



MF KL 2011: Cita-cita

UCSI University **SOUTH** Wing

Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Block B

9 AM – 1 PM

10 April 2011



## **What is Malaysia Forum?**

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.

There are many MF communities around the world, including Northeastern America, Singapore, London, Sydney and the Midwest. Each MF community typically runs their own set of events, discussions and forums throughout the year – but once a year during the weekend of the annual MF Conference, each MF comes together to participate in this global conference.

This year, the theme for our conference is *Cita-cita*, through which we aim to have a discourse on the ambitions that Malaysians have for their *tanahair*. During the conference, participants will engage in discussions with excellent speakers who will share their unique perspectives on issues such as Malaysia's political economy, education, race and religion, history, the arts and brain drain.

Three forums will be occurring simultaneously on the weekend of our conference -- one in Kuala Lumpur, one in Singapore, and one in Boston. The events of all three forums will be streamed live between each other as well as onto a publicly accessible website for anyone who is interested in watching our events remotely.

## **MF KL 2011 – Schedule**

9.00 AM – Panel 1: Aspiration Malaysia

10.30 AM – Panel 2: Muda-mudi Buat Kerja

12.00 PM – Lunch and Discussion sessions



## MF KL 2011 – Speaker Profiles (I)

### 9.00 AM - PANEL 1: "Aspiration Malaysia"

*This panel aims to address the "bright side" of Malaysia that is little talked or thought about, and how it can augment the cita-cita that Malaysians have for their country. The name of the theme Aspiration Malaysia was inspired by the oft-cited "American Dream" -- and through this panel we hope to discuss what the unifying Malaysian ethos is, or could be.*

#### **Moderator:**

##### **Umapagan Ampikaipakan**

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.

#### **Speakers:**

##### **1) Tan Sri Prof. Emeritus Dr. Khoo Kay Kim**

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.

##### **2) Malik Imtiaz Sarwar**

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.

##### **3) Keeran Sivarajah**

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.

##### **4) Jo Kukathas**

Director of the Instant Café Theatre Company, Malaysia. Jo is a theatre maker, writer and actor. She works with local as well as regional artists to create collaborative work that deals with contemporary issues. The Instant Café Theatre, under Jo's direction, has consistently offered Malaysians a taste of sophisticated and extremely rich theatrical works, which serve as watermarks for the culture at large.



## MF KL 2011 – Speaker Profiles (II)

### **10.30 AM - PANEL 2: "Muda-mudi Buat Kerja"**

*This panel is composed of young people who identified a problem that Malaysia faces and decided to fix it in the ways that they know best. Our aim for this panel is to engage the panelists in a conversation with each other and the audience on how their initiatives were borne from (or has impacted/changed) their cita-cita for the country.*

#### **Moderator:**

##### **Jason Lim.**

Co-founder of Perantauan Enterprise at age 20 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.

