

INTRODUCTION

The concept of human dignity highlights the importance of recognizing that human beings possess a special value intrinsic to their humanity. It abhors injustice and any forms of discrimination towards other human beings based on religion, race, colour, gender, language and nationality. Upholding human dignity is central to the efforts of creating and sustaining peaceful coexistence in a society. The sharing of ideas and views by the invited scholars in these two programmes is important as it will allow rooms for elaborative and knowledge-based discussions on the topic and to better understand the concepts of human dignity and peaceful coexistence from the multicultural perspectives.

OBJECTIVES

- 1.To explain and examine the significant role of religion in peace-making and the importance of upholding human dignity in a multicultural society.
- 2.To analyze the various religious traditions and perspectives on human dignity and unpack from the various traditions the resources that would effectively contribute to mutual peaceful co-existence towards a just, harmonious and prosperous society.
- 3.To identify current challenges faced in the aspects of creating a harmonious and peaceful society in the context of Malaysia.

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“UPHOLDING HUMAN DIGNITY FOR PEACEFUL
COEXISTENCE
IN MALAYSIA: PRINCIPLES AND PRE-REQUISITES”
1 MARCH 2023 (WEDNESDAY)**

PROGRAMME ITINERARY

- 8.00 am : Breakfast
- 8.45 am : Registration
- 9.00 am – 9.05 am : Doa Recitation
- 9.05 am – 9.15 am : **Welcoming Speech**
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil
Director General Of IKIM
- Moderator
Dr. Nik Roskiman Abd Samad
Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of Shariah,
Law and Politics IKIM
- 9.15 am – 9.45 am : Presenter 1
Dr. Mohd. Farid Mohd. Shahrin
Principal Fellow/Director
Centre for the Study of Shariah, Law and Politics IKIM
- 9.45 am – 10.15 am : Presenter 2
Mr KV Soon
International Network of Engaged Buddhist (INEB)
- 10.15 am – 10.45 am : Presenter 3
Mrs. Gowri PS Thangaya
Former Honorary Secretary General, MCCBCHST
- 10.45 am – 11.15 am : Summary of FGD
Mr. Eugene Yapp
UID Sejahtera
- 11.20 am – 1.00 pm : Responses and Discussion
- 1.00 pm : Lunch and End of Programme