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Plenary I



Mr. Nik Azman Nik Abdul Majid is currently Director of Macroeconomics and Head of the 10th Malaysia Plan Secretariat of the Economic Planning Unit, Prime Minister's Department. He joined the Administrative and Diplomatic Service (PTD) on 3 January 1983 and was posted to the Treasury, Ministry of Finance. He served 13 years in the Treasury and in a number of divisions namely, Economics and International Division, Finance Division, Administration Division and Budget Division.

He was seconded to the World Bank in Washington, D.C. where he served as Assistant to Executive Director from 1992 to 1995.

From 1 May 1999 to 31 August 2001 Mr. Nik Azman served as Senior Private Secretary to the Minister of Special Functions and Executive Director of the National Economic Action Council. His main responsibilities as the Senior Private Secretary were to assist the Minister on matters relating to economic issues and those relating to the Labuan Development Authority and Langkawi Development Authority as the Minister served as chairman of the two authorities.

He joined EPU on 1 September 2001 as Principal Assistant Director and assumed the post of Deputy Director of Macroeconomics on 1 April 2005. On 16 January 2006, he was appointed Director of Regional Economics of EPU where he was in charge of drawing the plan for regional development for the Ninth Malaysia Plan. On 21 June 2006, Nik Azman assumed the post of Director of Budget where he coordinated the development budget for the Ninth Plan. He assumed the current post of Director of Macroeconomics in April 2007.

In terms of academic qualifications, Mr. Nik Azman is an economics graduate (B.Ec. Hons.) from the University of Malaya. He obtained a master's degree in economics from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, U.S.A. and a diploma in public management from the National Institute of Public Administration (INTAN).

Mr. Nik Azman attended a number of international courses, including on the techniques of economic analysis, fiscal and monetary, economic development, industrial development and restructuring, and macroeconomic management and fiscal issues in the United States, Korea, Japan and Singapore. He participated in the attachment programme with BMW in Munich, Germany. He also attended a two-month Advanced Management Program at the Harvard Business School, Harvard University.



Mr Kazuki Morioka

Mr Kazuki Morioka holds MBA from Boston University, Massachusetts, USA. He has more than 10 years experience in real estate securitisation business, covering principal equity investment, non-recourse loan financing, CMBS arrangement, J-REITs underwritings and real estate M&A transactions. Primary focus on potential global transactions with variety of overseas investors for the last 5 years and have established deep understanding about global players' behaviour related with real estate related transactions in Japan.

Currently he is the Head of Global Real Estate Transaction Team with The Sumitomo Trust & Banking Co., Ltd. He is responsible for sourcing, arranging and executing cross border transactions related with property investment, real estate M&A and other real estate transactions.

He is also the project leader of JV fund with AXA Group; Small-Medium size office in central 5 wards in Tokyo, targeting to raise 500 million USD (1 billion USD in asset size) and covering 2 domestic real estate M&A transactions, 3 cross border real estate M&A transactions and multiple direct property investment transactions with overseas investors.



Professor Dr Mohd Shahwahid Hj Othman

Professor Dr Mohd Shawahid Hj Othman holds PhD and MS (Resource Management & policy) from State University of New York. He is an economic valuation and impact assessment specialist who who has over 20 years experience in research, training and consulting.

Professor Dr Mohd Shahwahid is an active researcher embarking on valuation the ecological and environment services of natural resource conservation and sustainable development of the nation. He also has been awarded UPM's prestigious Vice Chancellor Award for professional services (2007), UPM's Excellence Award (2003 & 2008), Gold Medal Award in the Malaysian Research Scientist (2003).

Professor Dr Mohd Shahwahid has published articles in the Journal of Tropical Forest Products and The Malaysia Forester Vol. 62 (2). He also very active in providing courses, lectures and facilitating strategic and change management session for organization such as MARDI, FELDA, DBP, UKM and UPM.

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Ahmad Zubaidi Baharumshah

He completed his PhD from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Currently, he is Professor of Economics at the Faculty of Economics & Management, Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) who teaching Econometrics, Macroeconomic and International Economics. He also is a Research Fellow at the Research Fellow at Institute of Mathematical Research (INSPEM), UPM. He was the Deputy Dean of Research and Graduate Studies at Faculty of Economics & Management, UPM from November 2002 until June 2007. Up to November 2009, he was the Chief Editor of *Pertanika Journal of Social & Humanities*. He is now the President of the Malaysian Agricultural Economic Association and served as the Editorial Member Committee of the *Malaysian Journal of Agricultural Economics (MJAE)*.

