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THE 10th DISTINGUISHED TUN ABDUL RAZAK LECTURE

Event Guide

Sime Darby Convention Centre, Kuala Lumpur

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MESSAGE FROM OHIO UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR M. DUANE NELLIS

Ohio University is honored to co-host the 10th Distinguished Tun Abdul Razak Lecture with our valuable partners from UiTM and UPM and welcome all of you, our special guests and participants attending this memorable occasion. I am confident that you will both enjoy and value listening to the experience of our esteemed faculty member John Sabraw of the College of Fine Arts in his keynote remarks on "Synergy of Curiosity: From Acid to Art". Professor Sabraw will share his collaboration with Rural Action, a local non-governmental organization in Appalachian Ohio and Professor Guy Riefler, of the Russ College of Engineering and Technology and their vision and success in developing an innovation that is sustainable. Together, they transformed polluted toxic waterways from abandoned mines, in and around Athens, Ohio, into clean water and then into art now showcased around the world. Their work is a global inspiration.

This Lecture is also an occasion to profile and celebrate the Tun Abdul Razak Chair established at Ohio University in 1980 by the Government of Malaysia through the Ministry of Education. We are grateful to the Malaysian government for its vision and continued support of the Tun Abdul Razak Chair and that of the Yayasan Sime Darby and other individuals and organizations who have generously contributed to the success of the program. It is through this visionary program, in which we now have 15 former Tun Abdul Razak Chairs, that Malaysia and Ohio University are now witness to an extensive history and indelible network of universities, faculty, students and over 2,000 alumni of which we are very proud. The impact is far-reaching as collectively our institutions and graduates are reshaping the global world every day with ideas, leadership, discoveries and innovation. As the 21st President of Ohio University, I am dedicated to advancing our strategic

pathways and priorities that will further define Ohio University as a prominent and leading-edge public university in research, creative activity and education. One of our key priorities is to strengthen our scholarly prowess through strategic investments in global engagement. Given our history, our extensive network of friends and the significance of the Tun Abdul Razak Chair, I am pleased that Malaysia is my first international destination since joining Ohio University. Looking to the future, we will leverage the distinct scholarly contributions and relationships forged through this program to further collaborative research, education and innovation and, in so doing, increase our global presence, value and impact. We have such a strong foundation and opportunities abound.

I want to thank everyone who has helped to organize this event, including the executive leadership and numerous staff at UiTM and UPM, Ministry of Education, Yayasan Sime Darby, Taylor's University and the past Tun Abdul Razak Chairs, Prof. Dr. Habibah Ashari and Prof. Dr. Jayum Anak Jawan. This level of cooperation is equally inspiring and appreciated.



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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR UiTM EMERITUS PROFESSOR DATO' DR. HASSAN SAID

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our honoured guests and delegates to the 10th Distinguished Tun Abdul Razak Lecture.

It is our great honour and delight to have in our midst our Very Distinguished Guest YAB (The Honourable) Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister of Malaysia at this auspicious event. Our guests here must know that Tun Mahathir has made history on many fronts. First, he was the longest serving Prime Minister of Malaysia; then he became Prime Minister for the second time; and third, Tun Mahathir is the oldest elected leader in the world.

I extend our welcome also to the Minister of Education, YB Dr Maszlee Malik and his delegation. It is with their support that we are able to organise this event. We would also like to congratulate YB Minister on his appointment as our new Minister of Education. We know that under his leadership, our universities and academic institutions will soar even higher in the global skyline. Our warmest welcome and hospitality is also extended to our international guests led by the new Ohio University President, President M. Duane Nellis. Congratulations on your appointment as the 21st President of Ohio University and congratulations on your maiden international visit to meet your long-standing academic partners. We are pleased that Malaysia is your first destination.

UiTM's relationship with OHIO goes back a long way. In the mid-70s, OHIO began its first BBA programs with then ITM, which extended to Communication and Accountancy. During the heyday we saw many of our students going to Ohio to complete their degrees, or to complete them here in this country. ITM also sent many of its administrative and academic staff to pursue their bachelor's and master's degrees there. Many OHIO professors also gained a rich experience teaching in Malaysia. In the mid-70s to 90s we witnessed a rich collaboration between our two institutions. It experienced a lull during the new millennium, but as we end the second decade of the new millennium, we have revived our relationship, thanks largely to the work of the XIV Tun Abdul Razak Chair, our very own Prof Dr. Habibah Ashari who became the first professor from UiTM to assume the Chair-ship, and only the second woman Chairholder in its 30-something year history.

