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ABOUT ISIS MALAYSIA

The Institute of Strategic & International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia was established on 8 April 1983 as an autonomous research organisation. Its research focus is on foreign policy, security, economics, trade, social, technology and environmental studies.

On ISIS Malaysia's 40th anniversary, it is evident that much of its core ethos and work have played a significant role in shaping the nation's policy landscape. It is equally clear that ISIS Malaysia's research areas align with the multifaceted challenges and opportunities encountered since the nation's formation 60 years ago.

As Malaysia evolves, so does our research, adapting to a changing global and domestic landscape to make sense of developments, provide insights and recommend policy solutions.

ABOUT PRAXIS

PRAXIS is ISIS Malaysia's flagship conference directed at policymakers and decision-makers. Its central tenet is translating theory and knowledge into practice, living up to the ideal that discourses have real-life impacts.

Among its features are **roundtables** – the process of convening experts, stakeholders and practitioners to map issues, identify opportunities and set a conference agenda; **conference** – presenting findings from working groups with the objective of deliberating policy solutions; and **policy briefs** – published and presented to ministers, senior officials and stakeholders.

PRAXIS is a multistakeholder platform for fostering collaboration between experts and policymakers to develop actionable solutions.



ABOUT THE PRAXIS 2023 THEME

Advancing Malaysia's Strategic Interests

As we commemorate the 60th anniversary of the formation of Malaysia, the nation faces multifaceted challenges. Malaysia is grappling with a challenging global economy and geostrategic landscape, climate disasters, food insecurity and major demographic transitions.

At this inflection point, Malaysia can ill afford inaction and neither can business-as-usual approaches to policymaking safeguard against emerging developments. But each challenge presents an opportunity for growth and innovative solutions, so adopting a forward-looking approach to advance our strategic interests is paramount.

To that end, we have identified four key areas that are of vital interest to the nation: **food security; care economy; the semiconductor industry; and climate resilience** from where the most pressing challenges to nation-building, development and wellbeing are arising.

PRAXIS 2023, thus, represents a collective endeavour to deliberate on these key areas and design solutions towards advancing Malaysia's strategic interests.

EVENT PROGRAMME

- 0815-0900 Participant registration and arrival
- 0900-0915 Welcoming remarks by
Prof Dr Mohd Faiz Abdullah
Chairman of ISIS Malaysia
- 0915-0945 Keynote address by
YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri
Minister of Women, Family and Community Development
- 0945-1000 Refreshments
- 1000-1115 **Session 1: Feeding the world, fortifying food security**
Economic security
- 1115-1230 **Session 2: Building a cradle-to-grave care economy**
Social security
- 1230-1330 Lunch
- 1330-1400 Break
- 1400-1515 **Session 3: Cultivating Malaysia's semiconductor ecosystem**
Technology security
- 1515-1530 Refreshments
- 1530-1600 Keynote address by
YB Nik Nazmi bin Nik Ahmad
Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change
- 1600-1715 **Session 4: Shaping a nature-positive economy for prosperity**
Environmental security
- 1715-1730 Closing remarks by
Prof Dr Mohd Faiz Abdullah
Chairman of ISIS Malaysia
- 1730 End



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

YB Dato' Sri Hajah Nancy Shukri

Minister of Women, Family and Community Development

Dato' Sri Nancy Shukri is the longest-serving female federal minister from Sarawak. She is the Santubong MP and has more than 15 years' experience as an elected representative.

She was the MP for the Batang Sadong constituency from 2008 to 2022.

She has served as minister in the Prime Minister's Department; law minister (2013-2016); Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD); Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT); National Agency (AIM); and Malaysia Nuclear Power Corporation (MNPC). Her tenure as tourism minister in 2020 coincided with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, a position she embraced with compassion and leadership.

A strong advocate for women and human rights, she led the Women's Parliamentary Caucus from 2008 to 2012 and is currently an adviser to the Women Visionary Entrepreneurs Association (Saranita).



KEYNOTE ADDRESS

YB Nik Nazmi bin Nik Ahmad

Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Climate Change

Nik Nazmi is the Setiawangsa MP. He is a former Selangor exco member, deputy speaker of the Selangor assembly and Seri Setia assemblyman. He has also served as chairman of the Defence and Home Affairs Select Committee and political secretary to the Selangor MB.

Nik Nazmi was appointed to his ministerial post in December 2022 at 40, making him the second youngest full cabinet member.

