

MF 2011: CITA-CITA

Boston University

8 - 10 April, 2011

CONFERENCE LOCATION

Kenmore Classroom Building
565 Commonwealth Ave

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

7:00 pm – On-site registration, ice-breakers and welcome

8:00 pm – What is MF? + Personal sharings on our concerns and interests in Malaysia's future

9:00 pm – Movie screening - "Talentine" by Yasmin Ahmad (with snacks!)

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

9:00am – Breakfast

9:45am – Opening Address and Discussion

11:00 am – "The Bright Side of Malaysia"

12:15 pm – Group Discussion

1:00pm – Lunch

2:30pm – Group Discussion

4:00pm – Free time

6:00pm – Makan! (Malaysian dinner)

8:00pm - Discussion with Prof. Pek Koon Heng-Blackburn, Director of ASEAN Studies Center, American University

9:00pm – Broadcast of "Aspiration Malaysia" panel from KL

10:30pm – Broadcast of "Muda-Mudi Buat Kerja" panel from KL

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

10:30am – Breakfast / Conclusions

12:30pm – Selamat Jalan!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Okay, so what is MF?

Malaysia Forum (MF) is a global organization that promotes engaging discussions on issues that Malaysia and Malaysians are facing. MF aims to encourage young Malaysians to adopt a spirit of civil discussion through regular events and active mentorship.

2. What will MF 2011: "Cita-Cita" be about?

We aim to have a discourse on the ambitions that Malaysians have for their *tanahair*, so come prepared to share your thoughts and dreams for Malaysia. Hold back nothing!

3. Where is the conference being held?

MF 2011 will be held in the Kenmore Classroom Building, Boston University. The address is 565 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA

4. What should I wear?

We recommend that participants wear business casual attire.

5. Uh, what in the world is "business casual" attire?

Men: A neat, button-down shirt paired with dark jeans/khakis and shoes.

Ladies: Blouse/Shirt paired with a skirt/pants

*Jacket optional

6. How do I register myself and pick up credentials?

Two of our awesome committee members will be in charge of registration on both Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please proceed to the Kenmore Classroom Building for the registration process and/or to pick up credentials. If you haven't paid, please remember to pay \$20.00 at the door.

7. Are you serving lunch on Saturday?

No, we aren't. However, we're hoping that you will take the time to enjoy lunch with new friends at one of the many restaurants around BU!

6. Is Sunday participation mandatory? I have a bus/flight to catch!

We hope that everyone will be able to join us at our closing session on Sunday, share their experiences and ideas for the future. However, we understand if travel/time constraints don't allow you to do so. Please make every effort to be there, though! :)



Getting to Boston University

From Boston Logan International Airport: (50 minutes - 1 hour)

1. Take a shuttle bus (#22 or #23) to the Blue Line Airport Subway Station
2. At the station, take a Bowdoin-bound Blue Line train to Government Center Station
3. At Government Center, switch to the Green Line¹ Outbound train
4. Get off at Kenmore Station

From South Station: (20 - 30 minutes)

1. Board a Red Line Outbound (towards Alewife) train to Park St. Station
2. At Park St., switch to a Green Line¹ Outbound train to Kenmore Station

From Cambridge: (30 minutes)

1. Board a Red Line Inbound (towards Ashmont/Braintree) train to Park St. Station
2. At Park St., switch to a Green Line¹ Outbound train to Kenmore Station

Notes:

1. Any of the Green Line Outbound trains (B/C/D) **except for the "E"** will stop at Kenmore Station
2. If you are so lucky as to see a Green Line "B" Outbound train, board it and get off at Blandford St. Station (one stop after Kenmore), it is closer to our conference venue by 2 minutes.
3. A single ride on the train cost \$2.00 if you pay by cash or a Charlie Ticket. We recommend trying to obtain a **free** Charlie Card at any of the underground train stations and load it up. **Rides cost only \$1.70 with a Charlie Card.**



This is what a Charlie Card looks like.
P.S. It is made of plastic

PLACES TO EAT AROUND BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Fin's Sushi and Grill

636 Beacon St
(between Brookline Ave & Raleigh St)
(617) 267-8888

UBurger

Kenmore Sq
636 Beacon St
(617) 536-0448

Nud Pob Thai Cuisine

738 Commonwealth Ave
(617) 232-9992

Uno Chicago Grill

1 Brookline Ave
(between Beacon St & Commonwealth Ave)
(617) 262-4911
Delivery: Yes

Noodle Street

627 Commonwealth Ave
(617) 536-3100

Cornwall's (Pub)

654 Beacon St
(between Brookline Ave & Commonwealth Ave)
(617) 262-3749
**Serves alcohol, ID required*

Thai Dish

636 Beacon St
(between Brookline Ave & Raleigh St)
(617) 437-9611

*All restaurants mentioned, **except Cornwall's**, deliver food.