His research interests include international finance, financial economics and time-series econometrics. Professor Ahmad Zubaidi Baharumshah is a regular contributor to international journals and has published more than seventy research articles. His recent publications have appeared in *Economics Letters*, *Journal of Post Keynesian*, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, *Japan and the World economy*, *Empirical Economics*, *Bulletin of Economic Research*, *Global Finance*, *China Economic Review*, *Applied Economics*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *Journal of Economics Integration*, *Savings and Development*, *Open Economies Review*, and *Journal of Asian Economics*, amongst others. To date, he has authored and co-authored more than 15 books chapters. His latest edited book is *Open Economy Macroeconomics in East Asian Countries* (Ashgate Publishing Limited, UK, 2005). Prof. Ahmad Zubaidi Baharumshah also served as consultant to numerous public and private institutions.

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Prof. Abdul Rashid Abdul Aziz

Prof Abdul Rashid bin Abdul Aziz is attached with the School of Housing Building and Planning, Universiti Sains Malaysia. He has written more than 50 articles in international refereed journals. He has also conducted research on behalf of the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Construction Industry Development Board of Malaysia (CIDB) and the Singaporean Contractors Association of Malaysia (SCAL). His research interest covers project management, construction industry development, and construction industry internationalization and globalization. His interest in international business has spanned more than two decades. Apart from having studied the internationalization of Malaysian housing developers, he has also examined the internationalization of Malaysian contractors and Malaysian construction-related consultants. The study on the internationalisation of housing developers was funded by INSPEN under the NAPREC programme. He has just completed another INSPEN-funded research on housing public private partnerships (PPP) in Malaysia. Prof Abdul Rashid Abdul Aziz is a member of the Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (ISM) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). He is also a registered quantity surveyor.

Professor Dr Lim Lan Yuan



Dr Lim has some 40 years of extensive experience in property business involved in property development and management, valuation, training and consultancy. He is a licensed appraiser and current Chairman of Singapore Institute of Surveyors and Valuers (SISV), President of FIABCI Singapore and President of the Association of Property & Facility Managers (APFM). He is also a senior master mediator and an accredited arbitrator, and sits as a tribunal member on the Valuation Review Board, Strata Titles Board and the Appeals (Acquisition) Board.

Dr Lim has been a consultant to a few UN agencies, and is currently Chairman of the World Association of Valuation Organisations (WAVO) and Secretary General of the Asean Valuers Association (AVA). In addition to his doctorate, Dr Lim holds an MBA, an MSc (Construction Management), a LLM (Distinction), a BSc (Estate Management), a BSc(Economics) and a LLB (Hons), and is a Justice of the Peace.



NGIAN SIEW SIONG

With a background in Civil Engineering, Mr. Ngian comes with over 30 years of proven track-record, and experience in Project Management specialising in integrated resort developments, premier residential, commercial and industrial projects, with an emphasis on continual product innovation.

Having earned a Degree in Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Civil Engineering from University of Leeds, United Kingdom, Mr. Ngian Siew Siong began his professional career in 1976 with the Malaysian Government as a Design Engineer with the Department of Irrigation and Drainage (D.I.D). Later, he joined MBF Holding Berhad as a Regional Operations Manager and in 1985, Mr. Ngian moved to Sunway City Berhad as Project Manager and founded the Property Development Division. In his long career with Sunway City, he held various positions and responsibilities, gradually assuming bigger roles at the helm as Deputy Managing Director and Managing Director for Property Development in 2001 and 2004 respectively. In his role as Managing Director, Mr. Ngian has spearheaded many successes for the company contributing significantly to its growth and profitability; reinforcing the confidence of customers and shareholders alike.

Under the leadership of Mr. Ngian, the company has evolved with its competent strategies, resources and technology. He also spearheaded the successful Knowledge Management Program which encourages continuous development of employees and instills a learning attitude in the company.

