

## Introduction

Respect, mutual understanding and co-operation are the cornerstone of multi-ethnic nations and the fundamental values of the university. They guarantee the free exchange of opinions and promote the cultural enrichment of students and academics by interactions with other civilisations. Universities in nearly all countries of the world are among the first social institutions to practice global integration. In a time of a supposed “clash of civilizations”, universities can serve to transform this presumed conflictual paradigm into an “appreciation of civilizations” both on the national and global platforms.

In August 2008 the 20th International Conference on Higher Education (ICHE) will take place in Bangi, Selangor, Malaysia, hosted by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), the National University of Malaysia.

ICHE and UKM jointly invite university leaders and administrators from all parts of the planet, representing different civilisations and modes of social organisation, to reflect on how to govern institutions of higher education in order to achieve a respectful approach by mankind to each other and the environment - thus addressing the civilization of the future.

Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia was created around the idea of symbolising the values and uniqueness of Malaysia, a nation that continually engages with multi-cultural diversity in an Islamic framework. UKM constantly strives to function as a bridge between cultures that expresses various collective identities.

In August 2008, this conference will address the role of the universities in shaping an integrated world community as they prepare their students for ‘global leadership’, ‘a wise society’ and ‘responsibility for ecological survival’, three intertwined dimensions of the academic contribution to a sustainable future.



Conference Programme	
<b>Friday, 22 August 2008</b>	
9:00 am	Welcome Address <b>Prof. Dato' Dr. Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hasan Shahabudin</b> Vice Chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
9:30 am	Welcome Address <b>Chancellor em. Ignaz Bender</b> President, International Conference on Higher Education
10:00 am	Keynote Address <b>Bridging Civilisations in Modern Times</b> <b>HRH Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah Ibni Sultan Azlan Muhibbuddin Shah</b> The Crown Prince of the State of Perak, Malaysia
11:30 am	Lunch
3:00 pm	Putrajaya Tour
8:00 pm	Dinner hosted by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and The Ministry of Higher Education
<b>Saturday, 23 August 2008</b>	
9:00 am	Plenary Theme: <b>Global Leadership for Higher Education</b> • Prof. Wang Gungwu, Chairman, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore • H. E. Vincent Piket, Ambassador / Head of Delegation, The European Commission to Malaysia
10:30 am	Tea Break
11:00 am	Panel Paper Session I Theme: <b>Bridging Civilisations through Inter-Ethnic Studies</b> Moderator: Prof. Dato' Dr. Shamsul Amri Baharuddin Director, Institute of Ethnic Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia  Panel Paper Session II Theme: <b>Intercultural Perspectives in Higher Education</b> Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rashila Ramli Director, Institute of Occidental Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
1:00 pm	Lunch
2:30 pm	Plenary Theme: <b>Higher Education for the Wisdom Society</b> • Prof. Hans van Ginkel, former rector of UN University Tokyo / former rector of Utrecht University, Netherlands • Dr. Syed Ali Tawfik al-Attas, Director-General of Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia
4:00 pm	Tea Break
4:30 pm	Panel Paper Session Theme: <b>Islam Hadhari Approach on Bridging Civilisations</b> Moderator: Prof. Dr. Mohd Yusof Hj. Othman Director, Institute of Islam Hadhari, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
8:30 pm	Dinner at Restoran Berputar Sri Angkasa, KL Tower
<b>Sunday, 24 August 2008</b>	
9:00 am	Plenary Theme: <b>Universities and Ecological Survival</b> • Prof. Dr. Gerhard Michael Ambrosi, Professor of Economics Politics, University of Trier, Germany • Prof. Dato' Dr. Ibrahim Komoo, Principal Research Fellow, Institute for Environment and Development, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
10:30 am	Tea Break
11:00 am	Panel Paper Session Theme: <b>The Malay World as a Cradle of Multi-Civilisations</b> Moderator: Prof. Dr. Che Husna Azhari Director, Institute of The Malay World and Civilisations
1:00 pm	Closing Session
1:15 pm	Lunch
3:00 pm	Kuala Lumpur Tour

