, One Road (OBOR) Initiative, the idea of technology, resource and financial sharing can be materialised. It changes the mode of cooperation. OBOR as a regional integration vision, can provide more opportunities for collaboration with alternative financing options. To successfully implement OBOR, there has to be very strong public and private partnerships. It is an initiative to promote the rejuvenation of China and the Chinese Dream. Perhaps the ambition must be upgraded, from not only rebuilding China and the Chinese Dream, but also the Belt and Road initiatives need to consider, namely, a) geopolitical landscapes b) differences of standards applied in institution c) finance d) the differences of development model and policies.
ASLI organised the 13th ASEAN Leadership Forum (ALF) that was held between 6th August and 7th August, 2016 at the Don Chan Hotel in Vientiane, Lao PDR, with the support of AXIATA as the title sponsor. The H.E. Dr Thongloun Sisoulith, Prime Minister of Lao PDR launched the event. It was attended by 300 delegates, mostly from the ASEAN region. The forum themed ASEAN Community: Enhancing Opportunities and Shared Prosperity discussed issues specific to a) Ways of Making the ASEAN Community Works b) Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and ASEAN c) Strengthening China-Hong Kong and ASEAN Partnership d) Mainstreaming Digital Transformation in ASEAN.

Among the key featured prominent state leaders who attended the ALF were Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Prime Minister of the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia, H. E. Mrs Khemmani Pholsena, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, H.E. Mr Gregory So, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Dato’ Sri Mustapa Mohamed, Minister of International Trade & Industry Malaysia, H.E. Dr. Than Myint, Minister of Commerce, Republic of the Union of Myanmar, H.E. Pan Sorasak, Minister of Commerce, Cambodia, H.E. Nguyen Cam Tu, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade, Vietnam, and ASEAN Secretary-General H.E. Le Luong Minh.

The ALF this year presented the ASEAN Lifetime Achievement Award to Samdech Techo Hun Sen, H.E. Daukong San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar, and YAB Dato’Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia for their contributions to the region. H.E. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was represented by the Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint to accept the award. On behalf of YAB Dato’ Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Ambassador Dato’ Than Tai Hing of the Malaysian Embassy in Lao PDR received the award.

In the speech of Dato’ Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia, read by Dato’Sri Mustapa Mohamed, this year’s ASEAN Leadership Forum (ALF) will help to define a roadmap for the future of ASEAN and that the deliberations at the ALF can be very useful inputs for the policy makers in ASEAN. With the realization of the AEC 2015 Community, he hopes ASEAN is more integrated and closely linked. It was also noted that through the AEC, there has been improved business environment and enhanced connectivity. In this regard, it would only be realistic for the business community to expect substantial removal of tariffs for intra-ASEAN trade; reduction to barriers to trade in services and investment; improved trade facilitation environment and enhanced connectivity.

Tan Sri Michael Yeoh, the CEO of ASLI, in his speech remarked the challenges faced by ASEAN. First, it was noted that ASEAN needs to ensure regional economic integration stays on track despite global economic uncertainty. Next, ASEAN needs to do more to promote inclusive and sustainable growth so that no group is marginalized or left behind. Thirdly, ASEAN needs a new strategic partnership between government, business and civil society to achieve the 17 sustainable development goals under the UN’s Agenda 2030. Fourthly, ASEAN needs to continue maintaining regional peace, security and stability amidst rising concerns and tensions, as well as growing terrorism worldwide. Fifthly, ASEAN must remain unified. ASEAN solidarity and centrality is essential in the light of geopolitical and geo-economic challenges. There is growing concern about ASEAN unity. There is a strong need to work together —government, business and civil society to achieve Vision 2025. The future of ASEAN depends on the 4I’s – Inclusiveness, Investment, Innovation and Infrastructure. Achieving the 4I’s will help achieve ASEAN Vision 2025.
H.E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith, the Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic remarked that ASEAN will commemorate its 50th anniversary next year. The ALF forum will thus, provide an excellent opportunity for ASEAN to take stock of the past achievements and to chart out the future direction. In looking back, ASEAN has made remarkable progress since its inception in 1967 with five founding members aimed at promoting peace and stability in the region. At the end of 2015, ASEAN has become an economic community and continued to actively enhance economic integration among the ten member states-turning ASEAN into a single market and production base with free movement of goods, services, investments, capital and skilled labour within the region. At the same time, ASEAN has also continued to expand economic cooperation with its external partners.

Samdech Techo Hun Sen, the Prime Minister of the Royal Kingdom of Cambodia underscored the importance of establishing a conducive environment for ASEAN to achieve an inclusive growth. This requires an equal distribution of resources at the national and regional levels. This can then contribute to shared prosperity. It is the responsibilities of each member states to identify key driving forces to ignite growth. He also reiterated that there can be no prosperity without peace and stability. ASEAN must strengthen its key role in regional and global governance. He reiterated the importance of members’ states to promote trade liberalisation as he recognised that investment in the regional and global governance. He reiterated the importance of members’ states to promote trade liberalisation as he recognised that investment in liberalisation is inadequate. There has to be adequate investment to promote stronger trade. Emphasis was also made to ensure both physical and people to people connectivity are mainstreamed into ASEAN’s master plans. Specifically, it was suggested that ASEAN members states are to invest more in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); to accelerate critical thinking and innovation through education re-structuring; development of social security systems for the aging communities; strengthen environmental protection and resource management; and to increase resources for natural disaster management and climate change.

In his speech, H.E. Mr. Gregory So, the Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region expressed Hong Kong’s commitment to establish strong relations with ASEAN. In 2015, ASEAN was Hong Kong’s second largest trading partner. Five of the ASEAN economies were among the top 20 trading partners of Hong Kong. Last year, the total value of merchandise trade between Hong Kong and ASEAN exceeded US$106 billion. This is bigger than Hong Kong-US trade or Hong Kong-EU trade. Hong Kong has close investment relations. Hong Kong is among the top investors in ASEAN. Hong Kong businessmen have stepped up their investments in Southeast Asia in the last 10 years, both in manufacturing and services. Reciprocally, ASEAN was the fifth major source of inward direct investment into Hong Kong. He believes that the economic ties between ASEAN and Hong Kong will further be strengthened, as the Hong Kong, China -ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (FTA) nears conclusion. The FTA would facilitate regional economic integration and to achieve shared prosperity for all in the region. The sooner the FTA initiative is in place, the better the business communities can enjoy the fruits of the seeds sown.

The ministerial roundtable panel underscored the importance of adopting a number of frameworks to guide the efforts of regional economic integration such as the framework for trade facilitation; food safety; access to finance for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. This includes the Strategic Action Plans for Trade in Goods, Services, Investment, Competition, Consumer Protection, Intellectual Property Rights, and Enhancing the Global Value Chain. It also emphasized the crucial need for the ASEAN member states to pro-actively implement the monitoring and evaluation (M & E) framework- that tracks the extent to which the AEC measures have been implemented but to also monitor on the impacts of their implementation on facilitating business activities. In the context of strong anti-globalisation sentiments, ASEAN needs to adopt an inclusive approach to help the micro, small and medium enterprises in all its member states. Greater investment in Micro Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME)’s must become an urgent priority of ASEAN’s development as it account for the largest number of enterprises operating in ASEAN.

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ASLI CEO AT BRUSSELS DIALOGUE HOSTED BY KING OF BELGIUM

Tan Sri Michael Yeoh was invited to attend the Brussels Dialogue hosted by His Majesty King Phillipe of Belgium and the Chairman of Asia Society Mr. Ronnie Chan. The Dialogue held in the Royal Palace in Brussels was held to promote closer Europe-US-Asia partnership. The Dialogue was attended by European Ministers, Arab Princes and leading Businessmen and thinkers from Europe, Asia and USA. Tan Sri was the only participant from Malaysia.

