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## 12<sup>th</sup> U Thant Lecture: Malaysian Prime Minister to Discuss Islamic Approach to Peace and Prosperity

**Event:** 12<sup>th</sup> U Thant Distinguished Lecture: “*Islam Hadari* (Civilizational Islam) - Promoting Good Governance Within Societies and Goodwill Between Peoples and Cultures Internationally”

**Speaker:** Dato’ Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia

**Date/Time:** 26 May 2006 (Friday), 10:00–11:30 AM

**Venue:** Capitol Tokyu Hotel\*, “Benishinju” Ball Room (B2)

**Organizers:** Jointly organized by UNU Centre, UNU Institute of Advanced Studies (UNU-IAS), and the Science Council of Japan (SCJ)

### Event Overview:

- Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will share experiences and insights from Malaysia’s national development experiences, which have stressed technological and economic competitiveness, moderation, tolerance, and good governance.
- The Malaysian approach embodies the principles of *Islam Hadhari*, or “Civilizational Islam” which resonate strongly with the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has recognized Malaysia for its success in working towards the MDG targets. Under the Prime Minister’s leadership, Malaysia continues to make significant progress in education, poverty eradication, and economic development. UNU’s research activities also make significant contributions in this regard.
- The U Thant Distinguished Lecture series is a forum through which eminent thinkers and world leaders speak on the challenges and opportunities facing the world’s peoples and nations in the twenty-first century. Additional information about the series and its lecturers is available online at [http://www.unu.edu/uthant\\_lectures/index.htm](http://www.unu.edu/uthant_lectures/index.htm).
- English–Japanese interpretation will be provided.

### Speaker Profile:

- Abdullah Ahmad Badawi took office as the 5<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Malaysia on 31 October 2003.
- He has held his Parliamentary seat since 1978. He has been a member of the United Malay National Organization (UMNO) party since 1965, and currently serves as UMNO President.
- He currently serves as Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Chairman of the Summit of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC), and Chairman of the ASEAN Summit.
- Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi has undertaken the “National Mission” policy for Malaysia to become a developed nation by the year 2020, and to ensure that the prosperity and harmony currently enjoyed by the country is maintained for future generations.

Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Please contact Ms. Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: [media@unu.edu](mailto:media@unu.edu)) or Ms. Mitzi Borromeo, UNU-IAS (tel: 045-221-2314; e-mail: [borromeo@ias.unu.edu](mailto:borromeo@ias.unu.edu)) to reserve your space by 3:00pm on 25 May (Thurs).

\* *The Capitol Tokyu Hotel is a 2-minute walk from Tokyo Metro Tameike-Sanno Station (Ginza Line/Nanboku Line) or Kokkai-Gijidomae Station (Chiyoda Line/Marunouchi Line), Exit No. 5*



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