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SPEAKER BIOS

PROF. MOHD ANIS MD NOR

Professor Mohd Anis Md Nor is professor of Ethnochoreology and Ethnomusicology at the University of Malaya. Prof. Anis has pioneered the study of Zapin dance and music in Southeast Asia and has published widely on the said topic. He is a member of the International Council for Traditional Music (ICTM) Study Group on Ethnochoreology, and was appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Islamic World Arts Initiative (IWA) in 2004. Professor Anis is the curator for the Zapin International Dance Festival and the International Malay Performing Arts for the State Government of Johor in Malaysia.

DR. PEK KOON HENG

Dr. Pek Koon Heng teaches courses on International Relations and International Political Economy in Southeast and East Asia. She also directs SIS's summer graduate program on "Globalization and Regionalism in East Asia" in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In addition, she runs the Insular Southeast Asia Advanced Area Studies Program at the State Department Foreign Service Institute (as a contractor), which prepares US Foreign Service Officers for assignments in the region.

UMAPAGAN AMPIKAIPAKAN

Umapagan Ampikaipakan is a freelance writer and book critic. He resides, for the most part, within the pages of the New Straits Times, where he ruminates on everything from the idiosyncrasies of Malaysian politics to

his unnatural obsession with the written word. In the fall of 2008, he covered the U.S. Presidential Elections for his newspaper. He can also be found (his disembodied voice, that is) rambling over the airwaves, on BFM 89.9, where he is their resident book guy, as well as the host of their movie show, WTF: What the Flick.

TAN SRI PROF. EMERITUS DR. KHOO KAY KIM

Tan Sri Prof. Emeritus Dr. Khoo Kay Kim is a leading Malaysian historian and academician. He is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Malaya's Department of History as well as Chancellor of KDU University College. Prof. Khoo was also a co-author of the Rukunegara, which was crafted in reaction to the May 13 race riots in 1969.

MALIK IMTIAZ SARWAR

Malik Imtiaz Sarwar is a leading Malaysian human rights lawyer and activist and the current president of the National Human Rights Society (HAKAM). Through HAKAM and a coalition of NGOs called Article 11 (after the constitutional guarantee of freedom of religion) of which HAKAM is a member, he has been actively involved in efforts to promote the rule of law and constitutionalism, particularly in the face of worrying trends of Islamization and race politics in government and wider society. He further actively promotes a civil rights discourse both in and outside court.

KEERAN SIVARAJAH

Keeran Sivarajah is the Co-founder and Executive Director of Teach For Malaysia — an independent, not-for-profit organisation that is enlisting Malaysia's most promising future leaders in a mission to end education inequity. He also serves as a member on the Institute of Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS) Advisory Panel for Education. While at university, Keeran was a tutor to children of African refugees, and taught primary and secondary children at the Carlton Primary School in Melbourne.

JO KUKATHAS

Jo Kukathas is Director of the Instant Café Theatre Company, Malaysia. She is a theatre maker, writer and actor. Jo works with local as well as regional artists to create collaborative work that deals with contemporary issues.

JASON LIM

At age 20, together with four high-school friends Jason Lim co-founded Perantauan Enterprise to meddle in independent film, music, theatre and literary production. The enterprise exists today as Perantauan Pictures which produced and has released three feature length films screened in Malaysia, UK, US and Australia. He remains a (noisily) sleeping partner in the enterprise. Today, Jason writes a monthly column on film in The Star and is involved in developing an initiative to help address Malaysia's brain drain challenge.

JOHNSON OEI

At age 22, John-Son Oei co-founded E.P.I.C. (Extraordinary People Impacting Community), a platform for people to be inspired, mobilized and empowered to make positive changes in their community. Currently E.P.I.C. is focused on Project E.P.I.C, their outreach program that does hands-on work in Orang Asli communities to improve the welfare of the indigenous people in Malaysia.

KHAILEE NG

Khailee is a co-founder of Youth Asia, a group of young people who build businesses focused on social technology and the collective power of people. Youth Asia is known for launching businesses such as GroupsMore (now acquired by Groupon) and SAYS.my, a community of Malaysian social media users. In his students days he was part of the founding team of theCICAK, a socio-political youth magazine, and Project Bazooka, a indie music promoter.

HWA SHI-HSIA

Shi-Hsia and six other friends form the team at Mari Kita Membaca, whose main objective is to support the educational needs of the rural villages in Malaysia by providing books and other resources for community learning centers and village libraries. Mari Kita Membaca aims to empower children in rural Orang Asli communities to read and to learn.