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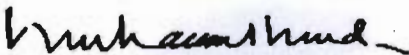
FOREWORD

Praise is due to Allah SWT, The Most High, The Most Gracious and Most Merciful. Peace and Prayer be upon His Messenger Prophet Muhammad SAW, his family, companions and the tabiins.

Malaysia has gone through incredible changes throughout these 50 years of Independence. It has proudly improved itself from various aspects; politically, economically and socially. After the cry of "Merdeka! Merdeka! Merdeka!" on the 31st August 1957, Malaysia has moved forward into building a nation inspired by the experience and development of developed eastern and western countries. Multitudes of positives actions have been executed to achieve a society that is liberal yet puts tradition as its priority, intellectual and technologically advanced society according to its own unique moulding. All are done with wisdom, without putting aside justice, peace and harmony of the multi-racial people of Malaysia.

The publication of the third book by General Studies Centre is based on global issues in light of the celebration of the 50th Independence Day of Malaysia. This book is a collection of various works from writers of various fields and expertise unveiling current global issues. Varieties of writings on the executions, challenges and success faced and achieved in the aspects of politics, economics and social. The issues that are presented also involved language, Islamic law and legislature, communication and media, technology and various other interesting issues relevant to general studies in Malaysia.

My heartiest congratulations to all the editors and writers who have taken the initiative to enrich intellectual reading and reference materials on general studies especially in relation to current global issues. May their effort and hard work be blessed by Allah SWT.



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PREFACE

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله وكفى، والصلاة والسلام على عبده المصطفى، وعلى آله وصحبه ومن تبعه
بإحسان إلى يوم الدين، أما بعد:

This is the third book to be published by the General Studies Center (PPU). This third book project was started in early April 2007, and it is hoped that the book would be published in time to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the country's independence on August 31, 2007.

This third book is being published as PPU matures into a full-fledged "center", after serving as a "unit" for a number of years, and also as the PPU staff settle down at their new and spacious premises on the third floor of the FKP building, after enduring temporary and cramped facilities on the ground floor of the same building for a couple of years.

The English and Arabic language editors of this book wish to thank the Director of PPU, Encik Arif Fahmi Md. Yusof, for the valuable advice, time, and cooperation that he offered so that the book would come out in the best possible shape. We also wish to extend our gratitude to the sub editors who helped make this publication a reality.

It is our aspiration that the various articles that make up this book would be read with pleasure and ease. The language used by the various writers has been especially simplified so that the book can be enjoyed by as many readers as possible. In addition, the variety of subjects dealt with in the articles should ensure that the book is interesting and useful to readers from various educational, intellectual and cultural backgrounds.

Editors
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INTRODUCTION

Since our country, Malaysia, achieved its independence 50 years ago, various issues are faced by the people. Issues on religion, social, legislation, language and others are greatly debated until today. Efforts have been, and, are still made to solve these issues, including by intellects through their academic writings.

Solutions through academic efforts are seen as able to give explanations to the society on unsolved matters. These efforts are continued by USIM's own intellectual personalities through collected articles on current global issues. We are proud to say that the publication of the Third Book by General Studies Centre is successfully materialised in the midst of Malaysians celebrating the 50th Independence Day. It is hoped that this publication will attract readers to own it as their exclusive collection.

The theme of this book is "Current Global Issues: In Conjunction with 50th Independence Day". It is a collection of 10 interesting and profound articles in two languages on various topics that can be seen as solutions to some of the countless issues faced nowadays.

The topics discussed in English are Advocacy on 'Inhumane Practices, The Usage of the Internet in Learning Arabic Language, Contemporary Issues on Arabic Language: General Comparison Between Malaysia and Uganda, Muslim and Non-Muslim Relations: Bridging the Gap and Building Respect, and Carbohydrates in Foods:- A Silent Threat To Our Health. In addition to these, there are also articles written in Arabic which are The Role of *al-Iqrad al-Shagir* In Facing Poverty: Experience of Amanah Ikhtiar Malaysia, The Importance of Ilmu Sorof(morphology) in Contemporary Translations, Thinking Dimension of the Oriental School in Time Restructuring of the

Quranic Versus, The Methods of Teaching Arabic Language for the Non Speakers: A Comparative Study Between the Matriculation Center of IIUM and The Islamic Academy of University of Malaya, and *Masalik al-'ilah al-Ijtihadiah*: An Analytical Study and its Current Practice.

All these articles have gone through several editing processes by experienced editors in terms of content and language. This is to ensure the book fulfills the academic standard as required by USIM.

It is hoped that the collection of articles in this book can contribute to enhancing knowledge on various current issues of the society in Malaysia and acknowledge the efforts done by the academicians for the development of the nation.

Editors

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