

Perdana Leadership Foundation Fellowship Awards



Tan Sri Azman (AmBank Group) and Tan Sri Teh Hong Piow (Public Bank) presenting their contribution to Tan Sri Nik Mohamed (PLF)

When the Foundation launched its research awards in 2005 for studies in the fields of our country's leadership history, the response from researchers was tremendous. Local and international scholars submitted applications with research topics that ranged from economics to architecture. It was an extremely encouraging response to the Foundation's invitation and to date, the Foundation has funded the research work of eight scholars based in various institutions throughout Malaysia, who are delving into matters that include national identity, intellectualism, policies on ASEAN, Malaysia as an Islamic state, and bilateral relations.

For 2008, for the first time, the Foundation is inviting applications for three resident fellowship awards, offered in partnership with Yayasan Al-Bukhary, AmBank Group and Public Bank. The prestigious fellowships will award scholars with grants of RM60,00 to RM80,000 for two years for research on topics related to leadership history and governance. Fellows will be based at the Foundation for at least three days a week and are expected to participate actively in the Foundation's programmes. These prestigious fellowships are open to academicians (particularly those on sabbatical leave) and scholars with completed Ph.Ds. Ideal candidates are established scholars with publications and substantial teaching experience in Malaysian History, Political Science and Public Policy.

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Chairman's Message



YBhg Tan Sri Dato' Azman Hashim
Chairman, Board of Trustees
Perdana Leadership Foundation

The Foundation experienced a number of "firsts" for 2007: we successfully organized the Merdeka 50 Art Exhibition to commemorate our nation's fifty years of Independence, held the debut youth outreach initiative, Nurturing the Minds of Future Leaders Essay Contest, and organized a workshop on Digitisation which was very well received. In addition to these, we continued with our regular Perdana Discourse Series, our Oral History programme and our collections building and digitization exercise for the Library. It has been, all in all, an exciting year, but there have been tense moments when our Honorary President had to undergo a second bypass operation.

Alhamdulillah, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad recovered well from the operation, and we are glad to have him back in the office. We also look forward to having Tun grace our events once more for the coming year.

2008 promises to be another eventful year and in the pages of this newsletter, you will find information on our resident fellowship programme where we have garnered support from Yayasan Al-Bukhary, Public Bank and my own organization, AmBank Group, to fund research on specific themes related to our country's nation-building past. We look forward to welcoming the new scholars to our growing family and to the findings of their research. The Foundation will be renovating its premises to accommodate our scholars in the coming year.

As we build up our digital collection, we are also building up our expertise in digitisation, and our Workshop participants proved there is growing active interest in this area. The feedback from our participants were overwhelmingly positive and the Foundation intends to organize two more workshops in 2008.

There are also other programmes in the pipeline, including a fundraising CEO lecture event and talks by Nobel Prize winners. There will be more information on these in coming issues.

I would like to commend the efforts of the team at Perdana led by Tan Sri Nik Mohamed Nik Yaacob to fulfill the mission of the Foundation throughout 2007, and I would like to thank my colleagues on the Board of Trustees who have continued to show their support in one way or another to the Foundation and our programmes. I also thank our collaborators, including the National Archives, the National Library, UUM and UiTM, without whose partnerships our programmes would not be successful. The Foundation welcomes 2008 with great anticipation and hope.

Happy New Year.



Perdana Leadership Foundation was chartered in January 2003 as a non-profit organization, founded with gifts from people who supported the vision of a thriving research and learning institution dedicated to the study of Malaysian leadership and nation-building. It is unique in the sense that it began as an entirely private sector initiative, seed-funded and organized by private sector individuals and corporations. Most of the Foundation's trustees were the early benefactors of this Foundation.

The Foundation's physical home in Precinct 8, Putrajaya, was completed in October 2003. The stately building now houses the Perdana Library, an auditorium as well as multi-purpose hall in addition to the offices of the Foundation's Honorary President, YABhg Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, and his wife, YABhg Tun Dr. Siti Hasmah Mohd. Ali.

A tax-exempt, non-profit organization, the Foundation intends to become the premier institution for the study of Malaysia's Prime Ministers and the central resource centre for research into national stewardship as well as a platform for reflection, debate, and discussion with distinguished figures in Malaysian leadership.

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Our 82-year-old Honorary President, YABhg Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, underwent major heart surgery in September 2007. He has now recovered, but the Quarterly's editors thought it pertinent to recount those critical months for the Quarterly's readers.

4 September 2007

YABhg Tun Dr Mahathir bin Mohamad successfully underwent coronary bypass surgery at the Institut Jantung Negara (IJN) today

6 September 2007

Post-operation, Tun Dr Mahathir's vital signs are good

13 September 2007

Tun Dr Mahathir is transferred out of the ICU (Intensive Care Unit)

15 September 2007

Readmitted to ICU, due to infection of the wound area

22 September 2007

Successfully underwent surgical wound debridement

25 September 2007

Started physiotherapy

1 October 2007

Started eating without anyone's help

8 October 2007

Was transferred out of ICU

10 October 2007

Walked 50 metres

13 October 2007

Celebrated Hari Raya at IJN

21 October 2007

Discharged from IJN

25 October 2007

Continued physiotherapy, walked 400 metres, received visitors

4 November 2007

Visited PLF for the first time since September

7 November 2007

Made a surprise visit to PLF for staff Hari Raya Gathering

13 November 2007

Started work again at PLF

*Information and photos were taken from Datuk Paduka Marina Mahathir's blog and official press statements