#### **Speakers:**

##### **1) 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.

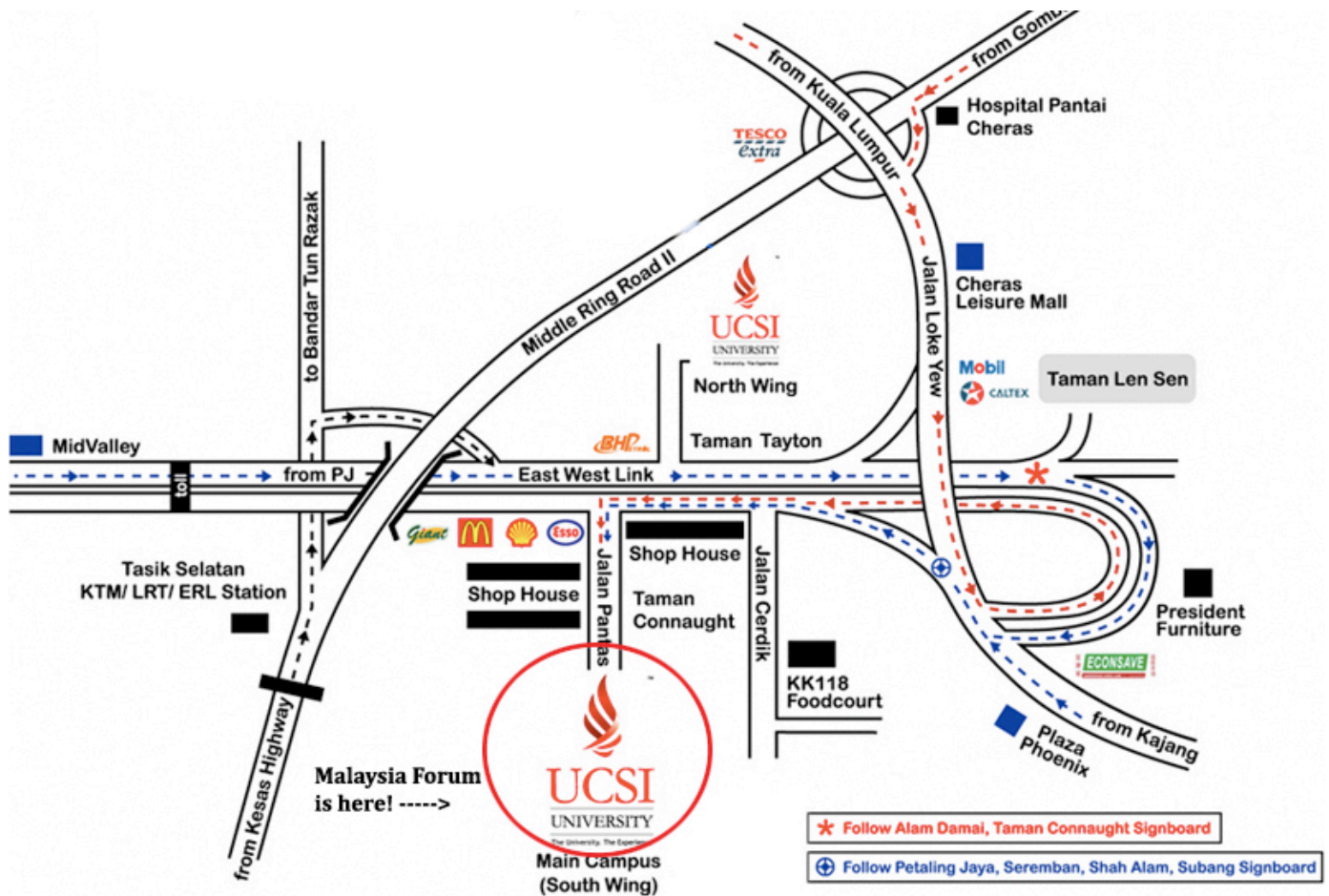
##### **2) Khailee Ng.**

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.

