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Venue: 4031 (3F), Global Front Bldg., Surugadai Campus, Meiji University

Soaring Upwards? Malaysian Higher Education

**Special Lecture by
YB Dato' Seri Idris bin Jusoh,
MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION, MALAYSIA**



This lecture will cover the following content.

- a. Challenges in Malaysian Higher Education;
- b. Malaysia Education Blueprint (MEB) 2015 -2025 (Higher Education);
- c. The 10 Shifts of MEB; and
- d. Way Forward? Malaysia-Japan Cooperation In The Field of Higher Education

DATO' SERI IDRIS JUSOH was appointed as Minister of Higher Education on 28 July 2015. Previously, he was the Minister of Education II, Ministry of Education Malaysia, Chairman of Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA) (2008-2013), Chief Minister of Terengganu (2004-2008) and Deputy Minister of Entrepreneurial Development (1995-1999).

Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh is passionate about education and educational reform and has introduced several new and unique educational initiatives over the years in his various capacities. Prior to joining politics, he started the Quran Pintar programme in Terengganu which encourages children to complete (or 'khatam') reading the Quran before they begin primary school. He is the founder of the Imtiaz Schools, which are amongst the most sought after residential religious schools in the country, the Ulul-Albab Program which combines science and religious studies, and the English Teaching Assistant (ETA) Program, a program involving Fulbright Scholars who teach in national schools to raise the level of English proficiency amongst Malaysian students. He also introduced the IGCSE (International Graduate Certificate of Secondary Education) in MARA schools as a 'value add' to their educational experience.

As the Minister of Education II, he helped develop the Transformation School, oversaw the execution and improvement of the School Based Assessment (SBA), and was strong supporter of Teach for Malaysia (he even participated in their TFM Week whereby he taught a class of 16 year olds English).

Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh has played an important role in the formulation of the Malaysia Education Blueprint (Higher Education) 2015-2025 which was launched 7 April 2015. Now, as Higher Education Minister, he continues to be involved in the efforts to improve Malaysia's higher education landscape, which aims to develop holistic, entrepreneurial and balanced graduates, to enhance industry participation and collaboration with academia, to make Malaysia a regional education hub; and to raise the global prominence of Malaysia's higher education system.

Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh holds an MBA (Finance) from the University of New Haven, USA and a Degree in Social Sciences (Economics and Management) from University Sains Malaysia (USM) where he also received the Gold Medal for being its best student. At USM, he was the president of the students association and at New Haven, the president of the international students association, showcasing his knack for leadership at a young age. He studied Arabic at the University of Jordan in 1994. Committed to lifelong learning, he has also attended the Advanced Management Programs (AMP) in Harvard (2001) and INSEAD, France (2008) and the Leadership In Developing Countries Program at the Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University in 2009.