

**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.

**IAIS Malaysia Research Camp for Academic and Policy Research
(IAIS Malaysia, 29-30 June 2022)**

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The research camp is an annual event conducted by IAIS Malaysia and is designed to provide its participants with a thorough understanding of how to write high-quality academic writings. The primary focus of its modules is the fundamental concepts and practises of academic and policy research, as well as helpful tips for researchers and lecturers in efficiently managing academic references.

The fourth research camp was organised into seven modules: (1) Decades of academic excellence and prolific writing: experiences as an Islamic scholar by Prof. Mohammad Hashim Kamali; (2) Developing and designing policy issue papers by Dr Ahmad Badri Abdullah; (3) The art of constructing quality academic papers: the Oxford style of writing by Dr Alexander Wain; (4) Tips and tricks for publications in Scopus journals by Dr. Mohammad Mahbubi Ali; and (5) Citing & referencing Islamic sources: avoiding common pitfalls by Mr Mohd Fariz Zainal Abdullah; (6) Academic housekeeping: Managing reference and database; and (7) Essential skills in writing newspaper articles by Muhammad Sayuti Mansor.

This year's research camp gathered 23 participants from a variety of backgrounds, including researchers, lecturers, students, policymakers, and practitioners.

**International Launch of the 2022 Islamic Well-Being Index for
Muslim Countries: the Republic of Maldives as Leader and Approach
Taken
(IAIS Malaysia streamed by Zoom Platform & IAIS Facebook Live, 15
July 2022)**

Ahli Fatoni

The event was held on 15 July 2022 at IAIS Malaysia. Moderated by Dr. Ahmad Badri (Acting deputy CEO, IAIS Malaysia), the programme was given a welcoming remark by Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohammad Hashim Kamali (Founding CEO, IAIS Malaysia). The main programme began with Dr. Daud's (Adjunct Fellow, IAIS Malaysia) presentation, followed by a discussion led by four experts, namely Prof Dr. Aziz Berghout (Dean, ISTAC-IIUM), Mr. Azizi Che Seman (Senior Lecturer, APIUM), Dr. Alwan Ghazali (Senior Lecturer, APIUM), and Dato' Ghazali Yusoff (Chairman, Iran-ASEAN Business Council).

In his presentation, Daud elaborates that the current assessment of the Well-