Under Mr. Ngian's direct supervision are some of the prestigious property development projects such as the RM5.2 billion Sunway South Quay - an elite lakeside metropolis at Sunway Integrated Resort (IR) City. Another noteworthy project in his portfolio is Kiara Hills - the RM840 million residential development in Mont Kiara. Amongst others, he also manages other projects such as Sunway Palazzio @ Sri Hartamas, Sunway Vivaldi @ Mont Kiara, Sunway Damansara, Sunway SPK Damansara, Sunway Rahman Putra, Sunway Cheras, Sunway Semenyih, Sunway Kayangan, Sunway Alam Suria, Sunway Kinrara in the Klang Valley and Sunway Bukit Gambier in Penang, as well as Sunway City Ipoh in Ipoh, Perak.

Mr. Ngian has also been appointed as the Real Estate and Housing Developers' Association (REDHA) Selangor branch chief for the 2010 - 2012 term. Apart from driving the Malaysian growth at Sunway City, Mr. Ngian has also been supporting its overseas ventures; contributing to its vision of emerging as a credible regional / international player. Some of the projects which have been initiated under his wing include Sunway Toul Kok City in Phnom Penh, Sunway Opus Grand, Sunway MAK in Hyderabad of India, Sunway Guanghao Jiangyin in China, Australia and in the near future in Vietnam.

The recent re-designation of Mr. Ngian Siew Siong as Managing Director, Property Development, International, Sunway City Berhad reflects the Group's strong commitment and focus on expanding its presence in the overseas property market.

With his wealth of experience and in-depth understanding of the property sector, Mr Ngian will provide enormous value in growing and developing the International division. He will also play an instrumental role in fortifying the Group's reputation as a global property conglomerate.

Moving forward, Mr Ngian will spearhead the growth of this important division as well as Sunway City's initiatives to understand each country's local culture, regulatory and development requirements. This will be further complemented by the Group's strategy to recruit the right talent and manage overseas fund and investment opportunities.



Mr Peter Chan

Peter Chan, CEO of The Haven Sdn Bhd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Superboom Projects Sdn Bhd incorporated primarily to undertake the development of The Haven Lakeside Residences in Ipoh, Perak.

He was the CEO of NV Multi Group of Companies Berhad, listed on the first board of Bursa Malaysia.

A business graduate from University of Singapore, Mr Chan has also attended Advanced Management and other courses in France, Switzerland and USA. Amongst the developments he managed were Permai Lake View Apartments, Ipoh, Perak and Subang Galaxy in Selangor.

Plenary III

Sr Dr. Zailan Bt. Mohd Isa



Sr Dr. Zailan Bt Mohd Isa holds PhD in Property & Facility Management from Tun Hussein Onn University Malaysia, Msc in Property Valuation & Management from Sheffield Hallam University, the UK and BSc. Survey (Property Management) from University of Technology, Malaysia. She is a Registered Valuers & Estate Agent (Board Of Valuers, Appraisers and Estate Agents Malaysia). She is an active member of ISM – as one of PCVS Committee Members since 1999 and was made Fellow in 2008. She represented ISM in 2002 to present a paper at FIG Working Week at Seoul, South Korea. The paper was given the “Commission 9 Award for the Most Interesting Presentation”.

Sr Dr. Zailan is currently the Director of National Property Information Centre (NAPIC), Jabatan Penilaian & Perkhidmatan Harta/Ministry of Finance Malaysia. She is responsible for the management of information collection and dissemination programme of JPPH including real estate market study in the country and periodical publications. She is also one of the Validation Committee Members for the research programme, Chair-person for the Academic Curriculum and Data Management Core Group for the training programme of the department.

Sr Dr. Zailan is active in presenting papers as well as undertaking real estate research. She presented papers at local and international arenas – Seoul, Glasgow, United Kingdom and Sharjah United Arab Emirate. She is an invited Lecturer at INSPEN, INTAN & MSc Program in Real Estate Studies University Malaya in 2007. At international level, she was an invited lecturer at Academy of Finance, Ministry of Finance, Vietnam in 2007 and Sharjah Directorate of Urban Planning in 2006. Apart from local research, she carried out housing research in London (2006) and Seoul (2008).

