

# INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES NEWSLETTER

Assalamualaikum and greetings from the Institute of Policy Studies! In this issue we report on the events and activities over the period of July to September 2017. The Institute has been busy with the launch of the new semester at UBD, with incoming students under the Master of Public Policy and Management programme, MPPM (4th Cohort). We also bid goodbye to our students from the 3rd Cohort MPPM programme, who successfully completed their studies and officially graduated from UBD during the 29th Convocation in early September. We hope it's not too late to wish all graduates of UBD this year a hearty congratulations - well done and all the best in your future endeavours! Please visit our website and social media for more news.

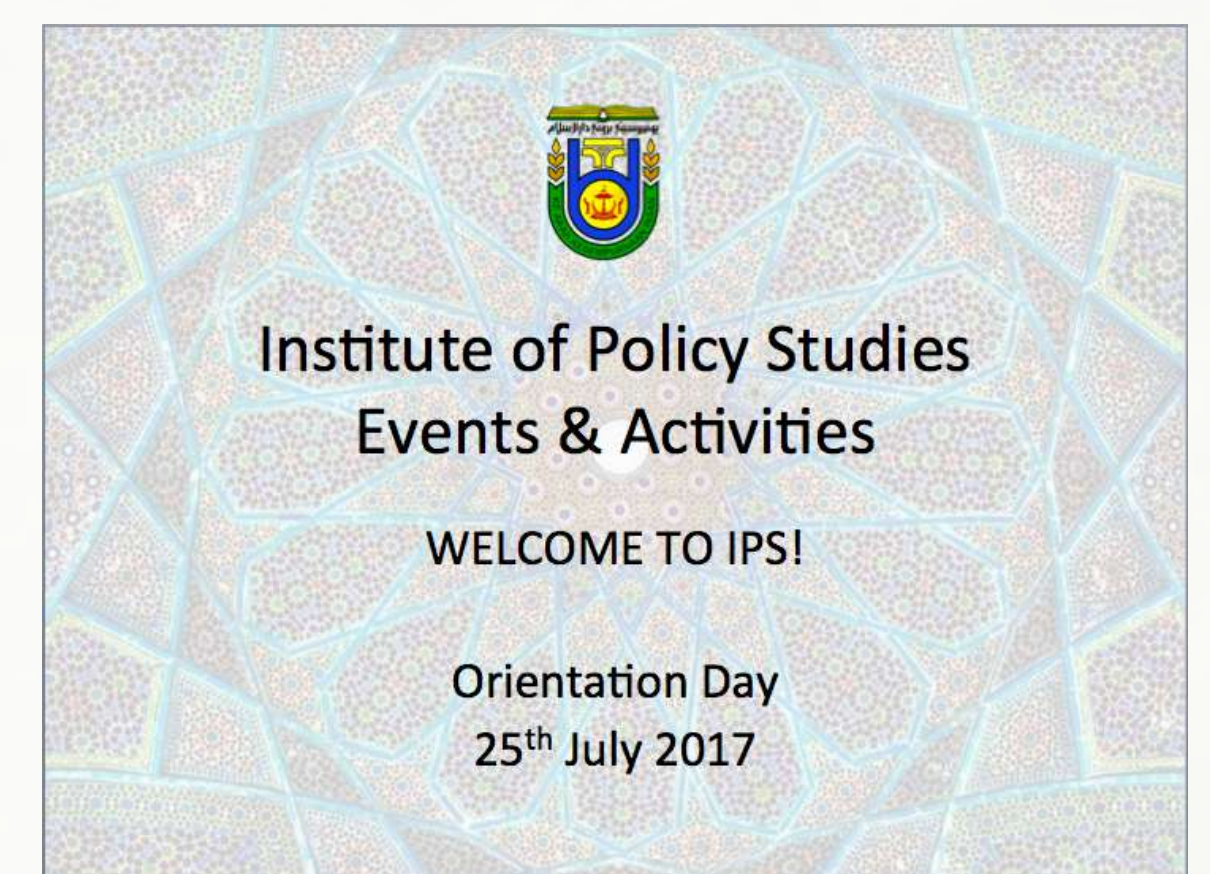


## IPS Celebrated Hari Raya with the UBD Community

On Saturday 8th July 2017, the Institute of Policy Studies participated in the UBD Hari Raya Aidilfitri Celebration along with other faculties and institutes. The event was held at the Extension Building of the Institute of Health Sciences, from 11am to 2pm. It drew over 500 students, staff, and friends of UBD together to celebrate the festive month of Syawal. Present as Guest of Honour at the event was the Minister of Education, Pehin Orang Kaya Indera Pahlawan Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Suyoi bin Haji Osman, along with other members of senior management from the Ministry of Education and UBD. To read more, please visit "Institute of Policy Studies participated in the UBD Hari Raya Aidilfitri Celebration" at <http://ips.ubd.edu.bn/news.html>

## Faculty Orientation & Welcoming the 4th MPPM Cohort

On Tuesday, 25th July 2017, we welcomed four new students of the Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM) programme, three students of the Master in Islamic Governance programme, and two students of the PhD in Islamic Governance programme. All Islamic Governance scholars will be working under Professor Amin Abdul Aziz of IPS. This year, our new intake of MPPM students come from Uganda, Malaysia, the United States, and a local Bruneian. Students were briefed on their respective programmes, introduced to the academic and administrative staff members of the Institute, as well as briefed on IPS's events and activities. We hope that our students will have a successful academic year ahead!



## Professor Mark C. Rom from Georgetown University at IPS

On Saturday, the 29th July 2017, we celebrated the completion of the MPPM programme (3rd Cohort) and organised a get-together with Visiting Academic from Georgetown University, Professor Mark C. Rom, who has been teaching the module KP-5104 Policy Analysis to our students and several participants from the public sector. We were also fortunate to see our MPPM cohorts 1 and 2 alumni who came by to celebrate the day with us - thank you! We wish all the best to our 3rd Cohort MPPM students as they finally completed all of their requirements for graduation, and will return to their respective public service posts after a year of studies at IPS. Wishing you continued success in your careers! For more pictures, please visit "Celebration on the Completion of MPPM Programme" at <http://ips.ubd.edu.bn/news.html>

## Appreciation to IPS Interns from Hong Kong

IPS was fortunate to host three visiting students from Hong Kong, who completed their internship programme at the Institute between 3rd July to 17th August 2017. The students were Miss Zita Fung Ho Lam from City University of Hong Kong, Mr. Isaac Ng Tsz Wa from Lingnan University, and Miss Minnie Fu Manni also from Lingnan University. As interns, the students performed operational activities at the IPS office that range from marketing material preparations, to assistance with administrative work, as well as learning key skills in conducting desk-research and enhancing their interpersonal and communication skills. They also enjoyed their time in Brunei by visiting Ulu Temburong and other important national landmarks such as the SOAS and Jame 'Asr mosques, and the Royal Regalia. IPS would like to express our deepest gratitude to Zita, Isaac, and Minnie - please come and visit us again in future!



## Congratulatory Message

The Institute of Policy Studies would like to congratulate our graduates of the 3rd Cohort Master of Public Policy and Management Programme on their graduation during the 29th Convocation Ceremony on 7th September 2017. We wish everyone all the best in their careers!

## Upcoming Events

- High Tea and Networking Session with Embassies on 27th November 2017