25 October 2007

Visit from Sekolah Menengah Bukit Mentok, Kemaman, Terengganu

2 November 2007

Bloomberg's Focus Day, Ritz Carlton Hotel

5 November 2007

Visit from University Malaya's Library staff

20 November 2007

Visit from Petaling Jaya Community Library staff

3 December 2007

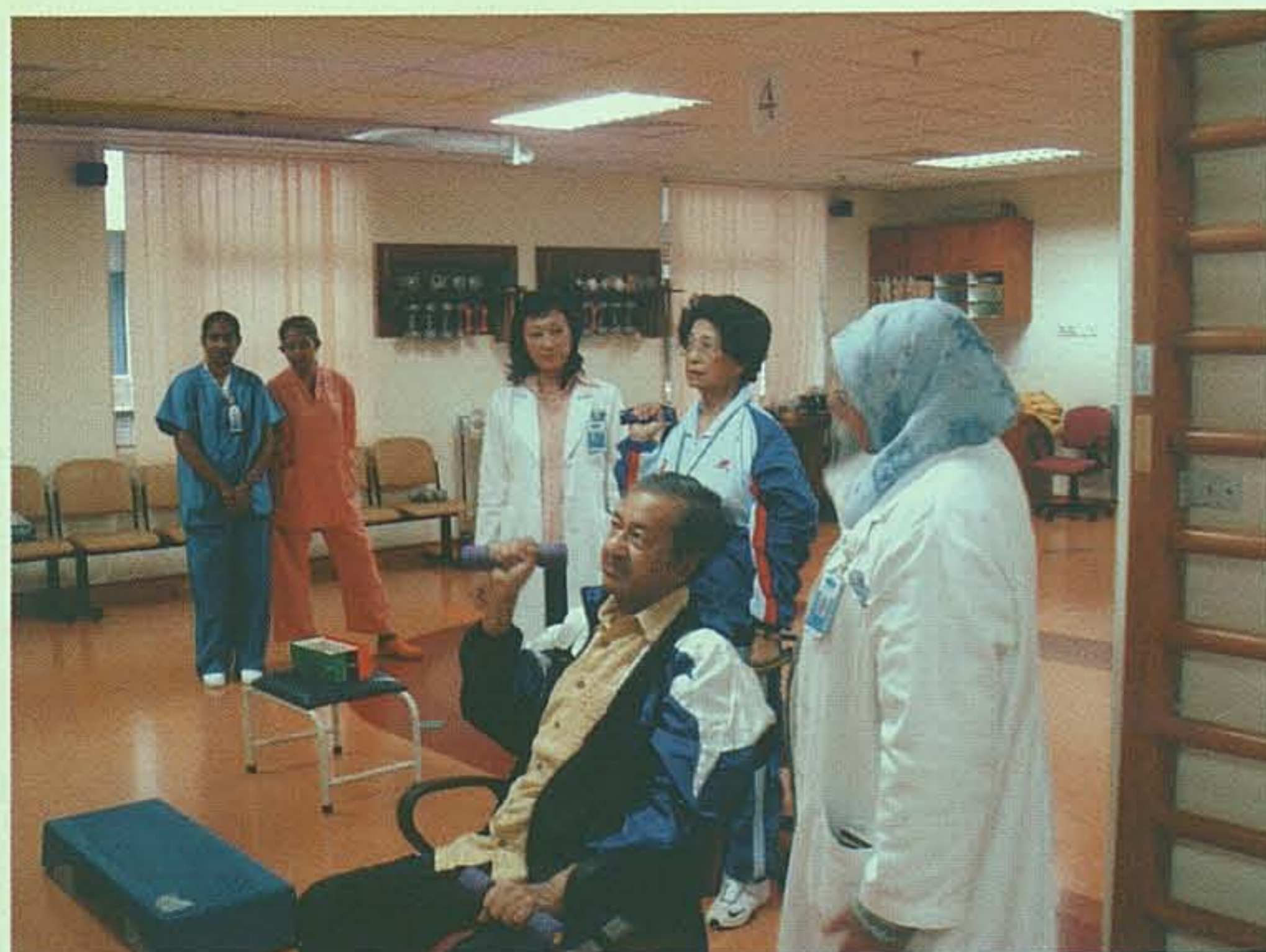
"Pemodenan Bangsa" Wacana Kesarjanaan Melayu, Universiti Utara Malaysia.

3-5 December 2007

"Enhancing Organisational Excellence", Digitisation and Preservation Workshop 2007, Perdana Leadership Foundation.

6 December 2007

Seminar on Digital Databases organised by Institut Alam dan Tamadun Melayu (ATMA), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in collaboration with Perdana Leadership Foundation.



About IJN:

IJN was part of the Kuala Lumpur General Hospital until September 1992 when it was corporatised and established as a separate entity committed to delivering the most advanced standards in cardiovascular and thoracic medicine for adult and paediatric heart patients. IJN's vision is to become a global force in the development of cardiovascular and thoracic health care by playing a key role in the understanding, prevention and treatment of heart disease, and by actively working towards its ultimate eradication.

Perdana Leadership Foundation Fellowship Awards 2008

The Foundation is inviting applications for the following Fellowship Awards:

The **Perdana Leadership Foundation Honorary President Fellowship**, sponsored by Yayasan Al-Bukhary, for research on "Culture and its role in successful nation-building: the Malaysian experience". The award carries with it a grant of RM50,000 a year for two years, with RM40,000 per year disburseable to the researcher.

The **AmBank Group Resident Fellowship**, sponsored by AmBank Group, for a study on "Malaysia's economic development under the various Prime Ministers". The award offers a grant of RM40,000 a year for two years, with RM30,000 per year disburseable to the researcher.

Tan Sri Dato' Sri Dr. Teh Hong Piow Resident Fellowship, sponsored by Public Bank, for an investigation on themes related to national development and leadership history, including but not restricted to: national unity, social re-engineering, poverty alleviation, national governance, civil society development and public policy. The award carries with it a grant of RM40,000 a year for two years, with RM30,000 per year disburseable to the researcher.

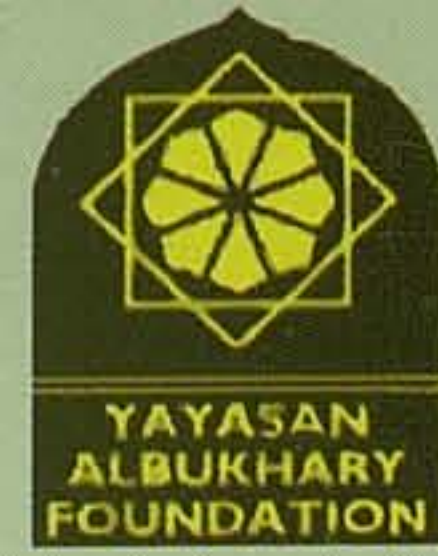
The Resident Fellows will join eight other Fellows of the Foundation, whose topics of research are:

- Dato' Prof. Dr. Mohd Yusof Hasan (UPSI) "Pemikiran Mahathir Mohamad: Kesinambungan Gelombang Intelektualisme Melayu Antarabangsa dari Abdullah Munsyi dan Za'ba"
- Dr. Suhaimi bin Shanon/ Prof Madya Kamarudin bin Ngan (USM) "Attitudes to the Politics of National Identity, Supply and Support Dynamics of Four Malaysian Prime Ministers"
- Assoc Prof Azhari Karim (USM) "One Idea, Two Tuns & Three Hundred German Companies Later: German investments & trading activities in Malaysia - Factors for enhancements, 1996-2006"
- Assoc Prof Sue Valquis Md. Mashhor (UiTM) "An Analysis of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad's Approach in Regional Development and ASEAN"
- R.Sivaperegasam P Rajanthiran (INTI) "Tun Dr. Mahathir's Declaration of Malaysia as an Islamic State on 29/9/2001: A study on PAS & DAP Opposition"
- Dr. Abdul Muati@Zamri Ahmad (UPM) "Persoalan Melayu Dalam Ucapan Perdana Menteri Malaysia"
- Prof. Dr. Maya Khemlani David (UM) "Constructing Group Realities : Leadership Discourse of Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad"
- Dr. Noor Inayah Yaakub (UKM) "A Study of Leadership Policies Relating to Islamic Banking in Malaysia and the Development of Malaysia's Islamic Banking Sector from Independence to the Present Day"

Interested candidates are invited to submit their research proposal to PLF. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview by a panel of academicians with representatives from the sponsors and PLF present on the panel. The fellowship will offer recipients a research grant, office space at PLF, computer equipment, as well as full access to PLF's extensive and growing database of historical documents. More details and application forms for the Resident Fellowships can be found on the Foundation's website <http://www.perdana.org.my>.

"Research is to see what everybody else has seen, and to think what nobody else has thought"

Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, Hungarian Biochemist, 1937 Nobel Prize for Medicine



Yayasan AlBukhary is a charitable organization dealing in the fields of education, religion, social welfare as well as cultural and international affairs. The foundation was established in 1996 by Tan Sri Syed Mokhtar AlBukhary who is the organization's Chairman. Among its initiatives is the development of the Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia (IAMM) in 1998 which serves to maintain Islamic heritage for future generations. Yayasan AlBukhary has organized various social and welfare programs in the form of donations to NGOs, orphanages, charities and schools; seminars in parenting as well as sponsoring media publications to increase public awareness. The Foundation takes a holistic approach to charitable work, providing continuous, sustainable development for needy communities to enable the underprivileged to build their future.



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Wacana Keserjanaan Melayu

On 3rd December 2007, Institut Pemikiran Tun Dr. Mahathir (IPDM), Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) in collaboration with the Perdana Leadership Foundation held an academic discourse entitled "Modernisation of the Nation - A Discourse of Malay Scholarship". The one-day event was attended by scholars from Malaysia as well as Indonesia.

The purpose of the discourse was to examine the intellectual contributions of three personalities who were leaders in their own periods. They were **Munshi Abdullah bin Abdul Kadir (Munshi Abdullah)**, **Tan Sri Dr. Zainal Abidin bin Ahmad (Pendita Za'ba)** and **Tun Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamad**. Apart from intellectual legacies, there were also discussions on other contributions of the three leaders in terms of society, religion and national development.

The discourse was divided into four sessions with the first session a speech entitled "**Pioneering A Path to a Nation of Intent: Munshi Abdullah, Za'ba dan Y.ABhg Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad**" by **Prof. Dato' Dr. Shamsul Amri Baharuddin**, Director of Institute of Occidental Studies (IKON), UKM. Associate Prof. Dr. Mansor Mohd. Noor, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Public Administration and Law, UUM, chaired the session.

The central focus of Prof. Dato' Dr. Shamsul's discussion was on the issue of tradition versus modernisation. He stressed on colonial features that Malay society inherited. As an example, the clock at the railway station is a colonial inheritance; it was placed there to remind workers to return to work for their colonial masters. He added that during the colonial era, Malay royalty were the first people to assimilate colonial routines into their lifestyle.

He then reviewed characteristics of the three Malay intellectuals (Munshi Abdullah, Za'ba and Tun Dr. Mahathir): Abdullah was seen as a basic ethnographer, providing narrative description of 19th century Malay society and his observations on poverty and Malay Royalty; Pendita Za'ba was seen as a scholar who contributed intellectual writings and who was also the proponent of "Jawi and Rumi" writings in the early 20th century; his writings were often featured in Malay newspapers and magazines; Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad was considered a leader who pushed for modernity, an intellectual who had the opportunity to lead this nation as a Prime Minister unlike the other two personalities. Under Dr. Mahathir, three important institutions emerged to shape public policy: The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), an autonomous and non-profit organisation that focused on independent policy research and fostering dialogue and debate between the public sector, the private sector and academia; The Malaysian Institute of Economic Research (MIER), established to undertake independent and high-quality problem-oriented research on economic, financial and business issues facing the country, and the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM), established to promote deep understanding of Islam in order to sanctify the true teachings of the religion without indulging in rhetoric or diverging from the correct path. These combinations of ideas and the establishment of the three institutions were seen as essential in order to govern a country with strong Islamic values.



PLF's Research Fellow, Prof. Dato' Dr. Yusof Hasan (left) with IPDM's Deputy Director, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz

Participants of the discourse

The second session was a presentation on Munshi Abdullah by **Dr. Kassim Ahmad**, one of Malaysia's eminent philosophers, the first Malaysian to be accepted as a lecturer at the School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London in 1962. In his presentation, he elaborated on Munshi Abdullah's thoughts on Malay Royalty as well as the peasants of the time. Because of Abdullah's proficiency in English, he communicated and mingled with the British officers, and was asked by British officials to observe and collect data on Malay society. His two masterpieces with the eponymous titles "Hikayat Abdullah" (Abdullah's Tale) and "Hikayat Pelayaran Abdullah" (Abdullah's Voyage) publicly sympathised with the Malay peasants and criticised Malay aristocrats.