The present ministry is a combination of two previous ministries: Energy and Natural Resources; and Environment and Water. Among his early landmark policies is the introduction of a climate policy that not only focused on climate mitigation but also adaptation and resilience.



WELCOMING & CLOSING REMARKS

Prof Dr Mohd Faiz Abdullah
Chairman, ISIS Malaysia

A lawyer by training, Prof Faiz has extensive experience in public policy and research, and the corporate sector. He had served as special adviser to the Selangor government, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Ministry of International Trade and Industry. He is the founding dean of Selangor Business School (UNISEL) and the author of books on jurisprudence, public policy and strategic management. He remains actively engaged in the public, economic and foreign policy spheres, both at a Track 1 and Track 2 level.



Session 1 : Feeding the world, fortifying food security

Economic security

Malaysia's long-term food security requires a comprehensive reimagining to better reflect its comparative strengths and abundance. By leveraging on systems-based solutions grounded in intricate supply chains, interconnected trading networks and multilateral frameworks, Malaysia can put forward a "We Feed the World" narrative that better reflects its contribution towards global food security while ensuring its own. This session examines what is needed to drive this narrative forward, and how Malaysia can better fortify food security for the nation and across the globe.

Panellists



Dr Larry Wong
Senior Visiting Fellow
ISIS Malaysia

Dr Wong's key areas of expertise are food security, agro-food supply/value chains, public-private partnerships in agriculture, rural development, regional integration and sustainable development. He has held senior positions in the Malaysian Agricultural Research and Development Institute (MARDI) and the Economic Planning Unit (EPU). He is also senior adviser to the Myanmar Rice Federation, visiting senior research fellow of Myanmar's Centre for Economic and Social Development, Asia-Pacific Agricultural Policy Forum board member and member of the editorial advisory board for the Asian Journal of Agriculture and Development.



Datin Zaeidah Mohamed Esa
Director, Agriculture Division
Ministry of Economy

Datin Zaeidah's role involves reviewing and formulating policies and strategies for the medium- to long-term development of the nation's agriculture sector. This includes monitoring the implementation of programmes and allocating budget for agriculture projects. She was involved in drafting the National Energy Policy launched in 2022 and participated in the oil and gas services' equipment blueprint. One of her previous stints includes serving in the Privatisation Unit – better known as UKAS – as director of security and land development.



Prof Datin Paduka Dr Fatimah Mohamed Arshad
Research Fellow
Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM)

Prof Fatimah has been a member of the National Agriculture Advisory Council, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (renamed Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security in 2023) since 2018. Her research areas include agricultural marketing and economics issues, policy analyses, and agricultural market structure, conduct and performance. She has done numerous policy studies particularly on the role of agricultural subsidies and incentives in the padi and rice industry, food security, agricultural cooperatives, food supply chain and marketing, price analyses, and commodity and agricultural sector modelling.



Dato' Mohd Nazrul Izam Mansor

Group CEO
FGV Holdings Berhad

Dato' Nazrul has more than 25 years of diverse industry experience. He has held prominent leadership roles as group CEO of Felcra Bhd; managing director of Teras Dara Konsortium Sdn Bhd; director of finance at N.U.R Power Sdn Bhd group CFO of RealMild Sdn Bhd; and head of structured business in MBSB Sdn Bhd. He is a chartered accountant, a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants, and fellow certified practising accountant of CPA Australia.

Moderator



Qarrem Kassim

Analyst
ISIS Malaysia

Qarrem's research focuses on critical areas, such as industrial policy, SME development and institutional economics. With a background as a consultant specialising in economics and public policy planning in the fields of entrepreneur and industrial development, he brings expertise to shaping strategies and policies that aim to foster sustainable economic growth.



Session 2 : Building a cradle-to-grave care economy

Social security



As Malaysia confronts the challenges of a rapidly aging population and a diminishing workforce, it faces an urgent need to build a robust social infrastructure ecosystem. By establishing a cradle-to-grave care economy, Malaysia stands to benefit from early action that will reduce care burdens on women, sustain labour supply, bolster economic growth, while reducing pressure on social welfare systems. This session delves into the fundamentals for a more comprehensive vision of social protection – one where care services are included as a key pillar of economic opportunity and social support for families.

Panellists



Prof Datuk Dr Norma Mansor

Director
Social Wellbeing Research Centre (SWRC), Universiti Malaya

Prof Norma has held the SWRC director post since 2013. She has served as an adviser and consultant to various organisations, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), World Bank, International Labour Organisation, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), European Union, Asian Development Bank and numerous Malaysian public agencies. She is also the author of numerous books and journal articles on public and social policy, aging and social protection. She is a fellow of the Academy of Sciences Malaysia and president of the Malaysian Economic Association.