ASLI DELEGATION JOINS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN UN

Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh with his Majesty the King of Belgium

Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh with Prince Turki of Saudi Arabia

Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh with the Deputy Prime Minister Dato Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi

Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh with the Dato Seri Dr. Zahid Ahmad Hamidi and Dato’ Seri Mustaffar Ali Director General of Immigration at the UN cafe in New York

The ASLI team in the United Nations taking a wefie with the Deputy Prime Minister and his wife

ASLI’s CEO greeting the Secretary General of ASEAN at the UN
3rd WORLD MUSLIM LEADERSHIP FORUM > 5 - 6 OCTOBER 2016
Governance and Leadership in the Muslim World: The Way Forward for Peace, Security and Prosperity

A Special Luncheon Address was presented by YB Hajah Nancy Shukri, Minister in Prime Minister’s Department on behalf of Datin Paduka Seri Rosmah Mansor, Wife of the Prime Minister of Malaysia. The Minister emphasised the rights of women in the Muslim world, as the Qur’anic teaching that equal treatment amongst the sexes should carry over into economic development, honour and dignity, wealth and property, justice, social relationship and civil rights. The first parallel sessions discussed Muslim Contributions in the 21st Century, with one group discussing the future of Islamic Finance in Leading Ethical Banking and Insurance. The session was moderated by Dato’ Badlyiasyah Abdul Ghani, President of the Chartered Institute of Islamic Finance Professionals and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Lembaga Tabung Haji. Panel speakers include Mr. Daud Vicary Abdullah, President of the Chartered Institute of Islamic Finance Professionals and Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Lembaga Tabung Haji; Ms. Aasia Saail Khan, Director of Islamic Finance of Nigeria, President of the Women’s Wing Progressive Party of Maldives; Ms. Degan Ali, Executive Director of Adeso, Kenya; Ms. Misbah M. Sheikh, Chief, Partnership Division, UNRWA, Jordan; and Mr. Junaid Ahmed, Partner and Director of Murabbi Consulting. The session as moderated by Dr. Husna Ahmad OBE, Secretary-General of WMLF.

The other parallel session discussed the theme of Muslim Women Leading: The Important, Opportunities and Challenges, which was moderated by Dato’ Dr. Norraesh Binti Mohammar, Chairwoman of the WIEF Businesswomen Network and Executive Chairwoman, UK, M.E.G. Services Berhad. It featured panel speakers in the likes of Ms. Dunya Maumoon, President of the Women’s Wing Progressive Party of Maldives and Former Foreign Minister, Republic of Maldives; Ms. Aasia Saail Khan, Director Supply Chain at Schazzo Zaka Private Ltd and Board Member at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Ms. Degan Ali, Executive Director of Adeso, Kenya; Mr. Nuhjan Jahan, Chief Executive Officer, Faith Regen Foundation, UK; and Ms. Jihan Kaisi, Programs Director at URDA.

The second parallel session discussed two concurrent themes on Muslim Women in the 21st Century. One of the sessions featured a topic on Halal Products and Supply Chains for the Muslim Market. Panel speakers include Dato’ Seri Jamil Bidin, Chief Executive Officer of Halal Industry Development Corporation; Mr. Wan Latif Bin Wan Musa, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE); Dato’ Wan Mohd Fadzmi Wan Othman, President & Chief Executive Officer of Agrobank Malaysia; and Mr. Laurence Choool Poon Kheong, Chief Marketing Officer, AladdinStreet. Ms. Ng Yeen Seen, Chief Operating Officer of Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) & Senior Director, Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) moderated the session.

ASLI in partnership with Global One, organised the 3rd World Muslim Leadership Forum at Sunway Report Hotel and Spa from the 5th to 6th of October 2016 with the theme on Governance and Leadership in the Muslim World. This was the first time the forum was hosted outside of London, United Kingdom.

The forum began with a welcome dinner hosted by Dato’ Seri Mohamed Izqal Rawther, Chairman, World Muslim Leadership Forum (WMLF) on the night of 5th December 2016. The Forum proper took place the following day, commencing with the Leadership Keynote Panel discussing Governance and Leadership in the Muslim World, the way forward for peace, security, and prosperity. The session was moderated by Tan Sri Razali Ismail, Chairman of the Global Movement of Moderates Foundation, featuring panel speakers such as Dr. Saad Ali Shire, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Somaliland; Mallam Adamu Adamu, Minister of Education of Nigeria, Baroness Elizabeth Berridge of House of Lords, United Kingdom; and Dr. Mazalan Kamis, Chief Executive officer of Institute Darul Ridzuan.

The Opening Keynote Address was presented by YB Senator Dato’ Dr Asyraf Wajdi Bin Dato’ Dusuki, Deputy Minister in Prime Minister Department, on behalf of YAB Dato’ Sri Mohd Najib in Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia. The Senator stressed that that we must appreciate the diversity that exists among Muslims across different regions and cultural backgrounds and must help facilitate dialogue over borders and culture. Despite differences in religions, we are all human beings and have the same needs. Thus, solutions can be presented from the perspective of all human beings, regardless of religion.

Following the keynote, a Plenary Session took place which discussed the theme of Streiving Towards a Common Goal for the Ummah – developing global strategies for peace and progress. Panel speakers include Prof. Dr. M. Din Syamsuddin, Chairman of Advisory Council of Indonesian Council of Ulama and the former President Muhammadiyah; Dr. Chandra Muzaffar, President, Peace and Progress. Panel speakers include Prof. Dr. M. Din Syamsuddin, Chairman of Advisory Council of Indonesian Council of Ulama / former President Muhammadiyah, Ms. Jihan Kaisi, Programs Director at URDA.

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Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Michael Yeoh, CEO ASLI, YB Dato’ Hajah Nancy Binti Haji Shukri, Minister in PM Department, YBhg. Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Razman M. Hashim, Deputy Chairman, Sunway Group, Dato’ Seri Mohamed Izqal Rawther, Chairman, WMLF, Dr. Husna Ahmad OBE, Secretary General of WMLF/European Secretariat

Max Say, Tan Sri Desmond To (Aladdin Group), Puan Sri Susan Cheah, Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh, Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Razman M. Hashim, Deputy Chairman Sunway, YB Dato’ Hajah Nancy Binti Haji Shukri, Minister in PM Department, Dato’ Seri Mohamed Izqal Rawther, Baroness Elizabeth Berridge, Ms. Dunya Maumoon (President of the Women’s Wing Progressive Party of Maldives and Former Foreign Minister, Republic of Maldives), Regina Fabiny, Ms. Ng Yeen Seen

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The other parallel session discussed the theme of Muslim Women Leading: The Important, Opportunities and Challenges, which was moderated by Dato’ Dr. Norraesh Binti Mohammar, Chairwoman of the WIEF Businesswomen Network and Executive Chairwoman, UK, M.E.G. Services Berhad. It featured panel speakers in the likes of Ms. Dunya Maumoon, President of the Women’s Wing Progressive Party of Maldives and Former Foreign Minister, Republic of Maldives; Ms. Aasia Saail Khan, Director Supply Chain at Schazzo Zaka Private Ltd and Board Member at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Ms. Degan Ali, Executive Director of Adeso, Kenya; Mr. Nuhjan Jahan, Chief Executive Officer, Faith Regen Foundation, UK; and Ms. Jihan Kaisi, Programs Director at URDA.

The second parallel session discussed two concurrent themes on Muslim Women in the 21st Century. One of the sessions featured a topic on Halal Products and Supply Chains for the Muslim Market. Panel speakers include Dato’ Seri Jamil Bidin, Chief Executive Officer of Halal Industry Development Corporation; Mr. Wan Latif Bin Wan Musa, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE); Dato’ Wan Mohd Fadzmi Wan Othman, President & Chief Executive Officer of Agrobank Malaysia; and Mr. Laurence Choool Poon Kheong, Chief Marketing Officer, AladdinStreet. Ms. Ng Yeen Seen, Chief Operating Officer of Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) & Senior Director, Centre for Public Policy Studies (CPPS) moderated the session.
ASEAN: THE NEXT 50 YEARS - JOINT PROGRAMME WITH ASIA SOCIETY NEW YORK

ASLI in collaboration with Asia Society Policy Institute organised a discussion on "ASEAN: The Next 50 Years" at Asia Society and Museum in New York on 23 September 2016. Approximately 100 people from business, government, civil society and academia attended. The programme was moderated by the Honourable Kevin Rudd, President of the Asia Society Policy Institute and former Prime Minister of Australia.

Principal guests included HE Jusuf Kalla (Vice President of Indonesia); HE Rui Maria de Araujo (Prime Minister of Timor-Leste); HE Saleumxay Kommasith (Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic); Mr Daniel R Russel (Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the United States of America); and Mr Albert Chua (Second Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore).

Proceedings began with welcome and introduction from the co-hosts: The Honourable Kevin Rudd as President of the Asia Society Policy Institute and Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh as CEO of the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute.