Wacana Kesarjanaan Melayu

Dr. Kassim's presentation was commented by Prof. Dr. Ungku Maimunah Mohd Tahir from Institut Alam Dan Tamadun Melayu (ATMA), UKM and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman Abdul Aziz, Deputy Director of IPDM. Prof. Mainumah amplified Dr. Kassim's presentation by mentioning that although Abdullah was close to British officials, he displayed strong Islamic roots and often injected Islamic values in his critiques toward the Malay Royalty. Meanwhile, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Abdul Rahman presented Munshi Abdullah as a pragmatic observer who recorded data on Malay lifestyle. He was also a prominent scholar who was proficient in many languages such as Arabic, Malay, and English. In the Q&A session, the three speakers summed up Munshi Abdullah as an intellectual who delineated Malays' surroundings, a prolific writer who became an intermediary between the British officials and the Sultans, who also influenced Malay society with his modern pragmatism.

The third session was a presentation on Tan Sri Dr. Zainal Abidin bin Ahmad (Za'ba) by Assoc. Prof Dr. Adnan Mohd Nawang of Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris (UPSI). Za'ba was portrayed as the pioneer of Malay grammar, which until the early 20th century remained vague. While working at the Sultan Idris Training College, Za'ba focused his efforts at applying Arabic and English grammar to Bahasa Melayu and used these grammatical rules in the publishing of school text books and public reading materials. Za'ba also frequently highlighted issues of Malay poverty and education in his writings. Apart from that, he was unusually considered by the speaker as the pioneer of United Malays National Organisation (UMNO). The commentators for this session were Assoc. Prof. Datuk Zainal Abidin Borhan and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rahimin Affendi Abdul Rahim, both from University Malaya, who expounded passionately about Za'ba's legacies toward the Malay language, the education system and his efforts at uniting Malays.

The last session was a presentation on Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad by PLF's Research Fellow, Dato' Professor Dr. Mohd. Yusof Hasan of Universiti Perguruan Sultan Idris (UPSI). His PLF study is entitled "Pemikiran Mahathir Mohamad: Kesenambungan Gelombang Keintelektualisme Melayu Global dari Munshi Abdullah dan Za'ba". Dato' Prof. Dr. Yusof Hasan previewed his findings with summaries of every chapter that were included in his research. He explained to participants that the wave of intellectualism in Malay society emerged every 70 years and related this theory with Munshi Abdullah (1850), Za'ba (1920) and also Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad (1990). He also analysed Malay-centric issues that the three leaders focused in their writings which were mainly about poverty and education.

His session was reviewed by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Khoo Boo Teik of USM, widely known among the academia as the man who coined the term "Mahathirism" and also Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohd. Fo'ad Sakdan of UUM. Dr. Khoo reviewed the session by interpreting Dr. Mahathir's criticism of the relative backwardness of the Malays as the attempt of a community leader to overcome developmental problems of a de-colonised, under developed country. Dr. Fo'ad meanwhile, pointed out that Dr. Mahathir had the opportunity to lead the country and implement his ideas and vision as opposed to Munshi Abdullah and Za'ba. He also argued that Dr. Mahathir's strengths were his ideas, self confidence and pragmatism that brought Malaysia to where it is today. Dr. Mahathir also was not shy to change his standpoints on Malay issues especially if he felt the issue was no more relevant to the contemporary environment, e.g. the Malay Dilemma. Lastly, he pointed out Dr. Mahathir's quick-decision making and his willingness to take risks are two of the former Prime Minister's leadership qualities.

The discourse attracted a large numbers of participants especially the "who's who" of Malay Studies academia such as Prof. Dato' Dr. Shamsul Amri, Dr. Kassim Ahmad and Prof. Dato' Dr. Yusof Hasan. What stood out during the day were issues on colonialism, poverty, education as well as the survival of the Malays. Even though Malaysia recently celebrated her 50th Independence, colonial issues are still strongly debated among academicians who feel most Malaysians have assimilated colonial qualities in their lifestyle, but view them as modernisation. There were debates sparked by the presentations, and all in all, these enthusiastic commentaries on the three Malay intellectuals brought dynamism to the discourse.

Institut Pemikiran Tun Dr. Mahathir (IPDM) is situated in Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM), Sintok, Kedah. The Director of IPDM is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mustapa Kassim. IPDM can be referred as a reference centre to explore the visions and intellectual thoughts of Yang Amat Berbahagia Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, the fourth Prime Minister of Malaysia.



Q&A session with Prof. Shamsul Amri and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mansor Mohd. Noor



Dr. Kassim Ahmad during his presentation



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Khoo Boo Teik coined the term "Mahathirism"



IPDM's Director, Dr. Mustafa Kassim at the rostrum

Workshop on Digitisation and Preservation 2007

“Enhancing Organisational Excellence”

Date: 3rd to 5th December 2007

Venue: Perdana Leadership Foundation, Putrajaya

From 3rd to 5th December 2007, Perdana Leadership Foundation organised a workshop on digitisation and preservation of archive materials at the Perdana Leadership Foundation, Putrajaya. The three-day workshop was launched by the Foundation’s Director of Operations, YBhg. Datuk Badariah Arshad.

The workshop attempted to share and evaluate digitisation projects and provide guidelines on vendor selection. Issues on the selection process, copyrights, outsourcing, vendor evaluation, and case studies were also covered in the workshop. Participants were exposed to practical sessions related to digitisation and preservation issues.

The workshop was attended mostly by librarians, archivists, record administrators from private and government sectors.

Day One – 3rd December 2007

After the welcome address by YBhg. Datuk Badariah Arshad and the introduction by PLF’s Chief Librarian, **Encik Azahar Mohd Noor**, the first speaker of the day, **Mr. Patrick Koh** from Excel Envirotech Resources Sdn. Bhd, presented his paper on the hardware required for digitisation. This was followed by **Ms. Gina Phan** from VTLS Technologies who gave all participants an overview of issues in Digital Institutional Repository.

En. Azahar then briefed the participants on **Project Management**, which included a programme overview, the rationale for digitisation and preservation, considerations for materials selection in the afternoon session. There were also a parallel session practical session facilitated by **En. Ahmad Munawar** and **Ms. Suzila Kasim** and a briefing on Perdana Library paper-work and the digitisation journey.

Day Two – 4th December 2007

On the second day, En Ahmad Munawar from PLF gave a technical primer and shared his experience facilitating digitisation works. After morning refreshments, another parallel session held where En. Azahar briefed participants on the Perdana Library’s digitisation experience, while another session ran, giving practical experience to participants.