Currently, UiTM and OHIO are working on several programmes such as the online teaching certification, Virtual Reality and Gaming, and exploring and designing Effective Learning Spaces for the 21st Century. Today's lecture is the third lecture in which UiTM has played a significant role in organizing. We were also involved in organizing the 8th and 9th Lectures in Malaysia. And this year's lecture sees the participation of MOE, YSD, UPM and UiTM as co-organisers. We are also very happy that Prof. Sabraw and his colleague Prof. Riefler have shared their expertise and experience with young artists and facilitators from UiTM, UPM, YSD and Taylor's University by holding a one-day workshop at UiTM. All these collaborations can only lead to a more fulfilling and reciprocally-beneficial relationship amongst the entities.

Please enjoy the lecture and thank you for your attendance.



MESSAGE BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR UPM PROF. DATIN PADUKA DATO' DR. AINI IDERIS, FASc

It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 10th Distinguished Tun Abdul Razak Lecture 2018. To our distinguished guests from Ohio University (OU), I bid Selamat Datang and a very warm welcome to OU President & First Lady, Dr. M. Duane and Ruthie Nellis, Prof. Dr. Lorna J. Edmonds and our distinguished speaker Prof. John Sabraw and their entourage.

Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) is honoured to be collaborating in the organisation of this important scholarly event. UPM values the networking that arises from the Tun Abdul Razak Chair that was first established by the Government of Malaysia in 1980 at the Center for International Studies, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, USA. It was established to honour Malaysia's second Prime Minister, Tun Abdul Razak and has since contributed much to the development of human resources, academic exchanges and understanding between Malaysia and the United States.

UPM is also privileged that three of our faculty members have been given the opportunity to take up the Distinguished Tun Abdul Razak Chair at OU, namely economists Prof. Dr. Ahmad Mahdzan Ayob (1993-1995) and Prof. Dr. Mohammed Yusoff (1995-1997), and political scientist Prof. Dr. Jayum Anak Jawan (2015-2017). Their involvement showed our strong commitment towards this important collaboration to benefit stakeholders from both universities and our two countries.

Thank you and best wishes.



YAYASAN

MESSAGE BY THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF YSD TAN SRI DATO' SERI DR WAN MOHD ZAHID MOHD NOORDIN

Yayasan Sime Darby began our support for the Tun Abdul Razak - Ohio Chair for Malaysian Studies in 2010, with a funding of USD750,000.

Founded by YABhg. Tun Musa Hitam, then Education Minister of Malaysia, the Chair has notched impressive achievements since its establishment in 1979. A total of 15 eminent Malaysian scholars have held the Tun Abdul Razak Chair since 1981. During their tenures, the Chairholders are required to teach, conduct research as well as contribute to outreach and networking activities in their areas of expertise. Over the years, they have promoted knowledge and awareness on Malaysia as a modern, developing country rich in cultural history and enhanced understanding on the nation's socio-political and economic developments within the wider context of the Southeast Asian region.

In addition, the Chair's aim of spreading knowledge on Malaysia's history, culture, economy, society and politics in North America and enhancing local knowledge on global issues echoes the Foundation's aim under its Education pillar to offer wisdom, expertise and assistance across all levels of education, including advanced research and studies in numerous fields. Therefore, we are proud to collaborate with Ohio University in its endeavour to enrich the minds of North Americans and Malaysians as well as strengthen ties between the United States of America and Malaysia.

The Tun Abdul Razak Lecture Series began in 1993 and is organised by the Chair in Malaysia once every two to three years. The lecture features a distinguished professor or speaker from a prestigious university and organisation to deliver the latest perspectives on a topic garnering substantial local and global interest. Over the years, the Chair has organised 9 lectures, providing an opportunity for countless Malaysian students, scholars and thinkers to advance their understanding on complex issues as well as regional and global developments.

10 This year, Yayasan Sime Darby is proud to be part of the 10th Distinguished Tun Abdul Razak Lecture featuring Ohio University's Professor of Art and Chair of the Painting + Drawing Programme, John Sabraw. The lecture, titled "Synergy of Curiosity: From Acid to Art by John Sabraw," delves into his current work of transforming pollutants from the environment into paintings, the proceeds of which are channeled towards remediating polluted streams in South-eastern Ohio. It is not only innovative and inspiring but also sends a critical message about our relationship with the environment that we depend on. We are indeed excited to provide access to 10 local artistes to learn from a master of his craft, Professor Sabraw, through his meaningful and prodigious work as well as extensive knowledge. The young local artistes, who were invited by our arts partners, will attend a half-day workshop with Professor Sabraw to learn about his initiative to use the arts as a vehicle to highlight environmental issues, give back towards remedial action and, in the process, help communities.

