

INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES NEWSLETTER

Greetings from IPS! The second quarter of 2017 has been filled with many academic and social events hosted by the Institute. We also welcome our 3rd Cohort MPPM students who have just recently returned to UBD from their USA Semester. To read more on our events and activities, please follow the links in the article summaries below, and do follow us on our social media pages on Facebook @ipsibd, and Instagram @policystudies.ubd. We would like to take this opportunity to wish Selamat Hari Raya Aidilfitri, Maaf Zahir Batin to all our Muslim colleagues and students!



Calls for Laws to Combat Environmental Issues

On Wednesday, 29 March, IPS in collaboration with the Institute of Biodiversity and Environmental Research (IBER) held a public lecture, which was presented by invited guest Professor Lye Lin Heng from the National University of Singapore (NUS). Titled "Environmental Law, Policy, Governance and Management: Getting It Right", Professor Lye pointed out how human activities damage the environment by depleting natural resources, generating pollution and waste, accelerating the loss of forest and biological diversity, and threatening water supplies. As populations increase, so do these problems, especially in cities. And this calls for an environmental management system to which law is just a part of. To read more, please visit: <http://www.ubd.edu.bn/news-and-events/news/2017/04/03/public-lecture-calls-for-laws-to-combat-environmental-issues/>

Third Symposium on Islamic Governance

The third instalment of the annual Symposium on Islamic Governance was held on 1st April 2017. The event amassed around 230 participants consisting of students, both local and international, as well as government representatives, the private sector and members of the public. The event followed a series of symposia held over the past two years that focused specifically on the emerging discipline and practice of Islamic Governance and its relationships with policy, government, and society. With the theme 'Integrating Organisational Functions within an Islamic System of Governance', the one-day symposium included discussions on how organisations, consisting of individuals, can function as a cohesive collective to create an environment that is conducive for the worship of Allah the Almighty. The symposium also highlighted four principal components of Islamic governance: the theological, the juristic, its values and the cultural context, where it is against these backgrounds that different possible perspectives, issues and challenges of engendering integration within Islamic governance can be examined. To read more, please visit: <http://ips.ubd.edu.bn/news.html>



Certificates of Appreciation and Lunch at the Institute

On 8th April 2017, an informal lunch was held at IPS to give thanks to our staff members and student volunteers who helped during the Third Symposium on Islamic Governance. Also present were Symposium paper presenters, Tuan Haji Mohd Rozan bin Dato Paduka Hj. Mohd Yunus, Professor Amin Abdul Aziz, Professor Abdal-Hakim Hardaker, Pengiran Hjh Zabaidah binti Pengiran Hj. Kamaludin, and Majdey Zawawi. Also in attendance was the Director of IPS, Dr. Mahani Hj. Hamdan, who presented the Certificates of Appreciation to the paper presenters, faculty members, and student volunteers.

Study Tour in Washington D.C. and Return to UBD

Our 3rd Cohort MPPM students have just completed their semester abroad at their respective universities in the United States. During their final week there, they traveled to various institutions of importance as part of their study tour to learn more about how the American government works, and how the policy processes are conducted. Some of the venues visited were: the US State Department, US Department of Energy, Department of Commerce, Brookings Institution, Federal Reserve, US Naval Academy, World Bank, and the Hall of Presidents. Overall, the students enjoyed their visits and their time spent in the United States as part of their Master programme, and they have now returned to Brunei/UBD to complete the final semester of their study. To read more, please visit: <http://ips.ubd.edu.bn/graduate.programmes.study-tour.html>



Upcoming Events

- Policy Analysis Workshop with Professor Mark C. Rom, 19th-31st July 2017
- 24 July - 6 August 2017: Islamic Governance Summer Programme, "Islamic Civilisation and the Modern World". Please visit our website for further details on how to participate
- Saturday, 29 July 2017: High Tea event in honour of our Visiting Professor, Mark C. Rom