En. Azahar covered legal issues, best practices and vendor relations. The session ended with some questions from participants, and information sharing among the organisations.

Day Three – 5th December 2007

The morning session began with **En. Abdul Wahid** from Sun Microsystems Malaysia presenting a paper on storage solutions for organisations. In his presentation, he mentioned the types of storage available in the market, network environments, data backup management, organisation needs for storage etc. This was followed by a question and answer session.

After the morning break, the participants were broken-up into groups and discussed what they had learnt for the past two days. They then presented on lessons learnt, applications of digitisations in their organisation and other matters that were not covered in the workshop. In their presentations, they also indicated their organisations’ future plans with respect to digitisation.

The final session was a closing speech by YBhg. **Tan Sri Nik Mohamed Yaacob**, Executive Director of Perdana Leadership Foundation. In his closing speech, he narrated the original digitisation plan for Perdana Leadership Foundation and mentioned several processes that were initiated in 2005. He also mentioned that the digitisation work is an on-going process for the Foundation since PLF opened its doors. His speech was then followed by a certificate-giving ceremony to participants and committee members, as well as a group photo session.

Perdana Leadership Foundation intends to continue this workshop series in 2008, with a workshop on Digitisation and Transcription.





Workshop on Digitisation and Preservation 2007

The workshop's 41 participants came from:

Universiti Putra Malaysia, Kemeterian Pelajaran Malaysia, Petronas, Universiti Teknologi Petronas, Puncak Niaga, Universiti Tenaga Nasional, MIMOS, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi MARA, Kementerian Penerangan Malaysia, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, ExxonMobil, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, ASTRO, Open University Malaysia, Star Publications, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak, Utusan Melayu, Curtin University of Technology, Majlis Amanah Rakyat, BERNAMA, Securities Commission, National Productivity Council

Speakers:

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|----------------------------|--|
| Patrick Koh | - Excel Envirotech Resources Sdn. Bhd. |
| Gina Phan | - VTLS Technologies Sdn. Bhd. |
| Azahar Mohd. Noor | - Perdana Leadership Foundation |
| Ahmad Munawar Mohmad Anuar | - Perdana Leadership Foundation |
| Abdul Wahid Ibrahim | - Sun Microsystems Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. |

Participants' feedback on the workshop:



"The instructors are knowledgeable and the workshop is well organised. Congratulations to Perdana Leadership Foundation for organising the workshop."

Encik Mohamad Md. Haris, Universiti Teknologi Petronas

"I found this workshop interesting and practical to my needs and interests. Our organisation is embarking on a mass digitisation project and we intend to buy one big scanner to start our project. This workshop gave me ideas and directions on how our project is going to start..."



Encik Ishak Mat Peah, Utusan Melayu Publications



"From my point of view, this programme is good and gives me more information on digitisation. I hope in the next programme, more vendors will be invited to promote their systems either in terms of software or hardware. I hope in the future, legal advisors will also be invited to present topics on copyright issues. Thank you very much for all the cooperation and hospitality from PLF's team."

Ms Christina Urai Dang, Universiti Malaysia Sarawak

"For me, this workshop is an excellent workshop and the best of its kind. I hope PLF will host other similar programmes or workshops in years to come. I'm satisfied with the overall programme."



Puan Siti Wardah Haji Nawawi, Securities Commission

Seminar on Sustaining Online Resources

Institut Alam dan Tamadun Melayu (ATMA) of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in collaboration with the Perdana Leadership Foundation (PLF) held an International Seminar entitled "Sustainability Strategies for Online Resources and Services in Research Institutions" (Strategi Melestarikan Sumber dan Perkhidmatan Dalam Talian Institusi Penyelidikan) on 6th December 2007. The one day seminar was attended by over 70 participants from higher learning institutions, government and corporate sectors. Among them were Standards and Industrial Research Institute of Malaysia (SIRIM), Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovations (MOSTI), Centre for Research and Development of Malay Culture in Indonesia, The Malaysian National News Agency (BERNAMA), International Islamic University of Malaysia, Malaysia Development Corporation (MDC) and Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore. The purpose of this seminar was to share experience, knowledge and expertise in modernising online database services for research institutions. It also discussed issues on technology, economy and cyber laws in building and enhancing portals and online databases.

The seminar commenced with an opening speech by YBhg Dato' Zawiyah Baba, ATMA's Senior Fellow Researcher and also Chairwoman for this seminar. PLF's Director of Operations, YBhg Datuk Badariah Arshad was given the honour to officiate the event. In her welcoming speech, Datuk Badariah highlighted the significance of this seminar with PLF's objectives and goals as an archive and research centre on Malaysian leadership.

The forum was divided into six sessions with nine paper presentations and a dialogue with selected panelists. The first session was a presentation from Dr. Raslan Ahmad from MOSTI entitled "Knowledge for all: Life-changing Innovations in ICT policy, Infrastructure and Funding in Malaysia." In his presentation, he gave an overview of the ICT sector in Malaysia, informing participants that the government's innovation model concentrates on income growth and jobs as well as on value-added products and services to compete in the global market. In his paper, he stated, "The future success of Malaysia depends in large part on our capacity to innovate. The successful exploitation of new ideas will be the key driver that will enable Malaysia to compete effectively in the increasingly competitive global environment. Thus, the challenge is to put into place an effective innovation strategy for the future."

Following Dr. Raslan's keynote address were four paper presentations from experts in cyber law and digital databases as well as website reviews from international scholars from Indonesia and Singapore. The seminar started with a presentation from Prof. Dr. Ida Madieha from UIA presented a paper entitled "Copyright Issues in Implementation of E-Commerce Activities in Institutional Online Databases". In her paper she stressed, "Information technology has brought about a paradigm shift in library function, from static repositories and custodians of information into dynamic information department. Libraries are no longer confined to collecting physical copies and providing inventories. With the digital medium, the ways in which resources could be benefited have expanded. It is now possible to develop method of cataloguing digital resources enabling keyword search in various ways unimaginable before. Publishers could also incorporate full text, hyperlinks and finding tools, bypassing the librarian completely."

