

Focus on Malay civilisation in endemic era

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The Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA) through the Faculty of Usuluddin collaborated with three higher education institutions in Southeast Asia to organise the 11th International Conference on Islam in the Malay World (ICON IMAD XI) at Hotel Grand Arsillia in Bandung Indonesia.

The three higher education institutions comprised Academy of Islamic Study of Universiti Malaya; Prince of Songkla University, Thailand and Pascasarjana UIN Sunan Gunung Djati (UIN SGD) with Bandung, Indonesia as the host country this year.

Seven representatives from UNISSA - Associate Professor Dr Anis Malik Thoha, Dr Hajah Masuriyati binti Haji Yahya, Dr Ahmad

Baha bin Haji Mokhtar, Dr Zakir bin Hussain, Dr Mariam binti Abdul Rahman and Dr Hafini bin Mahmud - delivered their paperwork.

Meanwhile, UNISSA's Dean of Faculty of Usuluddin Dr Hajah Sri Rahayu @ Hajah Nurjanah binti Haji Dollah delivered the main paperwork titled 'The Sustainability of Islamic Education Institution in Facing the Era of Global Endemic: Pre and Post'.

The conference, which gathered over 160 paperworks delivered face-to-face and via online, saw the participation of 20 higher education institutions from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Brunei. The theme this year is 'Malay Civilisation Facing the Global Endemic Era of COVID-19'.

Its objective was to strengthen academic networking, research and to provide opportunities and space for collaborate in various aspects particularly research between countries.



UNISSA representatives in a group photo

Aside sharing research output, the conference served as a platform to engage strategic relation with partners from foreign higher education institutions to further strengthen the knowledge culture that contributes in developing the Islamic civilisation in the Malay world.

Several memoranda of agreement (MoAs) were signed between the host country and representatives from four co-host countries during the closing ceremony.

The delegation also visited a number of institutions including Majelis Ulama Indonesia (MUI); Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (INSISTS), Universitas Islam Bandung (UNISBA), Darut Tauhid (DT); Persatuan Islam (PERSIS) and UIN SGD, Bandung.



Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali Dean of Faculty of Usuluddin Dr Hajah Sri Rahayu @ Hajah Nurjanah binti Haji Dollah presents her paperwork. PHOTOS: UNISSA