

THE 12th

POK RAFEAH PUBLIC LECTURE

CONNECTING OCEANS MALAYSIA AS A MARITIME NATION

12 May 2017 (FRIDAY) | 9.00 AM – 12.00 NOON | BILIK SENAT

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Abstract

Malaysia's geopolitical location connecting the Indian Ocean, the South China Sea, the Nusantara inland seas and the Pacific Ocean is an important locational sustainable maritime resource, ready to be utilized more fully in political and economic terms. This lecture combines a geo-political analysis with a theory of civilization and argues that Malaysia is a maritime nation embedded in a Nusantara civilization. The role of port cities and socio-economic connectivity for ASEAN integration is highlighted in this context. We will show how different conceptions of space anchored in Nusantara and Sinic civilizations will impact on maritime policies and on the realization and success of maritime policies. In conclusion, the long-term impact of the Chinese maritime silkroad (OBOR) policy on Malaysia's position as a maritime nation will be assessed and a new maritime policy will be advocated.

Biodata

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Time	Programme
9.30 am	Arrival of guests / Registration
9.45 am	Arrival of VIPs
10.00 am	Welcoming address by YBHG. PROF. DATO' DR RASHILA RAMLI Director Institut Kajian Malaysia dan Antarabangsa (IKMAS)
10.10 am	Opening address by YBHG. PROF. DATO' SERI DR NOOR AZLAN GHAZALI Vice-Chancellor Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
10.20 am	Public Lecture by YBHG. EMERITUS PROF. DR HANS-DIETER EVERS Connecting Oceans: Malaysia As A Maritime Nation Chaired by YBHG. PROF. DATO' DR RASHILA RAMLI Director Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS) Question and answer session Presentation of souvenirs Photography session
12.00 noon	End of Public Lecture Lunch



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