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### **Appointment of Professor Dr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, to the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies at ISIS Malaysia**

**Kuala Lumpur, 7 January 2016** - The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Dr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram as the third holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies for the period 2016-2017.

The first holder of the Chair was YBhg. Dato' Dr. Muthiah Alagappa (2012-2013) and the second holder was Professor Dr. Crothers Anthony Milner (2014-2015).

JOMO Kwame Sundaram was Assistant Director General and Coordinator for Economic and Social Development (ADG-ES), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations during 2012-2015. Before that, he was Assistant Secretary General for Economic Development in the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) from 2005 until 2012, and (Honorary) Research Coordinator for the G24 Intergovernmental Group on International Monetary Affairs and Development from 2006 until 2012. He has received several honours and awards for his work including the 2007 Wassily Leontief Prize for Advancing the Frontiers of Economic Thought.

He has authored and edited over a hundred books and translated 12 volumes besides writing many academic papers and media articles. Jomo was Professor in the Applied Economics Department, Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya until November 2004, Founder Director (1978-2004) of the Institute of Social Analysis (INSAN) and Founder Chair (2001-2004) of IDEAs, International Development Economics Associates ([www.ideaswebsite.org](http://www.ideaswebsite.org)). He was also on the Board of the United Nations Research Institute on Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva. He is on the editorial boards of several learned journals.

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