Chua Choon Hwa

Deputy Secretary-General (Strategic)
Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development

Chua is career civil servant, having joined the service in 1996. He was posted to the ministry's policy division as principal senior assistant secretary in 2019, allowing him to join various national and international forums, including the 22nd session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva and the 46th session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development in New York. In 2013, Chua was promoted to deputy undersecretary and his portfolio expanded to involve other target groups in the ministry, namely the disabled, older persons, homeless and vulnerable groups. As deputy undersecretary, he led the formulation of the Child Online Protection Action Plan and tabled the 2001 Child Act amendment. He assumed the present role in May 2022.



Balqais Yusoff

Head of Department (Strategy Management)
Employees Provident Fund (EPF)

As head of the EPF's Policy and Strategy Department, Balqais has been part of the social-protection realm for almost a decade. Prior to joining EPF, she led the corporate-planning outfit of a public-listed supply chain organisation. Balqais has more than 20 years' experience in banking, public services and consultancy.



Ahmad Ikram 'Ji' Abdullah

Senior Policy Adviser
The Asia Foundation (TAF)

Ji joined TAF Malaysia in 2021 where he is also the lead for the Australia-Malaysia Reform Partnership (AMRP) programme, which advocates for reform in the areas of green economy, care economy and creative economy. Ji's previous assignments include consultant with an international development organisation, CEO of the Terengganu Strategic and Integrity Institute, vice-president (communications and branding) at SME Bank and government relations adviser at ExxonMobil.