Next was HE Saleumxay Kommasith’s keynote where he shared about ASEAN’s diversity and its member states commitment to enhancing mutual understanding and creating an environment conducive to cooperation and peace. He also highlighted Lao PDR’s commitment to the ASEAN theme under its chairmanship: “Turning vision into reality for a dynamic ASEAN Community”, as ASEAN Community building was a continuous process. In addition, he expressed confidence that the ASEAN Community would become stronger, and continue to maintain and promote peace and prosperity.

That was followed by a panel discussion comprising of HE Rui Maria de Araujo, Mr Daniel R Russel and Mr Albert Chua which was moderated by the Honourable Kevin Rudd. They discussed the main challenges for ASEAN moving forward, US’ support for ASEAN as well as Timor Leste’s aspiration to join ASEAN.

Mr Chua believed that the three main challenges for ASEAN in moving forward was to continue sustaining growth, trade and investment; continue dealing with terrorism and extremism; and continue maintaining ASEAN’s centrality and unity. Mr Russel highlighted US’ policies and programmes which supported connectivity in ASEAN, security partnerships, free trade arrangements, universal rights and rule of law advocacy, as well as counter-terrorism and extremism measures, whilst HE De Araujo shared about Timor Leste’s aspiration to join ASEAN and Timor Leste’s belief in multi-lateralism.

The programme concluded with a keynote by HE Jusuf Kalla, who spoke about the importance of friendship and relationship as the best means of defence, the unique cooperation in competition within ASEAN, as well as ASEAN’s priorities moving forward. He also shared his thoughts on the positive bilateral relationship between Indonesia and Timor Leste.
THE WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP SUMMIT & EXHIBITION

Impacting Agenda 2030, Transforming our Society & World > 22 AUGUST 2016

Inspired by Agenda 2030, ASLI organised its inaugural edition of the Women in Leadership Summit and Exhibition (WILSE). WILSE aimed to add value by enhancing the breadth and depth of conversations and seeking integrated solutions to advance women’s leadership, influence and impact.

More than 250 delegates from the private sector, government, civil society and academia attended WILSE, which was held on 22 August 2016 at Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa. It was supported by the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development (KPWKM), the National Council of Women’s Organisations (NCWO), and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). There were also more than 20 exhibitors, including Pfizer, Maybank Group, Sunway Group, Ecoworld, Dell, Human Resources Development Fund (HRDF), Malaysian Institute of Management (MIM), PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Social Security Organisation (PERKESO), Women’s Aid Organisation (WAO), All Women’s Action Society (AWAM), The Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW) and more, who showcased their initiatives in advancing the women leadership, influence and impact agenda.

The Summit featured a packed programme, beginning with the first plenary titled “Impactful Dialogue: Leading the national response to SDG’s Goal 5 on achieving gender equality and empowering women” which featured Ms Marianne Clark-Hattingh (UNICEF Representative, Malaysia), Ms Nora Abdul Manaf (Group Chief Human Capital Officer, Maybank), and Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh (CEO/Director, ASLI). It was moderated by Prof Emerita Tan Sri Dr Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan Shahabudin (President, NCWO). Pfizer Malaysia’s sharing of its success in nurturing women employees followed.

At the Opening Ceremony, Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh and Prof Emerita Tan Sri Dr Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan Shahabudin warmly welcomed the delegates and thanked all sponsors and supporting organisations. YB Dato’ Sri Rohani Abdul Karim (Minister of Women, Family and Community Development) delivered the Ministerial Keynote, where she discussed the SDGs at length and highlighted Malaysia’s policies for gender equality and empowerment. YB Dato’ Sri Rohani Abdul Karim also witnessed the signing of an MOU between ASLI and NCWO, represented by Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh and Prof Emerita Tan Sri Dr Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan Shahabudin respectively, and presented the Workplace Gender Equality Award 2016 to Pfizer (Diversity and Women Inclusion), Maybank Group (Empowering Women), Ecoworld (Work Life Balance), Dell (Women Talent Pipeline), Sunway Group (Workplace Flexibility and Support), as well as to Ms Nora Abdul Manaf and Ms Azwar Kamarudin (Beacons of Light).
Next was the second plenary titled “Crucial Conversation: Pushing strategies and action plans for equal opportunities and greater female participation” with Tan Sri Zarinah Anwar (Co-Chairman, 30% Club) moderating Puan Sri Prof Dr Jamilah Ariffin (President, APFF), Dato’ Abdul Aziz Abu Bakar (Executive Director, MINDA), Ms Lydia Anne Abraham (CEO, LeadWomen), and Dato’ J. Palaniappan (Managing Director, Satake Technologies). Maybank’s sharing of its success in catering to the needs of women employees followed.

YABhg Tun Jeanne Abdullah (Chancellor, Open University Malaysia) joined the Luncheon Programme to deliver a keynote centred on advancing women in leadership in line with Malaysia’s national goals, and took the opportunity to call on women to become an inspiration to others.

Track sessions took place after lunch. Track Alpha focused on business and entrepreneurship while Track Omega focused on civil society and media. Track Alpha 1 titled “Turning barriers into ladders in your career” featured Ms Jasmin Peters (Director, PwC Consulting Associates) moderating Datuk Dr Hafsah Hashim (CEO, SME Corp), Mr Phil Smith (CEO, Zurich Insurance), Ms Chong Chye Neo (MD, IBM Malaysia), and Ms Wan Yon Shahima Wan Othman (COO, HRDF). Tack Alpha 2 titled “Innovating entrepreneurism: being a trailblazer” featured Ms Karthi Kamalud Ariffin (Director, IM4U Radio) moderating Dato’ Dr Jessie Tang (Founder and Group CEO, East West One Group), and Ms Fione Tan (President and CEO, eOneNet.com). Track Omega 1 titled “Pushing the envelope in service to society” featured Ms Ng Yeen Seen (COO, ASLI) moderating Ms Mary Shanti Dairiam (Founding Director, IWRAW Asia Pacific), HE Victoria Treadell (British High Commissioner to Malaysia), Ms Rozana Isa (Executive Director, SIS), and Ms Sunita Bisan (Social Innovator, Pentajaya). Track Omega 2 titled “Broadening influence: championing change and creating tailwinds” featured Ms Jenny Wong (Principal, Korn Ferry) moderating Datuk Wong Sai Wan (COO, Redberry), Ms Noelle Lim Li Jek (Director, Entrepreneurs Edge), and Ms Freda Liu (Producer, BFM 89.9).

Thereafter, Sunway shared its success in cultivating Gen-Y women employees. The Summit concluded with the third plenary, which was a lightning session to end concretely by getting participants to briefly share on “How can I be the change that I wish to see?” Ms Tessie Lim (Founder and CEO, World Centre of Personal Excellence) moderated.
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Tan Sri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah AO presenting a memento to H. E. Tun Datuk Seri Utama Mohd Khalil bin Yaakob whilst The Rt Hon. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Hj. Idris bin Hj. Haron, H. E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, H. E. Ma Ying-jeou and H. E. Shaukat Aziz looked on

H. E. Kevin Rudd, H. E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, Tan Sri Lee Kim Yew and Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh listening to interesting discussion

H. E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, H. E. Kevin Rudd and Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh at the WCES Welcome Dinner hosted by State Government of Melaka

H. E. Datuk Seri Utama Ir. Hj. Idris bin Hj. Haron having a light chat with H. E. Ma Ying-jeou whilst H. E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh looked on

Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and Ms. Ng Yeen Seen with distinguished speakers at the Patron’s Gala Dinner of WCES

Prof. K C Chan and Tan Sri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah AO arriving at the WCES

(L-R) Janet How, Ng Yeen Seen, Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh, Dr. Wang Huiyao, Dr. Mabel Miao and Max Say

Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and Founder & Group CEO of East West One Group Dato’ Dr. Jessie Tang with ASLI Team

Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and Ms. Ng Yeen Seen with ASLI team: Kamala, Zaiton, Elaine Kok, Lynda Lim, Voon Zhen Yi, Benjamin Rissler, Jessica Hap, Janet How, Jordan Heng and Curtis Sagwete

CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and Raymond Yip, Deputy Executive Director of Hong Kong Trade Development Council
ALF PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic H. E. Dr. Thongloun Sisoulith with ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and ASLI COO Ng Yeen Seen

ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh met and greeted H. E. Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister of Royal Kingdom of Cambodia

ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and COO Ng Yeen Seen with Ambassador Ong Keng Yong and Ambassador Pradap Pibulsonggram

ASLI COO Ng Yeen Seen with Prof. Dr. Suthiphand Chirathivat, Executive Director of ASEAN Studies Center and Chairman of Chula Global Network, Mr. Aung Soe, Director General of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organisation, Ministry of Commerce of Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Datuk Dr. Denison Jayasooria.

ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh and COO Ng Yeen Seen with Ambassador Ong Keng Yong moderating the “MINISTERIAL ROUNDTABLE: Leading ASEAN Towards 2025 - Making ASEAN Community Work” with H. E. Ramon Lopez, Secretary of Department of Trade and Industry, Philippines and H. E. Nguyen Cam Tu, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade of Vietnam

ASLI Senior Advisor Special Projects Jean Wong and ASLI Chief Partnership Officer Max Say with Dato’ Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor, Dato’ Sri Desmond To and Saffura Chinniah from Axiata Group Berhad

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Tan Sri Dr. Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, ASLI Chief Partnership Officer Max Say, Dato’ Sri Desmond To, Co-Founder & President of Aladdin Group, Mr George Yeo, Chairman of Kerry Logistics Hong Kong and former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, Dato’ Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor and Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh

Alexander Wan, Tan Sri Dr. Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, Senior Fellow of ERIA, Tan Sri Dato’ Dr. Michael Yeoh, H. E. Gregory So, Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development of The Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and H. E. Ambassador Yang Xuiping, Secretary-General of ASEAN-China Centre, Beijing

ASLI COO Ng Yeen Seen presenting a memento to Dato’ Dr. Sheikh Muszaphar Shukor

ASLI CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh with Mr. George Yeo former Singapore Foreign Minister and Chairman of Kerry Logistics

Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh, Ng Yeen Seen and Max Say together with ASLI and Lao National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI) teams
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The first session of the summit featured a CEO’s Roundtable where they discussed the current condition of the property and housing market as well as it prospects. The session was moderated by Datuk Seri Fateh Iskandar Mohamed Mansor, President of the Real Estate Housing Developers Association (REHDA) / Group Managing Director / CEO, Glomac Berhad. Overall, the panel did not view the entire situation as doom and gloom, but as a period of adjustment. This requires property developers and buyers to be wise and provide for the short-term needs for long-term sustainability by putting up the right products. However, cost conditions and regulatory restrictions have slowed property sales. The panel also identified an emerging market in the distant future for aged-care facilities.

The next session featured a summit debate on the future outlook and challenges of the housing and property sector. Dato’ Jeffrey Ng, CEO of Sunway REIT and former President of REHDA moderated the session. Panel members comprised Ms. Malathi Thevendren, Executive Director of Jones Lang Wootton; Mr. Allan Soo, Managing Director of Savilla Malaysia Sdn Bhd; and Dato’ Seri Michael Yam, Immediate Past President of REHDA and CEO of Impetus Partnership Sdn Bhd. They agreed that there is positive outlook for the future growth of the housing and property industry and identified that the current stagnation in the market was due to restricted loan approvals. They believe that the situation will change as soon as loan conditions are relaxed.

The following session discussed new strategies that should be adopted by the industry and revitalising the housing and property industry. Moderating the session was Tengku Datu’ Ab. Aziz Tengku Mahmud, President of International Real Estate. Panel members comprised Datuk Ng Seing Liong, Past President of REHDA; Mr. Siva Shanker, Immediate Past President of the Malaysian Institute of Estate Agent and Head of Investment of Axis REIT Managers Berhad; Dr. Daniele Gambero, Chief Executive Officer & Co-founder, REI Group of Companies; and Mr. Sarkunam Subramaniam, Managing Director of Knight Frank Malaysia Sdn Bhd. During this session, there was much emphasis on IBS as a solution for cost reduction. Developers...
there was much emphasis on IBS as a solution for cost reduction. Developers also needed to change their strategies to come up with more viable ways to provide potential home owners with financial means. This ended the first day of the summit.

The second day of the summit began with a special briefing and update on Iskandar, an area that contributes 71% to the Johor economy. The session was moderated by Mr. Anwar Syahrin Abdul Ajab, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of UEM Sunrise Berhad. Panel members include Ms. Suhailly Abdul Hamid, Head of Social Development of Iskandar Regional Development Authority (IRDA); Mrs Saleha Yusoff, Director, Consulting and Research Department of DTZ Nawawi Tie Leung Sdn Bhd; and Dr. Gerard Kno, Chief Marketing Officer, Medini Iskandar Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

The next session focused on investing in property during uncertain times and market instability. The moderator for the session was Mr. Foo Gee Jen, Managing Director of CBRE | WTW. Panel members comprise Mr. Ismahel Ho, Chief Executive Officer, Ho Chin Soon Research Sdn Bhd; and Ms Veena Loh, Associate Director of Research & Consultancy, JLL Property Services (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. During the session, panel members highlighted the growing prospects brought about by public transportation services and the High Speed Rail connecting Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

A session was dedicated to discuss challenges with affordable housing which was moderated by Mr. Richard Ng, Chief Executive Officer, Property of GD Holdings. Panel speakers include Dato’ Dr. SR. Kamarul Rashdan Salleh, Chief Operating Officer of Pembinaan BLT Sdn Bhd and Former President of Syarikat Perumahan Negara (SPNB); Dato’ Abdul Mutalib Alias, Chief Executive Officer of Prima; Puan Hajah Norita Mohd Sidek, Senior Manager, Corporate Planning & Transformation Managing Director of Senior Manager, Corporate Planning & Transformation Managing Director of Andaman Property Management; and Ms. Norzatun Ainu Mohd Kassim, Executive Director of Seangkor Housing & Property Board. They agreed that with demand for affordable housing on the rise, developers need to start rethinking their approach in property development. This includes greater emphasis on the urban areas, reducing costs and more involvement of the local authorities in development.

The following session discussed focused on Connectivity and Transit-oriented Development, which discussed changing the property landscape with mass rapid transportation. The session was moderated by Ms. Y.Y. Lau, Country Head and Director of JLL Property Services (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. The panel comprised Mr. Ho Chin Soon, Director of Ho Chin Soon Research Sdn Bhd; and Mr. Elvin Fernandez, Managing Director of Khong & Jasfar Sdn Bhd. Here, panel members gave their assessment and predictions of where train stations and lines will potentially be, which may significantly improve prospects for these areas.

The final session of the summit talked about success strategies in township development. Mr. Richard Ng, Chief Executive Officer, Property of GD Holdings moderated the session once again. Panel speakers include Datin Adilia Lay Ying, Managing Director of Research Inc (Asia) Sdn Bhd; and Dato’ Wan Hashimi Albakri Jaffri, Chief Operating Officer, Sime Darby Property; and Puan Siti Mariam Mohd Desa, Head of Corporate Strategy of Setia Haruman Sdn Bhd, who shared their own strategies to township development, which essentially focused on the quality of living by providing the necessary services and ensuring a locations potential for growth.

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The third session was moderated by Professor Leong Choon Heng, Deputy Director, Jeffrey Sachs Centre for Sustainable Development, Sunway University which talked about Sustainability Best Practices – Sharing Best Practises and Success Stories. Panel members include Ms. Natasha Yap, Associate Director – Consulting, PwC Consulting Services (M) Sdn Bhd; Dr. Thomas S.K. Tang, Director, Sustainability, Asia, AECOM; and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Zamura Zainon Noor, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Chemical and Natural Resources Engineering, University Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), Johor. They highlighted the importance of creating greater awareness and understanding, the need for leadership from the top and long term thinking is required, the need to measure and report tangible results, and that one cannot do it alone. Collaborations and public-private partnerships are necessary as they help build credibility. There is also a need to embed SDGs into organisational core values and to create sustainability-focused best practices.

The Keynote Address was presented by Y.B. Dato’ Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, the Minister of Natural Resources and Environment. The honourable minister also spoke about the SDGs on how they can help to identify future business opportunities, enhance the value of corporate social responsibility (CSR) and to stabilise the market and societies. He believes that partnership with the civil societies and integration can play an important role in implementation of the SDG to achieve 2030 development agenda. He welcomes proposals for an integrated approach covering integration of the business markets; providing seamless connectivity; financial cooperation to close infrastructure gaps; and through a public-private partnership approach to address shared vulnerabilities, such as natural disasters and financial food and energy insecurity. Dato’ Sri Dr. Junaidi believed that this approach can present us with new opportunities to sustain their dynamism by unlocking the government, business and civil societies’ complementarities, building on national strengths to create shared prosperity.
THE 17th NATIONAL HUMAN RESOURCES SUMMIT
Towards People-Centricity: Reimagining HR, Redesigning Organisations > 12 AUGUST 2016

On 12th August 2016, ASLI organised the 17th National Human Resources Summit with the theme of “Towards People-Centricity: Reimagining HR, Redesigning Organisations” at Hotel Istana Kuala Lumpur. Approximately 100 HR professionals and senior executives from the public and private sectors converged to learn from each other and to form strategic partnerships for furthering the latest trends in the people agenda as well as aligning it with their organisation’s strategic business objectives.