This is the core of Yayasan Sime Darby's mission – to bring together academicians, corporate bodies, project partners and community leaders to spearhead sustainable initiatives in line with our five pillars of Education, Environment, Community & Health, Sports and Arts & Culture. Professor Sabraw's work resonates deeply with us at Yayasan Sime Darby as we strive to lead and make a sustainable impact in the lives of others. We hope that those attending the 10th Distinguished Tun Abdul Razak Lecture will walk away with, at the very least, a growing consciousness of their role to protect and conserve our fragile ecosystems and, at the most, be inspired and committed to begin their own initiatives towards restoring and protecting our fragile environment. We also hope the lecture will further cement the working relationship between Ohio University and its Malaysian counterparts for the betterment of youths in Malaysia and beyond through the Tun Abdul Razak – Ohio Chair.

PROGRAMME

Date : Monday, December 3, 2018
Time : 10am – 2pm
Venue : Sime Darby Convention Center (SDCC)
Emcee : Ms. Adibah Noor

Time

9.00 am - 10:00 am
10:00 am - 10:30 am
10:30 am - 11:00 am

11:00 am - 11:05 am
11:05 am - 11:50 am

11:50 am - 12:10 am
12:10 pm - 12:15 pm

12:15 pm - 12:30 pm

12:30 pm - 12:45 pm
12:45 pm - 2.00 pm
2.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Activity

Registration of Guests
Performances by UiTM and UPM
Welcome Remarks:

- Vice-Chancellor of UiTM
- President of Ohio University

Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Keynote by John Sabraw:

“Synergy of Curiosity: From Acid to Art”

Q&A Session

Closing Remarks:

- Vice-Provost of Global Affairs &
International Studies

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Exchange Ceremony between Ohio University,
UiTM and UPM

Photo Session

Lunch, Art Sale and Charity Open Exhibition
OHIO Alumni Reception



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Artist John Sabraw was born in Lakenheath, England. An activist and environmentalist, Sabraw's paintings, drawings and collaborative installations are produced in an eco-conscious manner, and he continually works toward a fully sustainable practice. He collaborates with scientists on many projects, and one of his current collaborations involves creating paint and paintings from iron oxide extracted in the process of remediating polluted streams.

Sabraw's art is featured in numerous collections including the Museum of Contemporary Art, Honolulu, the Elmhurst Museum in Illinois, Emprise Bank, and Accenture Corp. Sabraw is represented in Chicago by Thomas McCormick. Sabraw is a Professor of Art at Ohio University where he is Chair of the Painting + Drawing program, and Board Advisor at Scribble Art Workshop in New York. He has most recently been featured in TED, Smithsonian, New Scientist, and Great Big Story.

Lecture **SYNERGY OF CURIOSITY: FROM ACID TO ART**

Artist activist John Sabraw is working to return southeastern Ohio's streams to the picture of health. Sabraw has partnered with Dr. Guy Riefler, Professor of Civil Engineering at Ohio University to extract toxic acid mine drainage (AMD) from polluted streams and turn it into paint pigment. Once the pigment is sold on a commercial scale, revenue will be invested back into the streams' remediation. Sabraw tells the pigments' story via his circular artwork.

"I make paintings that express the sublimity of nature but also the fragility of our relationship with it. All of my paintings use these toxic pigments in combination with standard artist colors", says Sabraw. Sabraw and Riefler are building a pilot facility that will not only demonstrate their process, but will also serve as an immersive, educational installation. By producing the pigment on a commercial scale, they believe their closed-loop solution will provide the state a great service: restoring polluted streams from their own clean-up. The project will create eco job opportunities and can serve as a model for future environmental clean-up solutions.



NASOM

THE NATIONAL AUTISM SOCIETY OF MALAYSIA

CHARITY RECIPIENT

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The National Autism Society of Malaysia (NASOM) is a society formed in 1987 by a group of parents and professionals with the aim to deliver lifespan services to the community of persons suffering from autism. It was registered on 3 March 1987 as a national charitable organisation and it strives to provide a range of support services to assist people living with autism, especially children and their immediate family members.

