

THE RAZAK LECTURE: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS RAJA DR. NAZRIN SHAH THE CROWN PRINCE OF PERAK



When : 11 June 2012

Where : Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Kuala Lumpur

Who : His Royal Highness Raja Nazrin Shah

Summary

His Royal Highness Raja Nazrin Shah shared his perspectives on the challenges Malaysia faces at a juncture where it aims to move from a developing to a developed nation. The two main challenges His Royal Highness noted were, firstly, that the country is becoming increasingly polarised, with conflicting and competing demands becoming more vocal and strident; and secondly, the threat of being left in the middle-income trap. He spoke of Malaysia's success in weathering numerous difficulties in the past. He credited its progress to the leaders who were willing to learn from mistakes and who were pragmatic in handling change, as well as to a society that was open and accommodating. An ideal government for contemporary Malaysia, His Royal Highness noted, should be one that promotes training and education, research and development, and one that attracts and rewards those who strive, compete, take risks and innovate. His Royal Highness also spoke of the role of the monarchy as pillar to ensure the stability and prosperity of the country.

About the Razak Lecture Series

The Razak Lecture Series, an annual event organised by RSOG is a knowledge sharing platform for Malaysian leaders and the public. It features prominent statesmen and renowned leaders in the field of public service and public policy, sharing and exchanging

valuable ideas and thoughts on contemporary challenges and issues affecting leadership and public service at both the national and global levels. The lecture series is highlight among all RSOG's programmes as it promotes the intellectual exploration of the School's two main thrusts; leadership and public policy.

About the Speaker

His Royal Highness Raja Dr. Nazrin Shah holds a B.A. in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford and a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. His research interests are in the areas of economic and political development in Southeast Asia, economic growth in developing countries and economic history. He has written articles and spoken on a wide range of issues including constitutional monarchy, nation building, Islam, Islamic finance, ethno-religious relations, education and socio-economic development.

His Royal Highness is the Financial Ambassador of the Malaysian International Islamic Financial Centre and Malaysia's Special Envoy for Interfaith and Intercivilisational Dialogue. He is also Pro-Chancellor of the University of Malaya; President of the Perak Council on Islam and Malay Customs; Eminent Fellow of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia; Royal Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Defense and Security; Honorary Fellow of Worcester College, University of Oxford; and Honorary Member of Magdalene College, University of Cambridge. He is also a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Oxford; Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Malay College of Kuala Kangsar; and Royal Patron of the Kuala Lumpur Business Club. From November 2008 to April 2009, His Royal Highness was the Honorary Chairman of "Bridges - Dialogues Towards a Culture of Peace", organised by the International Peace Foundation.

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