Sr Dr. Zailan also contributed papers in the Malaysian Surveyors of the Institution of Surveyors Malaysia (ISM) and Occasional Papers of INSPEN/Valuation and Property Services Department and also the Co-author of “Real Estate Research Handbook” for INSPEN/Valuation and Property Services Department.

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Plenary III



Mr Choo Yee Kwan Country Chief Risk Officer

Mr Choo joined OCBC Malaysia in December 2007 as the Country Chief Risk Officer. Prior to joining OCBC, he was the Chief Risk Officer of Maybank Group. During his 14 year career at Maybank, he had been Division Head for Credit Control, International Banking, Corporate Remedial Management, and lastly Group Risk Management. He had also served on the Corporate Debt Restructuring Committee (CDRC) set up under the auspices of Bank Negara Malaysia. Prior to starting his career with Maybank, he had worked for the National Westminster Bank PLC of the United Kingdom (in London and Malaysia). Mr Choo has honours degrees in economics and law from the University of Malaya and University of London respectively, and is a Barrister-at-Law (of Lincoln's Inn) following his call to the Bar of England and Wales. He currently serves on the Education Committee of the Institut Bank-Bank Malaysia.



Tuan Haji Zakaria Hj Jaafar

Tn Hj Zakaria bin Hj Jaafar holds a Master in Public Transport Management, University Science Malaysia (2002). He is currently the Director of Services Sector Development Division with Ministry of International Trade & Industry. He has been awarded Bintang Cemerlang Melaka in 2006 and he is also the Board Director for Felda Transport Services Sdn Bhd.

Tn Hj Zakaria is active in presenting papers at local and overseas arenas - Dubai Chamber of Industry, Japan, Brunei, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and China. He had been invited as speaker at University Science Malaysia, he also give talks on Public Sector Driven Initiatives to government officers.

Tn Hj Zakaria involved as panelist at The Malaysia – Thai Committee on the Transportation of Perishable Goods from Thai to Singapore through Malaysia, Public Transportation for KLIA, Sepang.

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Mr PAUL K. JAMBUNATHAN

**CONSULTANT CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, SUNWAY MEDICAL CENTRE
SENIOR LECTURER – SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, MONASH UNIVERSITY MALAYSIA**

- Paul or 'Jambu' studied at Sheffield University, UK and further trained at Murdoch University, Perth, Australia. He also specialized in Sports Psychology (a Canadian / Olympic Council of Malaysia venture).
- Paul, with more than 30 yrs of experience in applied psychology in Britain, Australia and Malaysia, has extensively dealt with a wide spectrum of emotional and behavioural problems. His applied and clinical skills cover a professional range of issues which include children's and family problems, parenting, sexual health, interpersonal effectiveness, personal development, communication skills, group interpersonal processes and performance enhancement.
- Paul runs numerous workshops and seminars for the general public and specialised groups which include companies, universities, colleges, parents and private requests. His Consultancy experience includes more than 3,000 children, 7,000 families, and over 500 companies. (Includes counselling and custom-designed analyses and training programmes).
- Paul currently has his own weekly counselling radio programme with Astro's Lite-Breakfast (FM 105.7). He previously hosted his own mental health radio programme with Radio 4 (RTM) and Talk Radio (Astro). Paul also hosted an international internet live programme – Asian Family.Com which invited celebrities and international personalities as guests on various topics ranging from personal development, family issues and very pertinent focused areas.
- Paul has served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. He is an advisor to the Bright Start Nutrition Programme and a technical advisor to the National Diabetes Institute. He also serves as a member of the Sexual Health Advisory Committee of Malaysia.
- Jambu is a professional proponent of Emotional Intelligence and Positive Psychology. He is active in advancing the practice of Emotional Intelligence & Positive Psychology in private and professional settings. He is well known for his custom-designed workshops that involve practical and creative presentation of issues in the education and training of these very fundamental psychological principles - especially within natural and applied settings.
- Jambu is a firm believer in healthy living, exercise and fun, fun, fun. He is a Dive Master (scuba diving) and is passionate about diving and conservation. He believes there is lots to learn from nature and that Mother Nature is a teacher of infinite potential. He runs numerous workshops in natural settings.
- Paul's greatest achievement so far is having convinced a woman to marry him. He and his wife are partners and co-managers of their family of 2 daughters and numerous 'interesting' relatives.