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Dato' Zawiyah Baba presenting flowers to Datuk Badariah



Dato' Zawiyah delivering her welcoming speech to the participants



Ms. Ch'ng Kim See (ISEAS Singapore) during her presentation

Seminar on Sustaining Online Resources



Visitors checked out facilities available at the Perdana Library



The crowd at the library



Puan Hasnita Haji Ibrahim (BERNAMA) presenting her paper



Discussion session chaired by Dato' Zawiyah Baba

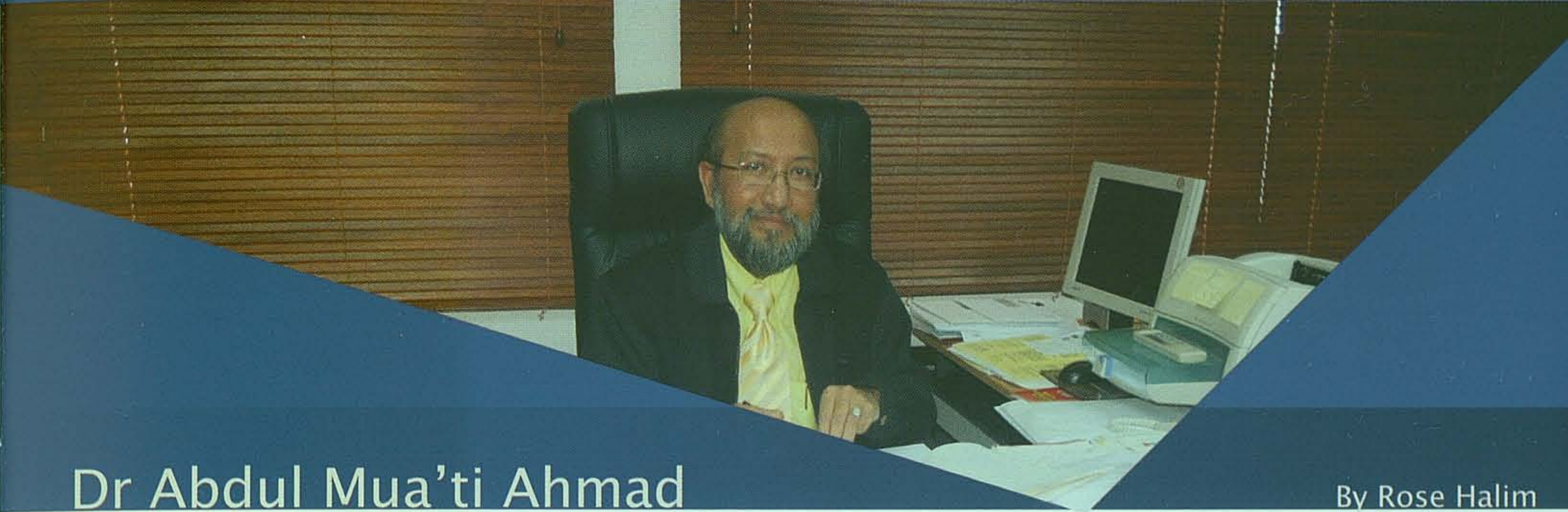
Her statement was supported by Prof. Dr. Ding Choo Ming, Principal Research Fellow from ATMA in his paper entitled "Visibility and Sustainability of Malay World Indigenous Information Opportunities and Challenges" who stated, "Without new materials, databases like library collections will become stagnant, obsolete and forgotten. ... with a growing collection and appropriate technology, a good database will provide easy access to various information." Another presenter, Bapak Mahyudin Al Mudra from Indonesia, presented a paper entitled "Melayuonline.com as a Means to Reconstruct Malay Civilisation in the Third Wave Era." As a Director of Melayuonline.com, he shared his experience and views on the portal his research centre developed to gather Malay-centric knowledge in Malay Archipelago. He stressed in his presentation that measures are being taken to provide information on the Malay world for those who want to either advance understanding or redefine the Malay concept within a comprehensive framework, within racial, ethnic, language, geographic, politic and religious boundaries.

After the lunch break, four paper presentations and a discussion session were held before the seminar was concluded. The afternoon session saw PLF's very own Chief Librarian, Encik Azahar Mohd Noor, presenting a paper entitled, "Collaboration and Networking in Building A Digital Resource Collection," where he discussed the strategic role of collaboration in digitisation work. Among the benefits of collaboration are access to skills and resources, a broader reach, a wider network, increased credibility and more funding opportunities through partnerships and cost-sharing.

The last session featured presentations by panellists from BERNAMA and SIRIM and was chaired by PLF's General Manager, Puan Zarina Abu Bakar. Both SIRIM and BERNAMA generously shared their own experience at digitising and commercialising their collections. SIRIM's speakers, Mr. Ong Chui Koon and Encik Annuar Mohd. Simoh also emphasised copyright issues and they frankly acknowledged that SIRIM's online portal which allows access to standards, has been successful in part because of the "monopoly" SIRIM has on content. BERNAMA's presenter, Puan Hasnita Ibrahim, meanwhile narrated the technical and structural journey of Bernama online, from idea to reality, and shared the many pitfalls along the way, among them the rapid advancement of ICT, storage and access issues as well as authenticity, accuracy and integrity of information.

A lively discussion took place at the seminar's close, where Dato' Zawiyah Baba chaired five panellists: Encik Azahar Mohd Noor, Prof. Dr. Ding Choo Ming (ATMA), Mr. Ong Chui Koon (SIRIM), Tuan Haji Abdullah Abdul Kadir Bacha (MDC) and Ms. Ch'ng Kim See from (ISEAS). After the passionate debates on the exchange and sharing of databases, the participants all agreed that a consortium should be set up to address the issues affecting online Libraries and digital databases.

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Dr Abdul Mua'ti Ahmad

By Rose Halim

Perdana Leadership Foundation's Research Award was introduced in 2005 with the aim of stimulating research on the leadership of Malaysia's past Prime Ministers. The Foundation offers short-term and long-term grants to qualified scholars with academic administration provided by the Institute of Research, Development and Commercialisation (IRDC), Universiti Teknologi MARA. The objectives of the Research Fellowships are: to encourage the study of this country's history beyond facts and figures; to yield valuable insights for future Malaysian leaders via in-depth study of the nation's past leaders and how their leadership as well as policies affected national development; to increase awareness of, and boost interest in, Malaysia's rich intellectual heritage.

