

**Islamic Science Talk Series (ISTS): Malaysia's Readiness in Adopting Artificial Intelligence: An Analysis from the Islamic Perspective
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The COVID-19 crisis has pushed global business leaders towards mass digital transformation with companies and enterprises expressing a desire to adopt Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a “mainstream technology” as soon as possible. However, questions remain regarding whether Malaysian businesses are ready to adopt AI and what values it will bring to society. To find answers to these questions, IAIS Malaysia featured two experts in their respective fields: Professor Dr. Mohamad Fauzan bin Noordin (Kuliyyah of Information and Communication Technology, International Islamic University Malaysia, IIUM) and Associate Professor Ts. Dr. Khairur Rijal bin Jamaludin (Razak Faculty of Technology and Informatics, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) Kuala Lumpur). Moderated by Dr. Shahino Mah Abdullah, Research Fellow, IAIS Malaysia, both experts presented their perspectives and findings at this “Islamic Science Talk Series (ISTS): Malaysia's Readiness in Adopting Artificial Intelligence: An Analysis from the Islamic Perspective.”

Prof. Fauzan began the discussion by expounding the theoretical basis of science and technology in Islam, stressing the element of morality and humanity. He then proceeds to clarify the current state of AI in Malaysia, particularly on AI governance, talents, supporting infrastructure, technology, R&D and innovation. Moving forward, Prof. Fauzan urged us to step forward towards achieving wisdom technology, while making use of the *maqasid al-shari'ah* framework in achieving the public good (*maslahah*). Dr. Khairur Rijal then continues the discussion by demonstrating how the correct implementation of AI can help to improve the Muslim economic status especially those in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). Lastly, he discusses the many challenges Malaysia is now facing in adopting AI and how to effectively overcome these challenges. The one-hour session ended with lively Q&A exchanges with enthusiastic participants.

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