##### **3) 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.

## Map and Directions to UCSI University (I)



\*The blue directional arrows are from PJ / Federal Highway / Midvalley

\*The red directional arrows are from the city center / Gombak / Jalan Loke Yew

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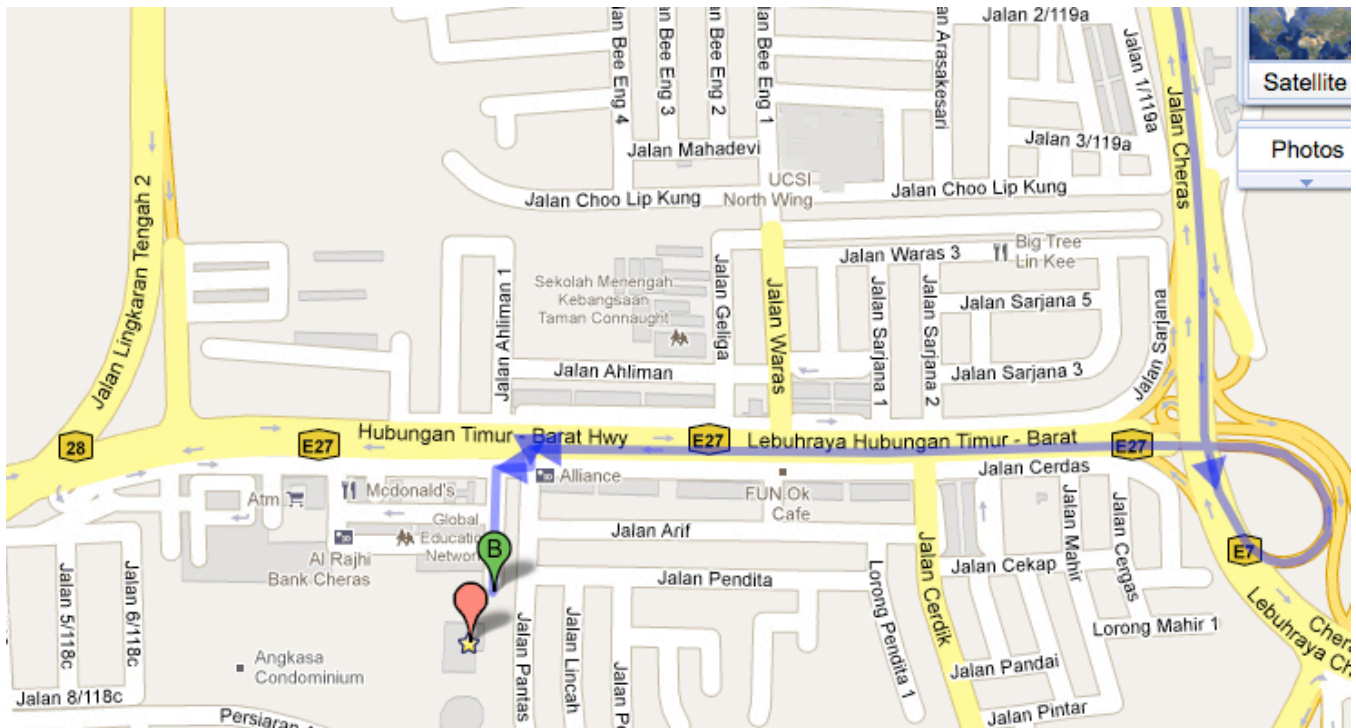
### Phone Numbers of MF KL Team:

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Jun Lin – 012 499 2689 (contact for directions)

The conference room of the South Wing is in Block B. The ground floor of Block B is a library, and the conference room is on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor above the library. Take the elevator up to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. (The library could also be on the “5<sup>th</sup> floor”, depending on whom you ask.)

## Map and Directions to UCSI University (II)

Do note that there are two UCSI campuses in the vicinity, about 15 – 20 minutes walk from each other if you illegally cross the main road / highway ☺



The campus that MF is hosted at is the **South Wing** campus at **Jalan Menara Gading in Taman Connaught**. Some maps and taxi drivers might lead you to the North Wing campus, so be extra careful! The North Wing campus is also designated on both maps above for your reference. (Note that MF was previously supposed to be held in the North Wing. This is the most updated version of the conference packet. South Wing is indeed the right place to be!)

- If coming from **PJ / Mid Valley / Federal Highway**, the first map is a good one to follow. From the Federal, head east and continue onto the East-West Link (Lebuhraya Hubungan Timur Barat) for about 8km. When you see a huge McDonalds drive-thru on your right, you are close by. Keep going straight, and when you see a ramp that branches off into three directions, take the rightmost turn (follow the signboard labeled "Taman Connaught". Follow the ramp back down onto the other side of the East-West Link that you were just on. Shortly you will see Jalan Pantas or Jalan Menara Gading.
- If taking **Jalan Loke Yew and Jalan Cheras** from the city center, follow the second map.
- If taking LRT, stop at the Bandar Tasik Selatan station on the STAR LRT line. There is NO shuttle service available on Sundays, unfortunately. It would be best to take a cab from the station.

Please call Jun Lin at 012 499 2689 should you need further directions.