Vision

An inclusive society where people with autism can reach their full potential, participate in their communities, and lead a meaningful life with dignity

Mission

Working together with members, stakeholders and beneficiaries to improve the quality of life for people with autism and their families through programmes, services, resources, knowledge and social innovation, and promoting the rights and opportunities for people with autism

Objectives

1. To identify and promote the treatment, education, welfare and acceptance of people with autism
2. To provide assistance and advice to families of people with autism
3. To watch over and protect people with autism
4. To be a useful resource in the study, research and development of methodologies, therapies and treatment of autism and related disorders

People

A non-governmental organisation, NASOM has thirteen Board Members. Day to day administration and operations are headed by the Chief Executive and supported by a staff force of more than 150 staff members inclusive of teachers.

***THE* TUN ABDUL RAZAK CHAIR HOLDERS**

The Tun Abdul Razak Chair was established in 1979 in the U.S and in 1981 in Ohio University. The Chair program brings a senior Malaysian scholar to Ohio University serving as the intellectual envoy of Malaysia to the U.S for up to a two-year appointment. The Chair's primary role is to teach and conduct research at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio; to perform regional, national, and international outreach activities; and to assist in organising the Razak Lecture held in Malaysia. The Chair paved ways for Ohio University faculty to travel to Malaysia and held numerous symposiums and conferences at Ohio University and in Malaysia.

2015-2017: Professor Dr. Jayum Anak Jawan
Senior Professor of Politics and Government
Universiti Putra Malaysia

2011-2014: Professor Dr. Habibah Ashari
Professor of Education
Universiti Teknologi MARA

2008-2010: Professor Dato' Wira Dr Mohd Salleh Hj Din
Professor of Business
Universiti Sains Malaysia

2005-2007: Professor Dato' Mohamad Abu Bakar
Department of International and Strategic Studies
University of Malaya

2003-2005: Professor Dr. Abdul Kadir Din
Professor of Tourism
Universiti Utara Malaysia

2001-2003: Professor Dato' Dr. Zakaria Ahmad
Professor of Political Science
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

1997-2001: Professor Dr. Mohamed Sulaiman
Professor of Business
Universiti Sains Malaysia

1995-1997: Professor Dr. Mohammed bin Yusoff
Professor of Economics
Universiti Putra Malaysia

1993-1995: Professor Dato' Dr. Ahmad Mahdzan bin Ayob
Professor of Agricultural Economics
Universiti Putra Malaysia

1991-1993: Professor Dato' Dr. Sham Sani
Professor of Geography
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

1989-1991: Professor Datuk Abu Bakar Abdul Hamid
Professor of Literature
University of Malaya

1987-1989: Professor Dr. Abdullah bin Hassan
Professor of Bahasa Malaysia
Universiti Sains Malaysia

1985-1987: Professor Datuk Zainal Abidin bin Abdul Wahid
Professor of History
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

1983-1985: Professor Sri Datuk Dr. Fatimah Hamid Don
Professor of Education
University of Malaya

1981-1982: Professor Dr. Syed Muhammad Naquib al-Attas
Professor of Islamic Literature
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

THE PAST RAZAK LECTURE SERIES

**THE 10th
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LECTURE**

The Tun Abdul Razak lecture is delivered by a distinguished professor or eminent speaker from a prestigious university or organisation every two years in Malaysia. The lecture addresses current and relevant topics of interest to local and global audience.

Previous Lectures

1. Dr. Richard Vedder, Distinguished Professor of Economics, Ohio University, "Malaysian Economic Transformation in Historical Perspective", October 29th, 1993
2. Dr. Clifton Wharton Jr, Former US Deputy Secretary of State, "Pension Funds and the Globalization of Capital Markets", 1994
3. Dr. Alfred E. Eckes, Ohio Eminent Research Professor, "Malaysia, America, and the Challenge of World Trade: Past and Prospect", 1995
4. Dr. Charles J. Ping, President Emeritus, Ohio University, "A Vision of a Developed University", October 29th, 1996
5. Tan Sri Mohd Ghazali Shafie, Former Minister of Malaysia, "Nationalism and Globalism: A Personal Experience"
6. Dr. Stephen Kopp, Provost, Ohio University, "Learner-Centered Education in the Knowledge Era"
7. Dr. Carl W. Ernst, Kenan Distinguished Professor of Islamic Studies, University of North Carolina, "The West and Islam? Rethinking Orientalism and Occidentalism", Aug 9th 2007
8. Dr. William I. Brustein, Vice-Provost for Global Strategies and International Affairs, Ohio State University, "A Roadmap to a Global University", Sept 30th 2010
9. Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, Former Secretary-General of ASEAN, "ASEAN and its Impact on Global Politics and Economy", January 15th, 2013

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