Assoc. Professor Dr. Abdul Mua'ti@Zamri bin Ahmad is one of the Perdana Leadership Foundation's research scholars. He is the Deputy Dean, Academic and Student Affairs, Faculty of Modern Languages and Communication, Universiti Putra Malaysia and has been lecturing for 20 years in courses such as Public Oration, Psychology of Communication, Rhetorical Criticism, Argumentation and Debate, Political Communication, Persuasive Communication, Public Speaking for Professionals and Communication Research Methods. He is also the Vice President of the Pacific and Asian Communication Association (PACA), Malaysian Chapter. He has conducted research on Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and his Ph.D thesis was entitled "Speech Analyses of UMNO President, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, 1982-2003, A Research on Speech Communication".

For his PLF research, Dr. Mua'ti is currently pursuing a study entitled "Malay-Centric Questions in the Speeches of Malaysian Prime Ministers" (Persoalan Melayu Dalam Ucapan Perdana Menteri-Perdana Menteri Malaysia). The research aims to identify the Malay issues put forward in the speeches of Malaysian Prime Ministers from 1957 until 2006 and analyse the rhetorical structures that were employed by the speakers using Aristotelian classic rhetorical principles. The Perdana Quarterly finds out more about the scholar and his research in this interview.

Dr. Mua'ti, can you tell us more about your decision to focus on Malay issues in our past leaders' speeches?

My area of specialisation is political speeches. For my Ph.D, I studied the UMNO General Assembly speeches of Tun Dr. Mahathir during his 22 years as UMNO President. While I was doing the research, I became fascinated with issues concerning the Malays, how they were perceived, their problems, and their cultural inclinations. I wanted to study this in further detail, so when I found out about PLF's research grant, I decided to make Malay issues my focus, specifically how these issues are presented in all of our Prime Ministers' speeches at the General Assemblies of UMNO.

The speeches from the time of Tunku Abdul Rahman up until our current Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi) allow me to observe and comprehend perceptions towards our Malay race. It's also possible to determine the policies that were developed from these speeches, as I truly believe that the speeches sow the seeds for action. With our leaders, especially, issues that are raised in their annual speeches at the UMNO General Assembly become the focus of policy-makers.

In the analysis of rhetoric, experts believe that whosoever stands up and delivers a speech becomes the owner of the ideas contained within the speech.

What do you hope to gain from analysing the speeches of our former Prime Ministers?

As an expert on rhetoric, I analyse speeches to extrapolate the development of policies that are relevant to Malays. For example, in the speeches of our first Prime Minister (Tunku Abdul Rahman), there was a great deal said about the need for Malays to "sacrifice" for the country by allowing immigrants to have citizenship, with the right to vote and conduct business. Tunku Abdul Rahman emphasised sacrifice repeatedly, but also stressed that Malays need to retain some privileges, for example, making their religion and language the official one. Most of his speeches were about the willingness to give; when you give something, you are entitled to get something. Additionally, Tunku did not allow anyone else to question the privileges of the Malays.

Now that many of the people who lived during the time of Independence have passed away, it becomes even more important, in my view, to revisit the speeches of our past leaders, to better understand and appreciate the environment of their times and the impetus for their policy decisions.

For your Ph.D thesis, you focused on "Speech Analyses of UMNO President, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, 1982-2003, A Research on Speech Communication". Why?

Tun Dr. Mahathir's speeches are very interesting. He led the country for 22 years which was quite a long period for a Prime Minister. During Tunku Abdul Rahman's time, we had just gained Independence, and established a nation. His focus was to unite people. Tun Razak's leadership was very short; he passed away during his tenure. However, we could see the start of our country's development during his time, especially as Tun Hussein continued Tun Razak's policies. When it came to Tun Dr. Mahathir, the world was abuzz with industrialisation and modernisation. Tun Dr. Mahathir has had enough time to drive our country into industrialisation, modernisation, and later globalisation. To me, Malaysia's biggest paradigm shift happened during Tun Dr. Mahathir's era. That was the reason why I focused my research on his speeches. Our country gained the biggest momentum during his tenure, in the 80s, the 90s and the new millennium.

What are the strongest connections that you have found among our Prime Ministers? Is there a conclusion that can be drawn from your study regarding national leadership in Malaysia?

I would say Malay issues. Generally, all of them talked about how Malays should be competitive, especially in the era of globalisation, while safeguarding the sovereignty of our country. There are also reminders of the non-violent nature of our fight for Independence as well as calls to look at religion from a wider perspective. Most of these issues can be found in their speeches.

How do you think your research will benefit Malaysians?

As I said earlier, by studying these speeches, we will be able to understand how our leaders perceived the Malays, the policies that were subsequently developed to help the Malays, and eventually, we will understand the grounds on which these policies are made. For example, not many people understand the origins of the New Economic Policy (NEP) that was introduced by Tun Abdul Razak in 1970, why the government created the NEP, and why there must be 30% equity for Bumiputera. It's not the figure that matters, in my view; the distribution of wealth was what Tun Abdul Razak implied in the NEP.

Dr, as an academic, what is your view of this country's decision to "massify" higher education, that is, to lower entrance standards to educational establishments and educate as many Malaysians as possible?

There many perspectives from which to look at this issue. However, I believe in quality over quantity. Quoting from Prof. Ungku Aziz, "We must not only focus on the quantity (of students), the quality must be there too." The concept of "university for the people" must be embraced thoroughly so that we can make sure the students that we produce not only have the knowledge but must be able to adapt at work with the knowledge that they have.

Do you believe this "massification" plays a factor in the decline of the quality of our public institutions, causing Malaysian universities to be excluded for the first time, in the T.H.E.S. (The Times Higher Education Supplement) rankings top 200?

I think we need to redefine the meaning of scholarship. There are a lot of criteria to consider for T.H.E.S judgement; journals that the universities produce; research and development; quality of students and the teaching force. Therefore, universities must be able to balance between R&D and the quality of teaching and students.



What are your closing remarks for this interview, Dr?

