

Saturday, August 6, 2016

10:00am – 10:10am

**Welcoming Remarks**

- Zairil Khir Johari, Executive Director, Penang Institute

10:10am – 11:40am

**State of the Global Economy: Implications for ASEAN**

ASEAN has risen in the past as globalisation and international trade elevated the region from being a commodity supplier to an end-product manufacturer. Today, ASEAN is an important hub in the global supply chain. However, global trade is now slowing due to multiple reasons, including external shocks such as terrorism and the recent Brexit. This would induce more uncertainties for ASEAN, which collectively comprises the seventh largest economy in the world.

Speakers:

- Dato' Dr Wing Thye Woo, Distinguished Fellow, Penang Institute
- Dr Muhammed Khalid, Director of Research, Khazanah Research Institute
- Dr Muhamad Chatib Basri, former Finance Minister of Indonesia

Moderator:

- Dr Ong Kian Ming, Member of the Malaysian Parliament

11:40am – 12:00pm

**Coffee Break**

12:00pm – 12:45pm

**Keynote Address**

In the last one year, Malaysia's international standing has deteriorated following major financial scandals involving the top leadership of the country. Billions of dollars remain unaccountable and domestic investigations have been curtailed. Against this backdrop, Penang offers a beacon of hope not only in clean governance, tolerance and acceptance of diversity but also in good economics performance, social progressiveness and environmentally sustainable development.

Speaker:

- Lim Guan Eng, Chief Minister of Penang

Moderator

- Steven Sim, Member of the Malaysian Parliament

12:45pm – 2:00pm

**Lunch Break**

2:00pm – 3:30pm

### **Southeast Asian Economies Under Stress**

Many Southeast Asian countries are caught in the middle-income trap. This will present additional challenges to policy-makers as the economies have to adapt to slower global trade and increased level of inequality. At the same time, disruptive technologies have challenged many traditional business models such that previously successful policies might not be sustainable in the future.

Speakers:

- Dr Somkiat Tangkitvanich, President, Thailand Development Research Institute
- Dr Ooi Kee Beng, Deputy Director, ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute
- Dr Lim Kim-Hwa, CEO and Head of Economics, Penang Institute

Moderator:

- Tim-Niklas Schoepp, COO, Penang Institute

3:30pm – 3:45pm

### **Coffee Break**

3:45pm – 5:15pm

### **Generational Change**

Malaysia's demography is highly favourable and expected to enjoy a "demographic dividend" over the next decade or so. However, technological advancement, societal changes and cultural differences across Malaysia's multi-ethnic and multi-cultural society will present challenges to the country.

Speakers:

- Calvin Woo, Co-founder of NexGen Impact and Queen's Young Leader
- Wan Saiful Wan Jan, CEO, Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS)
- Melissa Sasidaran, Legal and Campaign Coordinator, Lawyers for Liberty

Moderator:

- Steven Sim, Member of the Malaysian Parliament

8:00pm – 9.30pm

### **Special Dinner Lecture**

The rise of President Joko Widodo as an "outsider" in Indonesia marks the dramatic transformation of the country. Having embraced democracy and free press, Indonesia being the world's largest Muslim country proves that Islam and liberal democratic values can co-exist. Being also the largest country and economy in ASEAN, Indonesia is the natural leader in the region; a fact that will prove pertinent as disputes in the South China Sea begins to escalate.

Speaker:

- Dr Muhamad Chatib Basri, former Finance Minister of Indonesia

Moderator:

- Dr Mustafa Anuar, Fellow and Head of Nusantara Studies, Penang Institute

Sunday, August 7, 2017

9:00am – 10:30am

**Penang's Software: History, Culture, Liveability**

Deprived of natural resources, Penang relies on its ability to produce and attract human talent. As Penang seeks to transform into a hub for talents, a key challenge is how to build and develop upon the city's core attractiveness, namely its rich history, varied culture and liveability.

Speakers:

- Dr Wong Yee Tuan, Fellow and Head of History, Penang Institute
- Stuart Macdonald, Fellow and Head of Urban Studies, Penang Institute
- Dr Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid, Professor of Political Science, Universiti Sains Malaysia

Moderator:

- Gareth Richards, Founder and Director, Impress Creative and Gerak Budaya Bookshop

10:30am – 10:45am

**Tea Break**

10:45am – 12:15pm

**ASEAN's future: How to Rescue it**

Brexit has thrown the European integration project into disarray. As ASEAN embraces integration such as through the ASEAN Economic Community, there will be doubts as to whether such a project represents ASEAN's future. This should serve as a point for pondering as ASEAN celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year.

Speakers:

- Dr Meredith Weiss, Professor of Political Science, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University of Albany
- Liew Chin Tong, Member of the Malaysian Parliament
- Dato' Dr Mujahid Yusof Rawa, Member of the Malaysian Parliament

Moderator:

- Zairil Khir Johari, Executive Director, Penang Institute

12:15pm

**Closing Remarks**

- Dr P Ramasamy, Deputy Chief Minister II of Penang