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PROGRAMME

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INSTITUTE OF STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (ISIS) MALAYSIA

ASIAN MASS COMMUNICATION RESEARCH AND INFORMATION CENTRE (AMIC)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

2000 Welcoming dinner hosted by ISIS Malaysia (Lotus Room, Merlin Hotel)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

0900 — 0915 Opening remarks
  • Dr Benjamin Lozare (AMIC)
  • Haji Ramli Othman (ISIS)

0915 — 1000 SESSION 1 - COUNTRY REPORTS
  Chairperson: YBhg Dato' Mohamed Sopiee
  The Philippines: Dr Ibarra Gonzalez
  Thailand: Dr Darunee Hirunrak

1000 — 1100 Discussion

1100 — 1120 Coffee break

1120 — 1200 SESSION 2 - COUNTRY REPORTS
  Chairperson: Basskaran Nair
  Indonesia: Abdul Razak
  Malaysia: Dr Syed Arabi Idid

1200 — 1300 Discussion

1300 — 1400 Lunch
1400 — 1500  **SESSION 3 - COUNTRY REPORTS**

Chairperson: Vergel Santos

India: S Sahay  
Sri Lanka: Manik De Silva  
Singapore: Dr Chiew Seen Kong

1500 — 1650  Discussion

1530 — 1550  Coffee break

2000  Dinner hosted by The New Straits Times  
(Mawar Grill, Merlin Hotel)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

0900 — 1030  **SESSION 4**

Debate in society, scholarly and professional publications on media coverage of ethnic issues

Chairperson: Awang Johari Awang Achee

Panelists:
* Abdul Kadir Jasin  
* Manik De Silva  
* Basskaran Nair  
* Wirasak Salayakanond  
* Vergel Santos

1030 — 1050  Coffee break
1050 — 1220

SESSION 5

Legal and statutory restrictions on ethnic reporting

Chairperson: Jaafar Kamin

Panelists:
- Abdul Razak
- Haji Deli Ahmad
- Dr Darunee Hirunrak
- Mohd Jawhar Hassan
- Zainul Abidin Rasheed

Resource person: Shad Faruqi

1220 — 1400 Lunch

1430 — 1530 SESSION 6

In-house guidelines, code of ethics and role of press councils on ethnic reporting

Chairperson: Dr Boonlert Supadhiloke

Panelists:
- Sheila Coronel
- Ahmad Rejal Arbee
- S Sahay
- Suprati Widarto
- Zainuddin Maidin

1530 — 1550 Coffee break
1550 — 1750  **SESSION 7**

Working group discussion  
(Participants will be divided into two parallel groups to work out recommendations and guidelines on coverage of ethnic issues and promotion of national unity)

**Working Group A**  
Chairperson: Dr Ibarra Gonzalez

**Working Group B**  
Chairperson: Zainul Abidin Rasheed

2130 — 2330  Drafting Committee Meeting  
(Room 3, 1st Floor, Merlin Hotel)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

0930 — 1100  **SESSION 8**

Plenary: Discussion of recommendations

Chairpersons:
• Dr Munir Majid  
• Dr Wilhelm Wiegreffe

1100 — 1120  Coffee break

1120 — 1220  Adoption of recommendations (if consensus is reached)  
Summing up

1220 — 1400  Lunch

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Welcome to Malaysia. We hope that your stay in Malaysia will be a pleasant one.

Further to the administrative information forwarded under our cover letter dated Nov 22, 1988, we would like to inform you of the following:

a. General

Participation in the Media, Ethnicity and National Unity Conference is in an individual capacity and not as representatives of any country or organisation. To give everyone the opportunity to be candid, all sessions are limited only to participants and observers.

b. Time allocation

(i) The Chairperson of each session is allowed 5 minutes to introduce the paper presenters or panelists. To allow maximum time for discussion, Chairpersons are not expected to summarise at the end of each session.

(ii) Paper presenters are allowed 15-20 minutes each to present the main points of their papers.

(iii) Panelists are allowed no more than 7-10 minutes each to present their views.

(iv) To allow maximum time for exchange of views, we hope the time allocation specified above can be adhered to by all concerned.

c. Curriculum Vitae

Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Secretariat at the time of registration.

d. Breakfast, Lunches and Dinners

(i) The room rate includes a local breakfast buffet which will be served in a special corner in the hotel Coffee House.

(ii) All participants are invited to all lunches and dinners as indicated in the programme. All international participants will be given either MYR225 (for those arriving on Nov 29) or MYR180 to cover dinners and other incidentals.
(iii) Please collect the per diem from the Secretariat at the time of registration.

e. Transport

(i) ISIS will arrange transport from The Merlin to ISIS Malaysia and return. Please assemble in the hotel lobby at the following times:
   Dec 1 -- 8.30 am
   Dec 2 -- 8.30 am
   Dec 3 -- 9.00 am

(ii) Please inform the secretariat of your transport requirements from The Merlin to the airport before 2 pm on Dec 2.

f. Conference Liaison Officers

Mr Arjunaidi Jāmaludin and Mr Ismail Mahmood are the conference liaison officers and will be accommodated at the Merlin. They will be able to assist or answer queries from participants at all times. Their room number is 1009.