In the welcoming remarks, Tan Sri Dato’ Dr Michael Yeoh, CEO and Director of ASLI warmly welcomed everyone and shared some insights on the emerging trends as well as key challenges that HR will need to address over the next few years.

The summit was divided into five sessions, with the last being a workshop. The first session entitled “Leveraging Talents to Future-Proof Your Organisation” was moderated by Associate Professor Dr Rohayu Abdul Ghani of UKM. The panelists comprised Ms. Choong Sulynn, Group Chief Capital Officer of Maybank; Mr Anthony Raja Devadoss, Vice President APAC of Kelly OCG; Dr Cheryl Toth from Smarter Workforce of IBM; and Dr Souji Gopalakrishna Pillai from ELM Business School of HELP University. Highlights from their discussions included the notion that chaos is normal as quick access to information influences behaviour and expectations, and the use of predictive analytics to support better decisions as well as the innovative use of data to empower people.

In the second session on “HR Becoming the Driving Force of Corporate Strategies and Results”, Mr Yong Kit San of Cubiks Malaysia moderated the discussions. Mr John Lim from Smarter Workforce of IBM shared about the interrelationship between business matrixes and people matrixes. Mr Michael Lee, General Manager of HR and Administration from MKH felt that HR must deliver practices and programmes that have direct and sustainable impact on the company, using numbers as the backbone while Ms Nadiah Tan Abdullah, HR Director of Experian Global Development Centre Malaysia believed that HR has evolved from a transactional function to a strategic function requiring systemic thinking.

“Extending Career Pathways to Propel Your Organisation Forward” was the third topic. Tengku Azian Shahriman of PEMANDU moderated the discussions with Dr Thomas Thornborrow, Director of Partnership Development of Lancaster University; Mr Lim Kah Cheng, Chief of Corporate Services of HRDF and Dato’ J. Palaniappan, Managing Director of Satake Technologies. The key points raised were about changing mindsets from seeing KPIs as targets to seeing KPIs as indicators that help people to improve; the need for career development programmes to be relevant; and the importance of an integrated talent development system that understands and reconciles organisational needs with individuals’ needs.

The next session on “Maximising Total Reward Value for Your People and Your Business” was moderated by Mr Mohd Azman Sulaiman of Korn Ferry International. The panel comprised Datuk Shamsuddin Bardan, Executive Director of Malaysian Employers Federation; Mr Andrew Ng, Director of HR of Fonterra; Ms Wan Mei Ling, Country Rewards Lead of NXP Malaysia; and Mr Wan Ezrin Sazli Wan Zahari, Head of People of AirAsia and AirAsia X. They shared about the various options available today and the crucial need of communicating them to employees as well as setting the mindset right that such options are not their rights (i.e. must be earned), the lack of legislative recognition for today’s C&B options, and the importance of a governance structure to educate and support managers as well as ensure transparency.

The summit concluded with a workshop on “Elevating Employee Engagement through Positive Psychology” facilitated by Ms Choong Sulynn of Perspective Strategies. She shared that positive psychology was about helping people to flourish, and makes good business sense by making people more productive, more creative, more thoughtful, more energetic and less inclined to take sick days. She engaged the participants to consider the number of disengaged people in their organisations and what was most irritating about those people, then offered suggestions to address them and to build psychological capital that can be used in future.
ASLI organised its 21st Malaysian Capital Market Summit with the theme “Beyond Boundaries, Soaring Higher” on 1st November 2016 at Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur. This Annual Series of Malaysian Capital Market Summits, a landmark programme of the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) aims to provide timely and reliable information and analysis to investors and market players. It is a high-level gathering of industry players, fund managers, investment analysts and research houses to feel the pulse of the Malaysian market, as well as to assess future strategic challenges and opportunities.

The Deputy Chief Executive, Securities Commission Malaysia Dato’ Ahmad Fairuz Zainol Abidin delivered the Opening Address. Dato’ Fairuz mentioned that the fundamentals in the Malaysian capital market placed us in a good position to weather the storm and hence despite the challenges and volatility in global markets, the Malaysian capital market has remained relatively resilient. He said, as at September 2016, the overall size of the capital market stood at RM2.85 trillion, a slight increase from RM2.82 trillion in December 2015. Equity market capitalization stood at RM1.68 trillion whereas the bond and sukuk market expanded to RM1.17 trillion.

Dato’ Fairuz further added that to further develop the capital market, several initiatives were recently announced in the 2017 Budget. These include the introduction of Small and Mid-Cap PLC Research Scheme to promote more trading vibrancy and liquidity in this sector, as well as the establishment of a special investment funds with RM3 billion allocations from Government-Linked Investment Companies to be managed by external fund managers for investment in the small and mid-cap segment. These initiatives are expected to increase greater investor interest, enhance diverse investment strategies in the capital market and create better value recognition of small and mid-cap companies.

The Minister of Finance II, Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani delivered the Luncheon and Ministerial Keynote Address on “Overcoming Economic Challenges, Enhancing Market Confidence: The Way Forward After Budget 2017”. The Minister said that some 65% of the additional RM20bil income from the additional sales and service tax imposed on imported goods and services tax (GST) implementation over the past one-and-a-half years came from taxes imposed on imported goods and services. This proves that the introduction of the GST has been a success in addressing the inefficiencies of the previous taxation structure. The previous sales and service tax was not efficient and some businesses did not pay tax to the Government. Note tat from the additional RM20bil in income, we are actually collecting from the same companies and business entities. Now they have no choice but to declare the products, he said.

Some of the speaker featured at the summit were Mr. Rajiv Biswas, Asia Pacific Chief Economist, IHS Market; Mr. P.K. Basu, Founder and Chief Economist, REAL-Economics.com; Mr. Nurhisam Hussein, Head of the Economics and Capital Markets Department, EPP; Dato’ Yusli Mohamed Yussoff, President, MICA; Mrs. Lya Rahman, General Manager, Corporate Services, MSWG; Dato’ Badiysiah Abdul Ghani, Founding President, Chartered Institute of Islamic Finance Professionals; Mr. Ahmad Shahriman Mohd Shariff, Director of Wholesale Banking, HSBC Amanah Malaysia; Mrs. Sheila Halim, CEO, Amanah Mutual Berhad; Tuan Syed Alwi Sultan, Head of Corporate Services, minority shareholders watchdog group (MSWG); Dato’ Ahmad Fairuz Zainol Abidin, Deputy Chief Executive, Securities Commission Malaysia; Dato’ Wan Kamaruzaman Wan Ahmad, CEO, Retirement Fund Incorporated KWAP (at rostrum) with Dato’ Dr. Mohd Nazri Khan Adam, Senior Associate Director / Head of Retail Research, Affin Hwang Investment Bank; Dato’ Yusli Mohamed Yussoff President, Malaysian Institute of Corporate Governance (MICG) delivering his presentation with panel speakers Mrs. Lya Rahman General Manager, Corporate Services, MSWG and Dr. Nurmazilah Dato’ Mahzan (Moderator), CEO of Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA).

Topics discussed ranged from The Economic and Market Outlook: What to Expect in 2017? What Can Go Wrong? What Are The Prospects Ahead?; Corporate Governance Debate – What is New? Where are We At? What Can Be Improved?; Islamic Capital Market and Wealth Management: Growth Opportunities; and Strengthening Capital & Financial Markets and Boosting the Bond and Equity Market.
**3rd Sarawak Business & Investment Summit**

**Towards 2020: Accelerating Growth and Development**

YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr. Hj. Adenan Salem, Chief Minister of Sarawak (5th from the right) with YB Dato' Sri Hj Fadillah Hj Yusof, Minister of Works Malaysia to the left and Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh to the right, and some of the sponsors and guests.

