



ASEAN CROSS-CULTURAL RELIGIOUS LITERACY FORUM

Friday, 24th October 2025 / 2nd Jamadil Awal 1445 Hijriah 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Main Hall, IIUM Cultural Centre (ICC) IIUM Gombak Campus, Malaysia

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TIME	PROGRAMME
2:15 p.m.	- Arrival of staff and invited guests
2:20 p.m.	- Arrival of IIUM University Management Committee, Forum Panelists, Top Management from Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia and Honourable Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, Rector of IIUM
2:30 p.m.	- Arrival of Excellencies and Honourable, representatives of ASEAN members Embassies and High Commissions
2:30 p.m.	- Arrival of the Honourable Minister of Higher Education Malaysia Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri DiRaja Dr. Zambry Abd. Kadir
	- National Anthem Negaraku
	- ASEAN Summit 2025 official theme song "Our Land, Our Home"
	- Introductory remarks by the Master of Ceremony
	- Welcoming remarks by Honourable Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, Rector of IIUM
	- Welcoming remarks by Mr. Matius Ho, Executive Director, Leimena Institute Jakarta
2:45 p.m.	- Opening Keynote Address by Honourable Minister of Higher Education Malaysia, Yang Berhormat Dato' Seri DiRaja Dr. Zambry Abd. Kadir
3:15 p.m.	- 1st Forum Strengthening An Inclusive and Cohesive ASEAN Community Through Cross-Cultural Religious Literacy moderated by Honourable Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, Rector of IIUM * Panelists : 1) Dr. Farid F. Saenong Director of Centre for Islam and Global Challenge, Universitas Islam Internasional Indonesia and Coordinating Special Advisor to the Minister of Religious Affairs Republic of Indonesia 2) Dr. Aldrin M. Penamora Executive Director, Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Commission and the Theological Commission of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches and Executive Director, Center for the Study of Christian-Muslim Relations 3) Ms. Nazhath Faheema Founder, hash.peace and Team Lead for Sowing Care Together, Singapore (youth-led advocacy society group catalysing conversations and developing programs that contribute towards sustainable social harmony) 4) Assistant Professor Dr. Arthit Thongin School of Political Science, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University

TIME	PROGRAMME	
4:15 p.m.	-	2nd Forum Perspectives and Experiences In Fostering A Culture of Respect for All in Multifaith, Multicultural Societies moderated by Prof. Dr. Imtiyaz Yusuf, ISTAC IIUM Kuala Lumpur Campus * Panelists : 1) Prof. Dr. Kamar Oniah binti Kamaruzaman Fellow Professor Abdulhamid Abusulayman Kuliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, IIUM 2) Prof. Dr. Suresh Kumar P. Govind Director of Asia Pacific Institute of Sathya Sai Human Value Education and Advisor to Sathya Sai International Organisation, Malaysia 3) Mr. Matius Ho, Executive Director, Leimena Institute Jakarta 4) Dr. Peter Chang Deputy Director, Institute of China Studies, University of Malaya, Malaysia
5:15 p.m.	-	Presentation of token of appreciation
5:20 p.m.	-	Recitation of Du'a
	-	Group photography
5:30 p.m.	-	Hi Tea refreshment and End of programme

** lists of panelists are subjected to change*