

MODERATORS



Moderator – Panel 1

PROFESSOR LEONG CHOON HENG

Director of Education and Social Progress Program, Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia

Dr Leong Choon Heng holds a PhD in Sociology from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Colby College, USA. He teaches in the fields of sociology, socio-economic development, public policy, business management, transportation, logistics and sustainable development. He is currently a Professor in Sunway University. Prior to joining Sunway University, he was the President of the Malaysia University of Science and Technology for five years and the Head of the Transportation and Logistics Programme for ten years. He has also taught at the National University of Singapore. His experience also include working in the Institute of Strategic and International Studies which is a policy think-tank for the Malaysian government and as consultant to several international organisations often in association with PE Research, a Malaysian private consulting firm specializing in economic and environmental research. At Sunway University, his work will largely be in the areas of sustainability and education delivery systems, including blended learning and MOOC.

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Moderator – Panel 2

PAK TOENGGOEL SIAGIAN

Toenggoel P. Siagian M.S.; M.Ed. was born in 1935. He attended Dutch and Indonesian primary and middle schools, the University of Indonesia, George Williams College, Chicago, Ill., Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. and the University of Wisconsin, Wi. He was a long time resident of the United States where he co-founded and was the first director of the University of Wisconsin Center for Southeast Asian Studies. He was also a co-founder and the first director of the Indonesian Studies Summer Institute, which has now grown into the Southeast Asian Summer Institute.

He is active in business as well as in education. A frequent speaker on educational issues, he provides consulting assistance to school organizations. In addition he does research on social science issues, writes, and translates between English, Indonesian and Dutch. These works have been published in the journals Manoa, Indonesia, Menagerie, Prisma and through other venues.

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Moderator – Panel 3

PROFESSOR GRAEME WILKINSON

Vice-Chancellor of Sunway University, Malaysia

He is a physics graduate of Imperial College London and holds a doctorate from Oxford University in the field of satellite Earth observation technology.

In his early career he taught computer science at Kingston University, London, and at University College London. He subsequently joined the European Union's Joint Research Centre at Ispra in Italy undertaking research on satellite remote sensing. He then returned to the UK and held senior posts in several universities with a focus on widening participation in higher education. He was Head of the School of Computing and Information Systems at Kingston University, Dean of the Faculty of Technology at the University of Lincoln, and Pro Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Glyndwr University.

He is a chartered physicist and a chartered IT professional. He is also a Fellow of the British Computer Society and of the Royal Society of Arts. He has been with Sunway University since July 2012.

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Moderator – Panel 4

PROFESSOR JAMES CHIN

Director, Asia Institute Tasmania

College of Arts and Law

**Director, Governance Studies Programme, Jeffrey Cheah
Institute on Southeast Asia**

Before joining The University of Tasmania, James was the foundation head of the School of Arts And Social Sciences (SASS), Monash University, Malaysia campus. During his time in Monash Malaysia, he built SASS into the leading social science school in Malaysia. He has a strong track record of media and community engagement.

James works on contemporary politics and elections in Malaysia and Singapore, and Southeast Asia generally. He also works on domestic politics of Papua New Guinea and Fiji. His work deals mainly with regime change and maintenance in societies where there are omnipresent threats of ethnic and religious conflicts.

In 2013, James co-edited (with Bridget Welsh) the book. *Awakening: The Abdullah Badawi Years in Malaysia*. The book was a best seller in Malaysia. He is also the co-editor (with Andrew Harding) of *50 years of Malaysia: Federalism revisited* (2014), which was shortlisted for the Popular-The Star Readers Choice Awards 2015.

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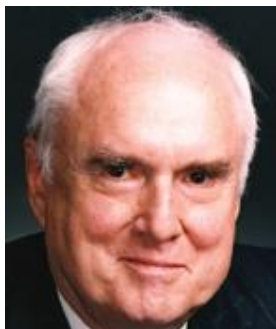
Moderator – Panel 5

PROFESSOR JAY ROSENGARD

Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School

Forty years of international experience designing, implementing, and evaluating development policies in public finance and fiscal strategy, tax and budget reform, municipal finance and management, intergovernmental fiscal relations, banking and financial institutions development, financial inclusion, micro, small, and medium enterprise (MSME) finance, mobile banking, and public administration. Rosengard is Director of the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government's Financial Sector Program, which focuses on the development of bank and nonbank financial institutions and alternative financing instruments. In addition, Rosengard is a Faculty Affiliate of both the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation and the Center for International Development. At the Ash Center, he is Senior Advisor to the Rajawali Foundation Institute for Asia and Faculty Chair of the HKS Indonesia Program. He also serves as Faculty Chair of three executive programs: FIPED (Financial Institutions for Private Enterprise Development), which focuses on sustainable and effective MSME finance; ComTax (Comparative Tax Policy and Administration), which addresses key strategic and tactical issues in tax design and implementation; and Transformasi (Leadership Transformation in Indonesia), which is designed to assist Indonesia in its decentralization initiatives.

