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ABSTRACT

Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) today has a European Studies Programme (ESP) at the Master level: **Master in International Studies (European Studies)** situated at the School of Social Sciences. Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia via IKON is **considering taking** an interest in European Studies, **both as an area of teaching and research**. **Is Malaysia** going to see a sprouting of ESPs? There are good reasons for Malaysian universities to be interested in Europe or, have for that matter, any other part of the world. Much of academic work in political and social sciences in Malaysia is focused on the country itself. In the age of globalization, Malaysian universities **must open up to the world in the field of humanities and social sciences**. **Unlike other local universities**, IKON’s own set-up, **with an ascent to the world at large**, is indeed commendable.

BIODATA

Paul Lim graduated with a Diploma in Philosophy from the College-General, affiliated to the Urbanian University, Vatican City in 1970. He earned a Licentiate in Labour Sciences(1982) and a Doctorate in Labour Sciences(1990) from Université Catholique de Louvain, Institut des Sciences du Travail, Belgium. Born in Singapore but now a Belgian citizen, between 2002-2007, Prof. Lim played a critical role in setting up and coordinating the European Commission’s Asia Link-funded European Studies Programme component of the Master’s degree in International Studies and Diplomacy at Universiti Sains Malaysia, Penang. He also coordinated a European Commission-funded project on Asian Values in view of the first Asia-Europe Meeting in February 1996. He has wide networking experience with European and Asian universities, and was also Political Adviser to the European Parliament between 1990-2000. He has published numerous articles on EU-Asia relations including « Political Issues in EU-ASEAN Relations », Panorama 1/1999, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Manila, pp. 5-41.

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