

“The Launch of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies”

Opal & Pearl Rooms, Ground Level, Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur

Wednesday, 28 March 2012

10.00 am to 11.30 am

Kuala Lumpur, 26 March 2012 - The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia is pleased to announce the inauguration of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies by YB Dato' Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies was established to honour the contributions made by Malaysia's third prime minister in shaping the nation's foreign policy. The Chair aims to build on and continue the legacy of the late Tun Hussein Onn's visionary initiatives and efforts toward establishing ASEAN as the cornerstone of Malaysia's foreign policy. It will lead and undertake relevant policy research on Malaysia's engagement and interests in ASEAN. The Chair will also examine major power relations as they pertain to national and regional interests.

ISIS Malaysia is delighted to introduce Dato' Dr Muthiah Alagappa as the first holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair. Dato' Muthiah is an internationally renowned scholar who has held senior positions in leading think tanks and research institutions in the United States. A prolific writer and an author of many influential publications, Dato' Muthiah has also held visiting professorial positions at leading universities such as Columbia, Stanford and Keio. In conjunction with the launching ceremony, Dato' Muthiah will present his inaugural lecture entitled “*Nation Making in Asia: From Ethnic to Civic Nations?*”

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