

PUBLIC LECTURE ON JAPANESE STUDIES

“JAPANESE STUDIES IN MALAYSIA”

Public Lecture by:
Associate Professor Dr. MD NASRUDIN MD AKHIR

Date : **Tuesday, 27th March 2012**

Time : **10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

Venue : **Dewan Kuliah B, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences,**
University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

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Summary of the Lecture

This lecture provides an overview of Japanese Studies in Malaysia beginning 1993 when the Japan Studies Program was established in the University of Malaya.

The lecture is divided into four sections. The first gives a background to Japanese Studies in Malaysia. The second and third focus on organization of seminars and research on Japan. The final section deals with future directions and challenges facing Japanese Studies in Malaysia.

Open to All / Free Admission

* Kindly take note that the lecture will be delivered in Bahasa Melayu





About the Speaker:

Associate Professor Dr. MD NASRUDIN MD AKHIR is currently the Executive Director of the Asia-Europe Institute, University of Malaya. He was formerly the Deputy Dean (Research and Development) of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and also the Head of the Department of East Asian Studies. Before appointed as Head of the Department in 2004, he was also the Coordinator being responsible for developing the Japan Studies Program in the University of Malaya which was established in 1993.

Before joining the University in early 1990s, he served as lecturer at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in Japan. He has been the Secretary General of the Malaysian Association of Japanese Studies (MAJAS) since 1998 and also a Steering Committee of the Japanese Studies Association in ASEAN (JSA-ASEAN) since its establishment in 2006. His research interests are primarily focused on East Asia, especially in the area of Japan's foreign policy and East Asian security issues.

He is very widely published and among his publications include co-editors of *Japan in East Asia: Socio-politics and Economics Dimensions* (2010), *Japanese Relations with ASEAN Since the Fukuda Doctrine* (2009), and *Japan and East Asia: Diplomacy and Strategic Partnerships* (2009), among others. He has also recently concluded a research project that analyzed Malaysia-Japan relations, which was funded by the Japan Foundation. He has headed numerous researches on Japan and East Asia.

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