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MALAYSIA'S GROWTH SUSTAINABILITY AND ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION

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31 October 2016, Monday
3.00pm – 5.00pm

Venue:

**Lecture Theatre 5, Level 1,
Sunway University**

Two experienced economists will share their views and insights on Malaysia's growth prospects and economic transformation challenges and opportunities. They will examine development issues such as the extent to which the country's factor-driven and export-led growth has reached its limit in the challenging post-global crisis environment, its progress in transforming into an innovation and knowledge-driven economy and the spectre of being caught in the middle-income trap, thus prolonging its quest to be a high income and developed nation by 2020. These and other socio-political assessments will provide the context for discussing the country's growth sustainability and the necessary structural reforms and economic transformation needed for the economy to reach escape velocity.

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Speakers:



Transforming the Economy: Evaluation through Micro Lenses

by **Professor Datuk Dr Noor Azlan Ghazali**

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- *Commonwealth Fellow of Financial Economics & Banking, the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)*

Professor Datuk Dr Noor Azlan is the Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and an economist. He began his career at the University over 20 years ago as a lecturer in the Faculty of Business. He is the Commonwealth Fellow of Financial Economics & Banking at the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) as well as the Mason Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, USA. He currently heads the Economics and Management Cluster at the Majlis Profesor Negara (National Council of Professors, Malaysia). Professor Noor Azlan obtained a Master in Public Administration (MPA) from Harvard University. He earned his MBA in Finance and PhD in Economics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA. From April 2006 till September 2009, Professor Noor Azlan was seconded to the Prime Minister's Department. During his tenure at the PM's Department, he served as the Head of the Special Consultancy Team on Globalization, National Economic Action Council (NEAC), the Director of Microeconomics and Investments, National Implementation Directorate (NID) and the Director of the Malaysian Development Institute (MDI), Economic Planning Unit (EPU). Prior to his secondment, he was the Dean at the Faculty of Economics and Business and the Chair at the Graduate School of Business, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. Throughout his career, Professor Noor Azlan has been actively participating in national level strategic initiatives, and has assumed leadership roles in several of them. These include, among others, the Blue Ocean Strategy Study on Macro Strategic Directions, the New Sources of Growth Initiative of the Economic Council, formulation of strategic directions as well as the development of an outcome-based framework for the 10th Malaysia Plan.



Malaysia's Middle Income Trap Revisited

by **Professor Yeah Kim Leng**

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- *Professor of Economics, Sunway University Business School*
- *Vice-President, Malaysian Economic Association*

Professor Yeah is the Professor of Economics at Sunway University Business School and Director of Economic Studies Program at the Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia at Sunway University. He assumed the current positions in May this year following a 2-year stint as a business school dean at Malaysia University of Science and Technology. Prior to joining the academia, he had a 20-year stint in various positions at RAM Holding Berhad (RAM), the country's first credit rating agency, principally as the chief economist and managing director of its wholly-owned consulting subsidiary. Before joining RAM, he was a Senior Analyst at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia. Professor Yeah holds an MBA and PhD in Agricultural and Resource Economics both obtained from the University of Hawaii and a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry from Universiti Pertanian Malaysia. He is a Vice-President of the Malaysian Economic Association and a trustee of the Malaysian Tax Research Foundation. He is also one of the two external members appointed to Bank Negara Malaysia's Monetary Policy Committee in 2015.