ASLI organised the 3rd Sarawak Business & Investment Summit themed “Towards 2020: Accelerating Growth and Development” on 20th October 2016 at the Merdeka Palace Hotel and Suites in Kuching. Supported by Siemens Malaysia, Press Metal Berhad, Sarawak Energy Berhad, Ta Ann Holdings Berhad, Regional Corridor Development Authority (RECODA), and Bintulu Port, the Summit was attended by just over 200 delegates.

The Summit began with a ministerial keynote followed by panel discussions on the topic of “Advancing Human Capital, the Cornerstone of Growth”. Dr Mohd Gazali Abas, the Deputy Secretary-General of Operations delivered the ministerial keynote on behalf of YB Dato’ Sri Richard Riot Jaem, Minister of Human Resources Malaysia. The keynote emphasised on developing Sarawak’s human capital as enabler not only for economic growth but also for rural-urban development, environmental conservation and other aspects critical to holistic development. The ensuing panel discussion with Ms Kartina Abdul Latif (PwC), Datuk Abang Hj Abdul Karim Tun Abang Hj Openg, YB Dato’ Sri Hj Fadillah Hj Yusof, and Mr Lim Kah Cheng (HRDF) centred on the need to involve all stakeholders in the development of human capital to ensure a strong value chain that would be able to support growth.

Thereafter, YB Dato’ Sri Hj Fadillah Hj Yusof, Minister of Works Malaysia delivered his ministerial keynote stressing on Sarawak’s Socio-Economic Transformation Plan. It was moderated by Datuk Seri Azman Ujang, Chairman of BERNAMA.

The Opening Ceremony took place immediately after. Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh, CEO of ASLI in his welcome remarks encouraged the business community to partner with the state government, which has set out a clear strategic vision, to move Sarawak forward as the true example of 1Malaysia. YAB Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Dr Hj Adenan Hj Satem, Chief Minister of Sarawak delivered the Opening Keynote Address entitled “Advancing Sarawak after the State Elections: Key Challenges and Priorities”. He elaborated on the need for greater connectivity, infrastructure development and human capital development to support the State’s goal of attracting more foreign investment to further develop economically and socially.

The panel discussion on “Enhancing Infrastructure and Connectivity, the Lifeblood of Development” followed with YB Dato’ Sri Richard Riot Jaem, Minister of Public Utilities Sarawak delivering a keynote emphasising on the provision of affordable energy to accelerate development before joining the panel comprising Tan Sri Datuk Amar Wilson Baya Dandot (RECODA), Datuk Torstein Sjotveit (Sarawak Energy), Dato’ Paul Koon (Press Metal), Mr Prakash Chandran (Siemens Malaysia), Mr Aaron Toh (Sarawak Cable), Ms Jill Chiang (Sarawak Shell), and Ms Rashidah Othman (MIDA) in more in-depth discussions on enhancing capabilities within SCORE to meet demands of high technology and high-value-added industries.

Titled “Enchanting Sarawak, the Treasure Trove of Excitement”, the following session was moderated by YB Datuk Talib Zulpilip (Assistant Minister of Tourism Sarawak and Chairman of Sarawak Tourism Board). Discussions with Mr Eric van Piggelen (Borneo Convention Centre Kuching), Mr Philip Yong (Sarawak Tourism Federation) and Mr Dylan Redas Noel (Sarawak Convention Bureau) focused on sustainability as a key consideration in the development of Sarawak’s tourism industry.

The final session featuring Datu Lai Kui Fong (Department of Agriculture Sarawak), Dr Fadhillah Suhaimi Abdul Malek (PEMANDU), Mr Mohammad Tony Ong Abdullah (Agrobank) and Mr Chai Kui Shin (Bayer Co. Malaysia) was on “Modernising Agriculture, Delivering Better Value Sustainably”. They brought attention to the private sector’s efforts in modernising agriculture in the interiors of Sarawak as well as financing support to not only SMEs but also micro enterprises.
ASLI WINS 3 TENDERS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADVISORY SERVICES

The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI) is proud to announce that it has been awarded three (3) tenders to provide International Trade Advisory Services.

ASLI has been on 22 September 2016 by the GWE Business West Ltd (Business West), a local delivery partner for the UK Department for International Trade (DIT) primarily delivering export support solutions to businesses in the South West of England.

Under the EU-European Regional Development Fund, the Export for Growth project supports SMEs in the South West of England (Gloucestershire, Swindon & Wiltshire, Somerset, Devon) and West of England (Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire), Dorset, Cornwall & Isles of Scilly.

A key component of the project is a new support programme titled Extend your Global Reach which is focused on supporting selected SME’s to enter four high growth markets - Latin America, China, South East Asia and India, of which ASLI is to provide international trade advisory services for thirty-six (36) SMEs in seven (7) countries across South East Asia, namely Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Myanmar.

On 19 October 2016, ASLI won a tender bid by the Bahrain Economic Development Board (EDB) to provide a fully functional International Office (IO) overseas consultancy covering four (4) sectors in a) Tourism; b) Manufacturing, Transportation and Logistics; c) Financial Services; d) Information, Communications and Technology in Singapore and Malaysia. ASLI is to assist in promoting Bahrain in Singapore and Malaysia as a business location, and to strengthen the EDB’s effort in attracting inward direct investment in those countries.

On 27 October 2016, ASLI won a tender bid by Invest Hong Kong (InvestHK) to provide consultancy services to the HK Government to assist in promoting Hong Kong in Malaysia and Indonesia as a business location and to strengthen the Government’s effort in attracting inward direct investment from Malaysia and Indonesia.

INVEST HONG KONG BELT AND ROAD SEMINAR

Mr. Jimmy Chiang, Associate Director General of Invest Hong Kong with the CEO of Matrade, Dato' Dzulkifli Mahmud and CEO of ASLI, Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh

The Invest Hong Kong and ASLI team at the Seminar and Luncheon on Hong Kong

3RD SARAWAK BUSINESS & INVESTMENT SUMMIT

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THE 21ST MALAYSIAN CAPITAL MARKET SUMMIT

(L-R) Mr. Rajiv Biswas Senior Director & Asia Pacific Chief Economist, IHS Markit, Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam, Director of ASLI, Mr. P.K. Basu Founder and Chief Economist, REALEconomics.com, Mr. Nurhisham Hussein Head, Economics and Capital Markets, Employees Provident Fund (EPF)
On December 3rd, 2016 ASLI together with the Association of Voices of Peace, Conscience and Reason (PCORE), the Parent Action Group for Education Malaysia (PAGE), G25, Nation Building School, Malaysian Invention and Design Society (MINDS), and the Inter-faith Spiritual Fellowship Malaysia (INSAf), organised a community engagement forum, called Dialog Rakyat for National Cohesion and Unity. The dialogue was held at University Malaya Alumni Clubhouse (PAUM) with more than 100 participants in attendance.

The purpose of the event was to establish a common platform to address issues concerning rampant polarising rhetoric disrupting national cohesion and threatens national unity. Dialog Rakyat also sought to develop a Code of Ethical Conduct using the Smart Partnership framework ethos based on respect, trust, transparency and tolerance, as well as practice which is to provide constructive engagement for beneficial outcome to all stakeholders. The smart partnership principles are engendered through continuous smart engagement of stakeholders that encourages synergetic qualities in discussion, recognising differences and respecting others' opinion.

Dialog Rakyat’s first initiative brought together like-minded people irrespective of politics, culture and religion. The event featured three sessions by several panel speakers including Tan Sri Omar Abdul Rahman, Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh, Mr Zain Mohzani, Tan Sri Dr Asiah Abu Samah, Tan Sri Sheriff Mohd Kassim, YAM Tunku Zain Al Abidin Muhriz, Dr Amir Farid Isahak, Datin Noor Azimah Abdul Rahim, Mr Mohd Ridzal Sheriff, Ms Fui K. Soong, and Mr Ragunath Kesavan. The session was moderated by Datuk Dr. Ahmed Tasir bin Lope Pihie, Ms Ng Yeen Seen, and Dato’ Halimah Mohd Said respectively.

The session found that politics is the biggest divisive factor threatening national unity, therefore requiring politicians to be more sensitive of the feelings of other races in their remarks. Strategic intervention from government leaders are needed to stop extremist speeches and inflammatory remarks. Another primary cause of threats to unity is differences in socio-economic background, which creates discontent. This is worsened by the lack of accountability and transparency which open doors to extremism, conspiracy theories, and spin doctors that hamper national cohesion and unity. Therefore, there is a need to practice good governance by restoring independent authority to legislative, executive and judiciary. The young, regardless of their education background, have similar goal which is to inspire others and glorify Malaysia with their talents, pushing the boundaries in creating awareness and promoting social good in this country. Malaysia had intended to be a multiracial country but distrust, disrespect, resentment, segregation and segmentation between the Malays/Muslims and others have impeded national unity. Intolerance, economic disparity, and the special status of Islam have also affected non-Muslims directly or indirectly.

