

INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES NEWSLETTER

Greetings from IPS! The first quarter of 2017 has been filled with many activities at the Institute. Our 3rd cohort Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM) students have commenced their studies in their respective universities in America for a five-month US Semester component, while the Institute hosted several events to engage with various colleagues and stakeholders. Our academic members have also been busy with teaching in the new semester. We hope you enjoy reading this edition and wish you a productive start to 2017.

MPPM Students off to a Good Start in the USA

Students of the current cohort of the MPPM programme have all safely landed in America, where they will spend one semester at one of IPS-UBD's four partner policy schools. Placed at The Goldman School of Public Policy, University of California at Berkeley are Captain Zil Husam Abd. Rahman, Pg. Hj. Shahrul Rizan Pg. Hj. Othman, Hjh. Siti Maslina Hj. Md. Said, and Dimang Chhann; at Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University, we have Dk. Hjh. Tuty Shahrina Pg. Hj. Mat Said; at the School of Public Policy, Maryland University is Mas Ayu Zainal Abidin; and at McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University is Suhaila Hj. Matzan. We wish them all the best as they journey through a challenging semester abroad, and look forward to receiving them home in May 2017, once they have completed their studies there.



Employers' Participation and Feedback Crucial

On Wednesday, 11th January 2017, the IPS hosted an Employers' Engagement Session held at the Institute office, UBD. Several representatives from the public sector, specifically from the human resource and training-related departments, attended the high tea event, and shared their ideas and suggestions with members of the IPS. In her welcoming address, Director of IPS, Dr. Mahani Hj. Hamdan highlighted the importance of having the participation of employers of our graduates, in continually providing valuable feedback to the faculty, so improvements towards the relevance, efficiency, and delivery of our programmes can be made. Read more: <http://ips.ubd.edu.bn/news.html>

Retreat in the City

The Institute held a retreat on Monday, 16th January 2017 at the Radisson Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan. For the entire day, members held informal discussions and brain-storming sessions focused on creating and aligning the Institute's initiatives and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to that of UBD's Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

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High Tea with Embassies & Foreign Dignitaries in Brunei

On Wednesday, 25th January 2017, the Institute of Policy Studies hosted a high tea event for foreign embassies and high commissions. This is an annual event aimed at strengthening networks and friendship with the international community, particularly envoys and diplomatic representatives living here in Brunei. The event was graced with the recital of the Surah Al-Fatihah, followed by a welcoming speech by Dr. Teo Siew Yean, the AVC of Global Affairs, UBD. An information-sharing session was then led by the Director of IPS, Dr. Mahani Hamdan, and Graduate Studies Coordinator, Mr. Emil Zahrin Hj. Ali, who highlighted UBD's flagship programme, the Master of Public Policy and Management (MPPM). Read more: <http://ips.ubd.edu.bn/news.html>

More Events

- 8th February 2017: Chinese New Year Lunch at the IPS Office, ILIA Building.
- 11th - 12th February 2017: Higher Education Expo, 9:00AM-9:00PM, Bridex Hall 1&2, Jerudong.
- The Third Annual Symposium on Islamic Governance: "Integrating Organisational Functions within an Islamic System of Governance". Saturday, 1st April 2017, 8:30am-4:00pm, Senate Room, Chancellor Hall.

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