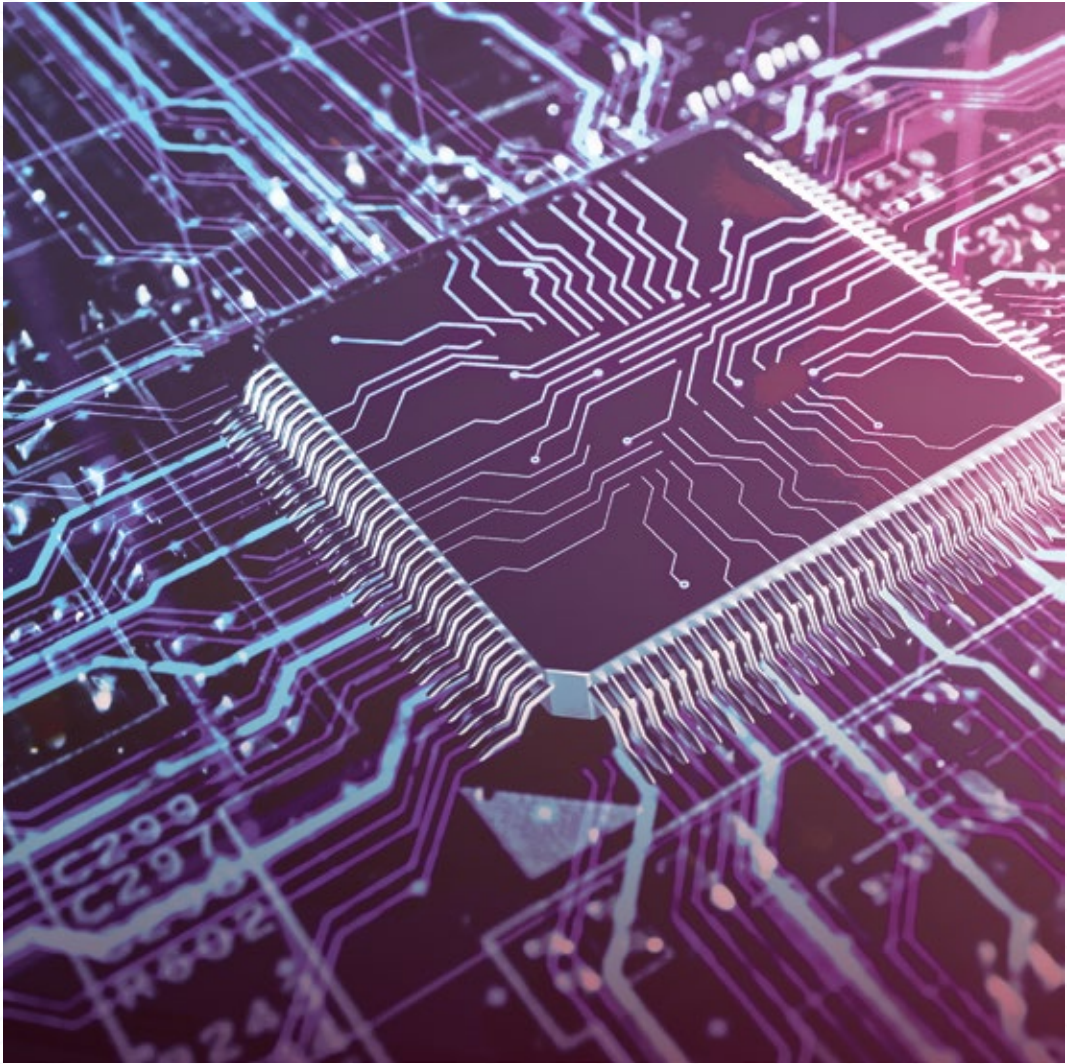
Moderator



Lee Min Hui

Analyst
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Session 3 : Cultivating Malaysia's semiconductor ecosystem

Technology security



The global semiconductor supply chain is increasingly fraught with geostrategic considerations. Among others, home-shoring and friend-shoring initiatives; greater incentive and investment policies to deepen domestic capabilities; and the implementation of export controls of key technologies that threaten to bifurcate supply chains. This raises the question of how Malaysia's semiconductor industry should react and position itself, given the country's ambitions to grow the industry and generate high-skilled employment opportunities. This session explores the opportunities and risks arising from geostrategic considerations and the feasibility of Malaysia moving into other areas of the value chain.

Panellists



YB Liew Chin Tong

Deputy Minister
Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI)

YB Liew is the Iskandar Puteri MP and Perling assemblyman. He was a senator and served as deputy defence minister from July 2018 to February 2020 when he supported former defence minister Mohammad Sabu's efforts to present Malaysia's first Defence White Paper, which was passed in Parliament on 2 December 2019. He is passionate about policies relating to the economy, defence and security, institutional reform, political Islam, security and international relations, and urban studies.



Dato' Lim Yong Jin

Vice-President
Malaysia Semiconductor Industry Association (MSIA)

Dato' Lim is the former regional president of Plexus Corporation, a US-based electronic manufacturing service (EMS) company. He served Plexus from 2007 to 2021, and has also worked in various industries, such as semiconductors, hard-disk storage and medical.



Siobhan Das

CEO
American Malaysian Chamber of Commerce (AmCham)

Siobhan joined AmCham as its executive director in 2016 and was promoted in 2020 to become the organisation's first CEO in its 43-year history. She created an action-oriented policy platform at the chamber that is designed to address both the strategic concerns of American multinational companies and the tactical day-to-day challenges faced by operations on the ground. She works closely with business leaders and various stakeholders in the Malaysian and US governments to ensure that AmCham fulfils its role as the voice of US businesses in Malaysia.



Eng Seng Meng

Senior Vice-President and Managing Director
Infineon Technologies

Eng has more than three decades of semiconductor industry experience. He served Infineon Technologies in various top management roles, such as managing director of the Wuxi site in China and more recently, senior vice-president and global head of industrial engineering in Singapore. He has a track record of leading large and global organisations, with expertise in operation management, site management, industrial engineering and Industrial 4.0 transformation. Eng is a board member of the Malaysia Semiconductor Industry Association (MSA).

Moderator



Dr Sharbanom Abu Bakar

Independent Non-Executive Director
Affin Islamic Bank

Dr Sharbanom is a former lead consultant to the UNDP for the development of Malaysia's SDG investors' map, which was launched in June 2023. While in the UK, where she obtained a PhD, she was involved in the UKCITE (UK Connected Intelligent Transport Environment) consortium, where she evaluated technologies for the connected and autonomous vehicles (CAV) and explored their implications for existing infrastructure, regulations and environment. She has also worked at IBM Malaysia, where she was seconded to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) to manage projects under the Economic Transformation Programme.



Session 4 : Shaping a nature-positive economy for prosperity

Environmental security

Malaysia's wealth of biodiversity and natural resources presents a unique opportunity to mitigate climate change concerns while fostering equitable wealth generation for the people. By pursuing nature-based solutions aimed at restoring, protecting, and enhancing native ecosystems, the nature-positive economy (NPE) model promises to spearhead mitigation strategies at the national and state levels. This session imagines a Malaysia, which establishes itself as a leader in facilitating conservation financing through market-based approaches to harmonise economic growth and environmental preservation.