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Moderator – Panel 6

PROFESSOR DWIGHT PERKINS

Harold Hitchings Burbank Professor of Political Economy, Emeritus, FAS

Dwight H. Perkins is the Harold Hitchings Burbank Professor of Political Economy, Emeritus in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Previous positions at Harvard include Director of the Harvard University Asia Center, Associate Director of the East Asian (now Fairbank) Research Center, Chair of the Department of Economics, and Director of the Harvard Institute for International Development. Perkins has authored, coauthored, or edited 20 books and numerous articles on economic history and economic development, with special references to the economies of East and Southeast Asia. Topics include the transition from central planning to the market, long-term agricultural development, industry policy, the underlying sources of growth in East Asia, and the role of economic and legal institutions in East Asian growth. He has served as an advisor or consultant to the governments of Korea, China, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Papua New Guinea. He has also been a long-term consultant to the World Bank, the Ford Foundation, and various U.S. government agencies, including the U.S. Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. Perkins is a member of the American Philosophical Society. He received his BA from Cornell and his MA and PhD in economics from Harvard.

Gala Dinner



Speaker

TAN SRI DR. JEFFREY CHEAH, AO
FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, SUNWAY GROUP
FOUNDING TRUSTEE, JEFFREY CHEAH FOUNDATION

Tan Sri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah is the founder and executive chairman of Sunway Group, one of Malaysia's largest conglomerates with core interests in real estate, construction, retail, hospitality and healthcare. The Group employs a 15,000-strong workforce and its 12 business divisions span 50 locations worldwide. He is also the founding trustee of the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation (JCF), Malaysia's largest education-focused social enterprise.

Sunway's sustainable and fully-integrated green township developments have improved the way thousands of people live, learn, work, play in a safe and connected environment. The flagship Sunway City, in a suburb of Kuala Lumpur, was transformed from a tin-mining wasteland into a wonderland adopting the concept of sustainable development. Sunway City Ipoh, in the state of Perak, was built upon the principles of preservation and conservation cradled by 260-million-year-old limestone hills and verdant forests. Sunway Iskandar, in the southern Malaysian state of Johor, offers world-class city living in harmony with nature. Sunway's "build-own-operate" business model ensures constant value-creation and the sustainable growth of its communities.

Tan Sri Cheah's commitment to sustainable development was underlined further in 2016 when, through the JCF, he gifted USD 10 million to the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Association led by Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, a world-renowned economist and champion of sustainable development. The gift funded the establishment of the Jeffrey Sachs Center on Sustainable Development at Sunway University in December 2016, the first such center in Asia. The Center is set to become a regional hub for research and policy practice, creating world-class programmes to train a new generation of students, practitioners and policy leaders; and develop linkages with major Malaysian and international universities in joint problem-solving around the SDGs.

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The Jeffrey Cheah Foundation and the Jeffrey Sachs Center highlight the twin core commitments of Tan Sri Cheah: democratising education and sustainable development. Fulfilling his personal life philosophy to “aspire to inspire before I expire,” he had transferred, in perpetuity, the equity of Sunway Education Group’s (SEG) educational institutions, initially worth more than RM720 million (now in excess of RM1 billion) into the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation. The Foundation has disbursed scholarships exceeding RM270 million as of 2016, helping make quality education accessible to thousands of deserving young people. It is Tan Sri Cheah’s personal ambition to award RM1 billion worth of scholarships in his lifetime.

Tan Sri Cheah’s vision of evolving SEG in Sunway City as the intellectual and cultural hub of Asia has seen the JCF establishing strategic academic ties with some of the world’s preeminent universities including Harvard, Cambridge and Oxford. The appointment of two Jeffrey Cheah Professors at each of these universities and the provision of travel grants aim to facilitate a two-way flow of scholars and researchers between the world-class institutions and this part of the world. He also established the Jeffrey Cheah Institute on Southeast Asia (JCI), the first public policy think tank based in a private university in Malaysia.

Besides being conferred 10 honorary doctorates by leading universities worldwide, Tan Sri Cheah has also been recognised twice as Forbes Asia Hero of Philanthropy in 2009 and 2015 respectively. He was appointed Council Member of United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN) in 2013; a member of Harvard’s Global Advisory Council in 2014 and a member of the Committee of University Resources at Harvard in 2015. He is the chairman and co-founder of Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI), a leading independent private think tank committed to the development of Asian leadership and strategic thinking. He was also appointed Officer of the Order of Australia (“AO”) by the Prime Minister of Australia for his contribution in building bilateral relations between Malaysia and Australia through education.

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Tan Sri Cheah's core values of Integrity Humility and Excellence are part and parcel of the Sunway Group's DNA. His commitment to sustainable development and democratising education drives the Group's ventures and has helped establish Sunway as a regional model of corporate citizenship.

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Speaker

Y.B. DATO' SERI IDRIS BIN JUSOH

Minister of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education, Malaysia

Dato' Seri Idris Bin Jusoh was appointed as Minister of Higher Education, Ministry of Higher Education, on the 28th of July 2015. Prior to this, he was the Second Education Minister, Chairman of Majlis Amanah Rakyat (MARA), Chief Minister of Terengganu and Deputy Minister of Entrepreneurial Development. Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh is also currently Member of Parliament for the constituency of Besut, Terengganu, his hometown. He holds an MBA in Finance from the University of New Haven, US, and a degree in Social Sciences (Economics and Management) from Universiti Sains Malaysia. He studied Arabic at the University of Jordan in 1994 and has also attended the Advanced Management Programs (AMP) in Harvard (2001) and INSEAD, France (2008), and the Leadership In Developing Countries Program at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University in 2009.