Firstly, I would like to give credit to Pak Lah for introducing 'Islam Hadhari'. What 'Islam Hadhari' means is having a Malaysian society that is civilised and knowledgeable. To have a civilisation, there must be knowledge. Therefore, we must double our efforts in R&D so that we can have more knowledge. 'Islam Hadhari' will generate knowledge in all aspects and will encourage Malaysians to write and do research that can benefit all Malaysians.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Perdana Leadership Foundation. The Foundation has encouraged Malaysians to do research and write their findings for the benefit of future generations. To an academic, PLF's efforts at providing research funds and producing publications are commendable. Hopefully, these publications will become part of the national heritage that will document our journey as a nation.

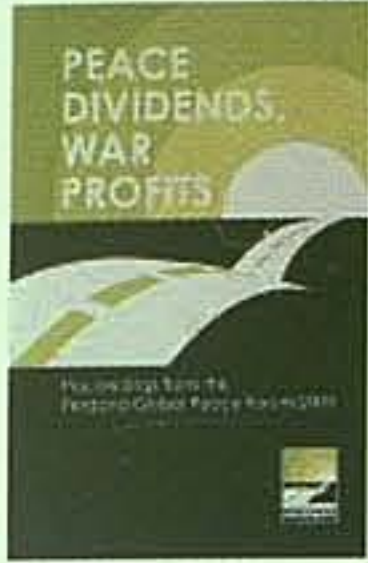
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Perdana Leadership Foundation Publications

Peace Dividends, War Profits: Proceedings from the Perdana Global Peace Forum 2005

Publisher : Perdana Leadership Foundation
Edited by : Dr. Rusnah Johare, Jasni Rahim, Zarina Abu Bakar, Shamsul Akmar Musa Kamal
Year & Price : 2007, RM 25.00



This Publication features the main speeches from the Perdana Global Peace Forum 2005 which was organized by the Perdana Leadership Foundation on December 15-17, 2005 at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. The Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, delivered a dinner keynote address on Islam and Peace, while the Deputy Prime Minister, Dato' Sri Najib Tun Abdul Razak, presented the Forum's closing address.

Merdeka 50: A Celebration of Malaysia Art

Publisher : Perdana Leadership Foundation and Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia (IAMM)
Author : Dr. Zakaria Ali
Year & Price : 2007, RM 80.00



This publication is a catalogue of the sixty-seven paintings and sculptures on display at the exhibition. Each work is accompanied by a commentary by the exhibition's curator, Dr. Zakaria Ali. More than just a catalogue, though, this book contains a fascinating essay on art and nationalism in Malaysia, revisiting the visual elements that embodied, in their time, the struggle for peace and independence. This book is also a tribute to Malaysia itself, illustrating the nation's progress and the patriotism that surrounds it.

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Books / Speeches by Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

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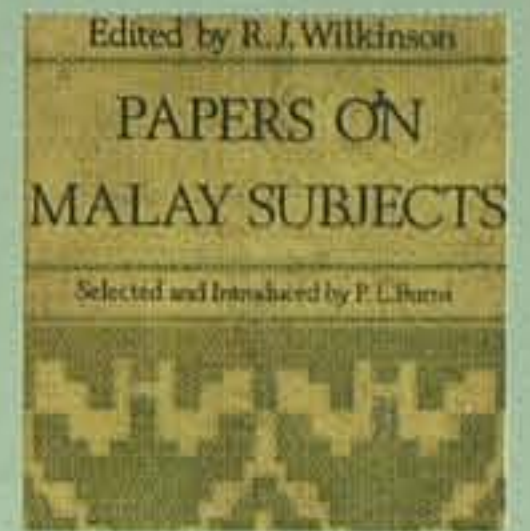
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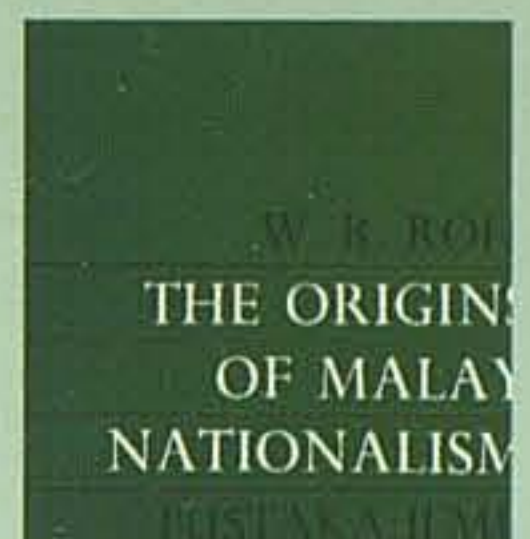
Papers on Malay Subjects: Selected and Introduced by P.L Burns, Edited by R.J Wilkinson (1971)

This book features a collection of studies on the Malays. Although these pamphlets were intended to help the young British Cadet in Malaya to prepare for the Malay examination, it would be wrong to think that Papers on Malay Subjects were written simply to fulfil the government's need for instruction manuals. These papers were also an attempt to present a systematic account of the Malays, of the Malay peninsular, of their society, culture, traditions and history.



The Origins of Malay Nationalism, W.R. Roff (1967)

The slow growth of communal, ethnic, and national feeling among the peninsula Malays during the first four decades of 20th century, and the expression of this feeling in voluntary associations of a potentially nationalist nature are the subjects of Dr. Roff's study. Research into a variety of Malay-language publications, long periods of residence by the author in Malay households, and interviews with people who participated in the events described form the basis of the study.



Event Highlights



Bloomberg Focus Day

On the 2nd of November 2007, Perdana Leadership Foundation participated in Bloomberg's Focus Day held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, by displaying nine of the Merdeka 50 art pieces for Bloomberg's three hundred participants. The nine pieces displayed were the creations of Siti Zainon Ismail, Ismail Latiff, Choong Kam Kow, Rafie Abdul Rahman, Tew Nai Tong, Yuen Chee Ling, Hasnul Saidon, Ahmad Shukri Elias and Raja Zahabuddin Raja Yaacob.



The visitors with PLF's Honorary President

Visit from Pustaka Negeri Sarawak

On 18th December 2007, 16 senior officials from Pustaka Negeri Sarawak led by YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk Amar Dr. Haji Hamid Bugo visited the Perdana Leadership Foundation. They had a lively Q&A session with PLF members and had the opportunity to visit the Perdana Library. They also had the chance to meet the Foundation's Honorary President, Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, and his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

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