Panellists



Datuk Darrel Webber

Climate Adviser to Sabah government

Datuk Darrel is executive adviser to the Sabah Jurisdictional Approach to Sustainable Palm Oil and senior adviser to Earth Innovation Institute, San Francisco, among others. He is a firm believer that for effective change to happen, the Global South must lead the discussions on both sustainable development and climate change. He is working towards building a model sustainable farm and promote responsible angling. He is the former CEO of the global multistakeholder sustainability initiative, the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO). Prior to that, he worked in international non-profits, the oil and gas industry and the consumer goods industry.



Prof Datin Seri Sunita Rajakumar

Chairman
Climate Governance Malaysia

Prof Sunita is a professional independent director who is a strong advocate of the importance of governance in general and risk management in particular. She is chairman of Climate Governance Malaysia, which is the country chapter of the World Economic Forum's Climate Governance Initiative. She sits on the boards of Dutch Lady Milk Industries, Petronas Chemicals, HSBC Malaysia, MCIS Insurance and Zurich General Insurance. She is also adjunct professor in climate governance and sustainability, Unitar International University.



Nosrat Ravichandran

Malaysia Country Lead
Lestari Capital

Nosrat leads the overall development and implementation of Lestari Capital's project portfolio and partner engagements in Malaysia. She has more than 18 years' experience in biodiversity conservation, corporate communications, ecotourism, wildlife and protected-area management. She has served at the Department of Wildlife and National Parks and the Asean Centre for Biodiversity in the Philippines to implement conservation projects with public and development funds. She has worked at the site level with communities and rangers up to the policy level with Asean officials.



Ushar Daniele

Independent journalist

Ushar is based in Kuala Lumpur, from where she covers Southeast Asia. As a producer and reporter for numerous media outlets, her work has appeared on Al Jazeera English, VICE News Tonight, CNN, *South China Morning Post*, Channel News Asia, Bloomberg, *The New York Times* and CNBC.

Moderator



Prof Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid

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RESEARCH TEAM



Food security



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Assoc Prof Dr Andrew Kam Jia Yi

Senior Fellow
Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

Dr Kam is an associate professor in Economics at UKM. He has served as a consultant to many national and international organisations, such as World Bank, United Nations Conference of Trade & Development (UNCTAD), UNESCO, Malaysian Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) and Malaysian Productivity Corp. His research areas are international trade, non-tariff measures, global value chains, production sharing/production fragmentation, productivity studies, industrialisation and the digital creative economy. His most recent engagement was with the National Economic Recovery Council where he co-drafted the Covid-19 National Economic Recovery Plan on trade and investment.



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Yanitha Meena Louis

Researcher
ISIS Malaysia

Meena works on the Indo-Pacific with an emphasis on South Asia, Asean and the European Union. She is interested in how regionalism, regionalisation and multilateralism could address global challenges and tackle non-traditional security issues. This year, her research has focused largely on Asean mechanisms and the G20 agenda.

Care security



Lead Expert

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Sharifah Shazana Agha

Research Head

Women's Aid Organisation (WAO)

Shazana is Head of Research at WAO, a Malaysian non-profit organisation working to improve gender equality and end violence and discrimination against women. In the last decade, she has actively been a part of various research and advocacy initiatives advancing gender equality and children's rights in Malaysia. She has contributed towards several projects focused on increasing and retaining the participation of women in the labour force and at decision-making levels. She is a co-principal researcher for a study focused on strengthening paid and unpaid care work policies in Malaysia in the context of endemicity.



Anis Farid

Research Manager
Women's Aid Organisation (WAO)

Anis oversees the RE:CARE Project looking into building the resilience of the care workforce and infrastructure in Malaysia for future crisis-preparedness. At WAO, Anis has been involved in efforts advocating for the creation of a more gender-inclusive Malaysia – from law reforms to gender-responsive budgeting, as part of the Secretariat of the Gender Budget Group. Previously, she co-led a study on public attitudes and perceptions towards violence against women and gender equality. In her current role, Anis is focused on women's economic empowerment and the importance of recognising and addressing care work, both paid and unpaid.



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Calvin Cheng

Senior Analyst
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Calvin's research interests span multiple areas in economic policy, including those related to the policy design of social protection programmes, and the links between labour markets and economic development.