There needs to be a push towards total equality, which include religion, age, class, sexual orientation, gender expression. This approach can be incubated daily in school where children can learn to trust one another’s actions, rather than stereotypes as it is important for children to learn the basis of democracy in practice and theory in order to be good global citizens who do not discriminate. The role of the Rukunegara must be given greater emphasis as it has never been taught and learned in depth in schools and places of learning. New strategies are needed to internalise the Rukunegara through smart partnership as well as developing new approaches in teachings. The public sector needs to be adaptable to change and be acceptable of doing things with a more progressive mindset. Professionals need to speak out so that the issue can be seen from different perspectives. There is a lack of “multi-religious generosity” in an increasingly conservative Islamic space.

After the presentation from panel speakers, roundtable discussions took place within each individual table, giving the opportunity to all participants to air their views. All consensus findings and feedback were then incorporated into the Code of Ethical Conduct for National Cohesion and Unity. Among highlighted items in the Code include to promote civic nationalism and education system emphasising civility and national unity; promote activities that nurture civility, harmony, national cohesiveness and unity at all levels of society; promote inter-faith understanding; promote business ethics and integrity; taking ownership for our own actions; be socially responsible in our daily lives; promote volunteerism; respect the Federal Constitution and uphold the Rukunegara so as to preserve the independence and sovereignty of our nation; advocate justice and fairness, transparency and integrity in all aspects of management and governance; reject any form of discrimination, bigotry, extremism, unjustified acts causing harm to any individual or group, including any actions that can disrupt harmony and cohesion; and resolve contentions and differences through constructive engagement leading to equitable, mutually beneficial outcomes. The Code was signed by a majority of participants attending the dialogue.

At the close of the event, Tan Sri Datuk Seri Panglima Joseph Kurup, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department, was in attendance to receive the Dialog Rakyat Code of Ethical Conduct, which was presented by Tan Sri Omar Abdul Rahman on behalf of the Dialog Rakyat committee and all participants.
DIALOG RAKYAT CODE OF ETHICAL CONDUCT FOR NATIONAL COHESION AND UNITY

Disturbed by the emerging sectarian, divisive and polarising rhetoric and behaviour from various irresponsible quarters which threaten our national cohesion, harmony and unity, we the Concerned and Responsible Citizens of Malaysia attending the first Dialog Rakyat forum recognise the need for a commonly agreed code of ethical conduct (CEC) as a set of guidelines of behaviour for ourselves, individually and collectively, to counter this alarming development.

The CEC is developed from the principles of Smart Partnership which call for a harmonious relationship between and among all citizens of Malaysia based on respect, trust, transparency, tolerance and accommodation. Smart Partnership is also a multi stakeholders’ partnering and cooperation anchored on shared values, long-term commitment based on evolving common objectives, fair and equitable outcome for all partners and on protecting and enhancing the dignity of every person.

The values, are non-sectarian, universal values which are in harmony with the Federal Constitution and the Rukunegara. They are engendered through a continuous constructive engagement of all stakeholders which allow for synergising commonalities, recognising and respecting differences, sharing experiences, voicing concerns and facilitating informed and fair decisions at both the personal, organisational and institutional levels.

We, the Concerned and Responsible Citizens of Malaysia undertake therefore to adopt a set of behavioural patterns that embodies Equitability, Moderation, Diversity, Civic Nationalism, Respect, Understanding, Trust, Transparency, Tolerance and Accommodation and reflects

• respect for one another’s voice and views regardless of ethnicity, religion, geographical region, status or political leaning recognition of our similarities and acceptance of our differences

We, the Concerned and Responsible Citizens of Malaysia agree to

• promote civic nationalism and education system emphasising civility and national unity
• promote activities that nurture civility, harmony, national cohesiveness and unity at all levels of society
• promote inter-faith understanding
• promote business ethics and integrity
• take ownership for our own actions
• be socially responsible in our daily lives
• promote ‘volunteerism’
• respect the Federal Constitution and uphold the Rukunegara so as to preserve the independence and sovereignty of our nation
• advocate justice and fairness, transparency and integrity in all aspects of management and governance
• reject any form of discrimination, bigotry, extremism, unjustified acts causing harm to any individual or group, including any actions that can disrupt harmony and cohesion
• resolve contentions and differences through constructive engagement leading to equitable, mutually beneficial outcomes

We, the Concerned and Responsible Citizens of Malaysia, resolve to

• adhere to and promote the Code of Ethical Conduct
• mobilize citizens towards a Citizen Movement for National Cohesion and Unity

By SIRA HABIBU

KUALA LUMPUR: A group of concerned citizens have formulated a code of ethical conduct (CEC) to serve as a guideline for the people to counter divisions between Malaysians of all races.

The group, called Dialog Rakyat (People’s Dialogue), seeks to establish a network of like-minded individuals and organisations in the pursuit of national cohesion and unity to transform the country’s diversity into a source of strength.

Dialog Rakyat’s organising committee chairman Tan Sri Omar Abdul Rahman said there was a critical need to impose such a code, as irresponsible people were harping on polarising rhetoric that posed a grave threat to national harmony and unity.

“Lately, many factors have emerged threatening our national cohesion and harmony and challenging our adherence to moderation. We are fast becoming polarised by a multitude of factors, and our value systems, nurtured through generations, are being eroded,” Omar said at the launch of the inaugural Dialog Rakyat platform held at the Universiti Malaya Alumni Clubhouse here yesterday. Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) chief executive officer Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh hoped Dialog Rakyat would be extended to other states and cities to get feedback from various communities and opinion leaders.

“‘To maintain harmony, we need peace-loving Malaysians to stand up against elements threatening the future of the country,’” Yeoh said.

He added that the resolution made at Dialog Rakyat would serve as a good reference material for the Department of National Unity and Integration.

Other speakers at the event included Lao representative Tan Sri Sheriff Mohd Rassin, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) president Tun Dr Idris Ahmad, former deputy minister of Home Affairs Dato’ Dr Amdan Ali, former minister in the Gerakan Party, former minister in the People’s Justice Party, former minister in the Malaysian Indian Congress, and former minister in the National Front alliance.

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ASLI SPEAKS AT BOAO CONFERENCE

ASLI continued its association with the Boao Forum on Asia - China’s premier conference with CEO Tan Sri Dr. Michael Yeoh being invited by Boao Secretary-General, Ambassador Zhou wenzhong to speak at Boao’s Conference in Melbourne on the Future of Globalisation. Tan Sri Yeoh spoke in the session on the Future of FTAs and shared his views on the TPP, RCEP and FTAAP and other economic partnerships. Whilst in Melbourne Tan Sri Yeoh also met the Vice Chairman of the Boao Forum and former Vice Premier of China H.E. Zeng Peiyan and former Prime Minister of Australia Bob Hawke. He also called on the Governor of Victoria H.E. Linda Dessau in Government House, Melbourne.

CPPS YOUNG MALAYSIANS ROUNDTABLE

CPPS’ third Malaysian Youth Public Policy Roundtable Discussion was held at the Malaysian Houses of Parliament on the 18th of August 2016. It was attended by 60 youth leaders. The theme for the day’s discussions was brain drain, with the overarching topic: “The Challenge of Retaining Talent in Malaysia”. This theme relates to the growing emigration of Malaysian citizens overseas in search of better employment and other opportunities, and reflects upon the need for better policies and incentives to not only attract foreign talent into Malaysia, but also to retain local talent to enable growth in Malaysia. The RTD centred on interdependent matters surrounding brain drain, such as any prospective factors contributing to it. Firstly, participants discussed the push and pull factors of living in Malaysia, identifying any attractive features in Malaysia that could potentially increase talent retention. Then, the four main factors concerning brain drain – (i) Career Prospects, (ii) Freedom of Speech and Social Injustice, (iii) Education and (iv) Quality of Life were considered, before subsequently providing proposed policy solutions to address brain drain. The objective of the following report is to engage policymakers with the Malaysian youths’ concerns and perception in regards to brain drain.