Conference Details			
<b>Registration Fees</b>			
International Participant	200 USD/ 140 Euro (inclusive of lunches, dinners, tours and conference material)		
International Spouse/ Companion (those who will not be attending the conference)	170 USD/ 120 Euro (inclusive of dinners and tours)		
International Student (conference participant)	170 USD/ 120 Euro (inclusive of lunches, dinners, tours and conference material)		
Local Participant	300 MYR (inclusive of lunches, dinners, tours and conference material)		
Local Spouse/ Companion (those who will not be attending the conference)	200 MYR (inclusive of dinners and tours)		
Local Student (conference participant)	200 MYR (inclusive of lunches, dinners, tours and conference material)		
Payment can be made through bank draft or bank transfer			
Account Name	BENDAHARI UKM	Account No	1218-0010075-05-3
Name of Bank Branch	Bumiputra Commerce Bank Berhad UKM Branch, 43600 UKM Bangi, Selangor	SWIFT CODE	CIBBMYKL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any bank charges, interest or transfer fees must be borne by the participant/ institution.</li> <li>• Registration is deemed not complete until full payment has been received by the host, i.e. UKM.</li> <li>• Registration deadline is July 15, 2008. This is to ensure inclusion in the conference and programme book.</li> <li>• Cancellation will be subject to 15% cancellation fee.</li> <li>• Cancellation made after July 15, 2008 will not be refundable.</li> <li>• Please fax all completed registration, abstract and biodata to +603-89214606 or e-mail to ukmiche@gmail.com and ukmiche2@gmail.com</li> </ul>			
<b>Accommodation</b>			
Hotel Equatorial, Bangi, Malaysia. For reservation, please contact: azli@bng.equatorial.com rahayu@bng.equatorial.com mumtaz@bng.equatorial.com		276.00 MYR for Superior Single Room per night (inclusive of daily breakfast)	
		310.50 MYR for Superior Double Room per night (inclusive of daily breakfast)	
Exchange rate		1 USD = 3.3 MYR	
* Subject to daily changes		1 USD = 0.68 Euro	

### Registration Form

## The Role of the University in Bridging Civilisations

First Name: ..... Middle Name: ..... Last Name: .....

Title  Prof.  Assoc. Prof.  Dr.  Mr.  Ms.  Other

Gender  Male  Female

Meal Preferences  Vegetarian  Non-Vegetarian

Affiliation (institution/organisation)

#### Request for Audio-Video Equipment

- LCD Projector
- Computer
- OHP
- Other

(will be informed upon availability)

Address

City: ..... Zip Code: ..... Country: .....

Phone: ..... Fax: ..... E-mail: .....

#### Spouse / Companion Particulars

First Name: ..... Middle Name: ..... Last Name: .....

Title  Prof.  Assoc. Prof.  Dr.  Mr.  Ms.  Other

Gender  Male  Female

Meal Preferences  Vegetarian  Non-Vegetarian

Number of other companions (if any)

#### Contributed Papers

I will submit a paper: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

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### Call for Papers

We are now inviting scholars and post-graduate students to submit abstracts of papers for the conference on "The Role of the University in Bridging Civilisations".

#### Abstract and Biodata

Please submit a 500-word abstract and a 200-word biodata as separate documents to either [ukmiche@ukm.my](mailto:ukmiche@ukm.my), [ukmiche@gmail.com](mailto:ukmiche@gmail.com) or [ukmiche2@gmail.com](mailto:ukmiche2@gmail.com).

#### Abstract Deadline

July 18, 2008

#### Notification of Abstract Acceptance

July 21, 2008

#### Paper Submission Deadline (together with registration fees)

July 30, 2008

Upon notification of acceptance, the paper will be scheduled in the programme only on receipt of payment of registration fees.

Details concerning the complete conference agenda, registration fees and accommodation details are available on the I.C.H.E. webpage: [www.intconfhighered.org](http://www.intconfhighered.org) and UKM webpage: [www.ukm.my/iche\\_ukm](http://www.ukm.my/iche_ukm)

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#### \* Stari Most - Bridging Civilisations

Stari Most is a 16th century Turkish bridge in the city of Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina that crosses the river Neretva and connects two parts of the city. The bridge was destroyed by Croatian Council of Defence units during the War in Bosnia-Herzegovina, on November, 1993. Now listed as World Heritage Site, the bridge was rebuilt under the aegis of UNESCO.

The Old Bridge area, with its pre-Ottoman, eastern Ottoman, Mediterranean and western European architectural features is an outstanding example of a multi cultural urban settlement. With the "renaissance" of the Old Bridge and its surroundings, the symbolic power and meaning of the City of Mostar-as an exceptional and universal symbol of coexistence of communities from diverse cultural, ethnic and religious backgrounds-has been reinforced and strengthened, underlining the unlimited efforts of human solidarity for peace and powerful co-operation in the face of overwhelming catastrophes (Source: <http://whc.unesco.org>)



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