Technology security



Lead Expert

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Farlina Said

Senior Analyst
ISIS Malaysia

Farlina is involved in crafting various dialogues and forums on cybersecurity, radicalisation and Malaysia-Korea relations. She has led dialogues and forums inclusive of regional and international conversations, such as the Track 1.5 Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) study group on international law and cyberspace. Her research and ideas have reached forums, such as East Asia Summit (EAS) workshops, Internet Governance Forum (IGF) open forum, Singapore International Cyber Week and platforms on the sidelines of the UN. Her research interests include responsible state behaviour in cyberspace and the geopolitics in technology development.



Angeline Tan

Researcher
ISIS Malaysia

Angeline's research covers East Asia's international relations, with a particular focus on China. As tech rivalry escalates between US and China, she is interested in the rapidly changing landscape of the global semiconductor supply chain and how this might affect technological developments in China and Southeast Asia.

Environmental security



Lead Expert

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Dr Gopalasamy Reuben Clements

Sustainable Finance Specialist
Zoological Society of London (ZSL)

Dr Reuben develops and manages ZSL's nature-based solutions (NBS) portfolio in Southeast Asia. He has more than 18 years' experience as a conservation scientist and ended his academic stint in Malaysia as a professor. After serving as vice-president of the Malaysian non-profit Rimba, he co-founded Nature Based Solutions Sdn Bhd, a developer and implementer of NBS projects.



Ahmad Afandi

Senior Analyst
ISIS Malaysia

Afandi's research interests include a wide spectrum of climate change and sustainability issues, with a particular emphasis on climatic resilience, biodiversity, and environmental governance. His most recent work includes reviewing the National Climate Change Policy and researching economic instruments for climate adaptation and forest conservation. He was an environment consultant before to joining ISIS Malaysia, bringing experience from numerous projects on policy formulation, strategic planning, and technical studies on natural resource management, environmental planning, and land use and spatial planning.



Zayana Zaikariah

Researcher
ISIS Malaysia

Tying back to Zayana's bachelor's degree majoring in sustainability studies, her interest lies between mapping solutions for climate mitigation and adaptation on a local level while drawing on multilateral cooperation. During her internship at ISIS Malaysia, Zayana worked on human rights law addressing climate-related floods. She was an intern at the UNDP of Malaysia, Brunei and Singapore.

PARTNERS



About Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung e.V. (KAS) is a German non-profit organisation and think-tank with partners and projects in more than 120 countries. KAS Malaysia facilitates a platform for dialogue among all stakeholders and across various topics, such as good governance, sustainable and economic development, and international security dialogue. With its activities and projects, KAS provides analyses and forums for exchange, which contribute actively to international cooperation and understanding. For further information about KAS in Malaysia, please visit: <https://www.kas.de/en/web/Malaysia>.

About FGV Holdings Berhad



FGV is a leading global agribusiness company based in Malaysia and is one of the largest producers of crude palm oil (CPO) in the world. Its operations span across 10 countries in Asia, the Middle East, North America and Europe, and focused on five main sectors – plantation, sugar, logistics & support businesses, integrated farming and consumer products.

As the group's core business, the plantation sector has an integrated palm value chain for upstream, processing and downstream activities. FGV also owns one of the largest vegetable oil tank & storage facilities in the world and is a leading producer of refined sugar in Malaysia.

FGV is also involved in intensive integrated farming activities via its business units for cash crops, padi and rice, animal nutrition and protein, livestock and dairy farms. The group is also a well-known FMCG player with various brands, such as Saji, Adela, Seri Pelangi, Gula Prai, Ladang'57 and Bright Cow.

FGV aims to champion sustainable food and agricultural products. For more information, watch the new corporate video on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, YouTube and www.fgvholdings.com.

About The Asia Foundation



The Asia Foundation is a non-profit international development organisation committed to improving lives and expanding opportunities across the Asia-Pacific. Its work across the region is focused on good governance, women's empowerment and gender equality, inclusive economic growth, environment and climate action, and regional and international relation.

Since 1954, TAF has supported Malaysia's aspiration to achieve equitable and inclusive economic growth. It works with various levels of governments, the private sector and local communities to create access to the digital economy, strengthen a future-oriented workforce, upskill local talent, strengthen women's economic participation and catalyse climate action.

One of TAF Malaysia's flagship programmes is the Australia-Malaysia Reform Partnership (AMRP), which seeks to contribute to policy reforms in Malaysia, with support from Australia. AMRP also provides platforms for engagement and policy dialogue among stakeholders. TAF engages with key stakeholders to provide policy recommendations focused on the creative economy, the care economy and the green economy.



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