CPPS POST BUDGET

A Pos-budget 2017 roundtable was held on 3rd November at Sunway Putra Hotel Malaysia. The RTD was aimed at disseminating information on what Budget 2017 means for the middle 40% group top 20 percent, as well as gather comments, ideas and recommendations from various stakeholders on policies that should be implemented or improved. Speakers include Mr. Siva Balasingam, Head of Econometrics, Fiscal and Economics Division, Ministry of Finance (MoF) Malaysia; Ms. Pauline Lum, Executive Director, PwC; and Mr. Firdaos Rosli, Fellow, Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS).
ASLI’s transportation series conference “Urban Public Transportation Summit 2016” with the theme “Enhancing Public Transportation for urban mobility and accessibility”, took place on 3rd November in Sunway Putra Hotel saw 100+ delegates converging together. Session 1 titled “Ensuring the success of the urban public transport: The changes, new development and the outlook in 2016” discussed in length of the upcoming projects such as LRT line 3 to Klang, MRT 1, 2, 3 and the other projects that is changing the rail transportation outlook in Malaysia and its positive effect that will transcend until year 2020. The Moderator was Mr Abi Sofian Bin Abdul Hamid Council Member, CILTM- Group Managing Partner, TPG Consulting and on the panel we had the expertise of Dr Siti Zaharah Ishak, Director of Road Safety Engineering and Environment Research Centre, Malaysian Institute of Road Safety Research (MiROS) and Dr Shahirl Nasir, Director (Industrial Linkages & Commercialization), Malaysia Institute of Transport (MITRANS). They shared their collective vision of the future landscape and the progressive countries that undergone transformation such as Malaysia is heading towards to and the potential economic benefits from this. Session 2 titled “Disruptive Technology and public transport: The future growth drivers’ open panel presented Malaysia’s “Wave Guy” Mr Edward Ling (Sales Manager) as well as Mr Mustapha Kamal bin Zulkarnain Chairman for Urban Wellbeing, Sustainable Housing and Environmental Resilience Committee, Pertubuhan Akitel Malaysia, Mr David Lantz, the Project Manager Bus Rapid Transit, Scania Southeast Asia, Mr Syahrurizam Samsudin CEO of Touch N’ Go. “The cashless and paperless system is taking over the nation and it is exciting days ahead” the panel concluded with that positive line. The Deputy Minister of Transport Malaysia, Y.B Datuk Abdul Aziz Kaprawi who presented the luncheon keynote titled “Towards Sustainable Transportation in Malaysia” was welcomed and introduced by ASLI’s CEO, Tan Sri Dr Michael Yeoh. Y.B Datuk Abdul Aziz presented memento of appreciation to our Corporate Sponsor, Scania Southeast Asia, CEO & Managing Director, Mr David Lantz, Y.B Datuk Abdul Aziz Kaprawi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transport Malaysia, Ms. Marie Eustrom, CEO of Scania South East Asia, Max Say, CPO, Mr Elvin Fernandez, Managing Director, Khong & Jasar Sdn Bhd, Mr Siva Shanker, Immediate Past President, Malaysian Institute of Estate Agent / Head of Investment, Axis REIT Managers Berhad, Tan Sri Eddy Chen, Managing Director, MKH Group.

Chairman, Ho Chin Soon Research and Mr Bassam Mansour Director of Rail Systems, MRT Line 2, ICE, HSS Engineering, Mr Bassam is the brains behind HSR in Dubai, Korea, China etc, provided input on how continuous funding can be derived while Dr Danielle and Mr Ho talked on commercial and industrial development that will bloom along the train line. Session 4 on “Connectivity & Property: How will improving urban public transport impact on property prices” and it was moderated by Tan Sri Eddy Chen, Managing Director, MKH Group and he was supported by Dr Danielle Gambero, CEO & Co-founder, REI Group of Companies, Mr Siva Shanker, Immediate Past President, Malaysian Institute of Estate Agent / Head of Investment, Axis REIT Managers Berhad and Mr Elvin Fernandez Managing Director, Khong & Jasar Sdn Bhd. The gentlemen were able to make the crowd laugh with depiction of how urban and rural citizens have changed the landscape of Malaysia past few decades and how property is affected by the management of public transport. Session 5 “Forum on Strengths and Challenges of Community Participation in an Urban Transport System”. The Programme Director, Mr Prabhu Menon coordinated the session with the amazing line up of association and ancillary business leaders such as Ir Lee Choy Hin Managing Director G&P Highway and Transportation Sdn Bhd, Mr Ajit Johl President Public Transport Users Association (4PAM), Mr Erick Y.T. Kho President, Malaysian Institute of Estate Agents(MIEA), Datuk Haji Asiah bin Abdullah President, Persatuan Pengusaha Teksi, Kereta Sewa Wilayah Persekutuan Dan Selangor (PERPEKLI) and Mr Goh Bok Yen Consultant, MAG Technical & Development Consultants Sdn Bhd. Many issues were brought up, from the reason why SPAD and MOT are silent on the taxi issues, the development of HSR and the legality issue from Customs, the new business deal with China towards promoting public transport for local urbanites. Despite smaller crowd, the inclusiveness of the panelists and the delegates made the event lively as the industry has suffered several set back past year. Everyone is optimistic about 2017 and they hope to have more positive changes will take place in near future.
Recognising the need to engage, influence and transform the marketplace due to challenges confronting our nation, ASLI and FGBMF joined forces to organise the “Entrepreneurship and Partnership in Nation Building” Forum on 29th November 2016 at Sunway Resort Hotel and Spa in Petaling Jaya. This forum is the first of the Marketplace Series of Forums to reach out to the business community. 112 people comprising key leaders, senior and junior personnel of public and private enterprises, as well as students joined this forum.

Proceedings began with Welcome Remarks from Tan Sri Michael Yeoh (ASLI), who called on the business community to do more for the nation and contribute more towards enhancing cooperation and national unity.

YB Senator Datuk Paul Low, Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department, in his Opening Keynote Address applauded ASLI and FGBMF’s efforts, and reminded the people that nation building is everyone’s responsibility regardless of race, religion or government. Acknowledging that the government could not resolve all the gaps in our nation, he called on the business community to lend a hand.

Tan Sri Dr Ramon Navaratnam (ASLI-CPPS) moderated the first session on “Meeting Future Economic Challenges and Coping with Global Trends” featuring Tan Sri Datuk Dr Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria (ERIA), Tan Sri Chan Ah Chye (Talam Transform), Dato’ Dr Daniel Ho (DUMC) and Mr Rafael Munoz Moreno (The World Bank). They discussed about the increasingly challenging role of government to keep up with the times, the conscience of doing business, credible leadership and wise stewardship, as well as social development and inclusion as key elements to sustain economic development.

The second session discussed “Developing Business Opportunities: Where Will Future Growth Be?” Tan Sri Tan Koon Swan (Tungling), Mr Chiau Haw Choon (Chin Hin), Mr John-Son Oei (EPIC), and Mr Samuel Tan (KGV) explored Malaysia’s changing economic landscape, noting that the new focus was on digital economy with a very much Asian outlook towards North Asia especially China, and ASEAN. They also stressed on the importance of education and training to develop people and raise their standards of living.

“Building Our Nation: The Role of Social Entrepreneurship” was the third topic. Dato’ CC Ngei (Feruni), Mr Richard Ling (Linaco), Datuk Dr Denison Jayasooria (KITAM), Mr Kon Onn Sein (YKPM) and Mr Fong Hoong Heng (FGBMF) discussed the importance of kingdom values and shared about the work of social enterprises assisting the orang asli community, and about the work of responsible private enterprises committed to cultivating talent and serving the community especially those from the lower strata.

The last session featuring Mr Elisha Satvinder (Dignity for Children), Mr Joseph Tek (IJM Plantations), Mr Albert Teo (Borneo Eco Tours), and Datuk Kenny Ng Bee Ken (Azri, Lee Swee Seng & Co) was about “Rethinking CSR: Building Lasting Legacies.” They stressed on building people, as a nation is made up of people, and shared about their companies’ endeavours to train and educate indigenous people and migrant workers. They also discussed about the challenge of connecting the church to public and private enterprises to bless this nation.

YB Datuk Seri Panglima Madius Tangau, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation closed the Forum. In his Closing Keynote Address, he called on the delegates to support the government’s initiatives to improve the people’s wellbeing, especially minority groups. He also highlighted the importance of moral values and ethics as the basis of partnerships in serving our nation and helping it to achieve the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals.
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ASLI CEO ATTENDS MCBC MEETINGS AS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER

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