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ASEAN Foundation, Canadian Embassy support international conference on religion in public spaces



Officers and staff of the ASEAN Foundation, Canadian Embassy and PPIM attended the meeting led by Dr. Makarim Wibisono, AF Executive Director (5th from left), H.E. Mackenzie Clugston, Ambassador of Canada to Indonesia, Timor Leste and ASEAN (6th from left) and Dr. Ali Munhanif, PPIM Executive Director (7th from left).

In celebration of the 35 years of Canada-ASEAN Dialogue Partnership and 60 years of Canada-Indonesia Relations, the ASEAN Foundation and Embassy of Canada in Indonesia are supporting the “International Conference on Religion in Public Spaces in Contemporary South East Asia” being organized by the Center for the Study of Islam and Society (PPIM) at State Islamic University. A ceremony led by Dr. Makarim Wibisono, Executive Director of the ASEAN Foundation, H.E. Mackenzie Clugston, Ambassador of Canada to Indonesia, Timor Leste and ASEAN and Dr. Ali Munhanif, Executive Director of PPIM was held recently to formalize the tri-partite partnership.

The conference was conceptualized based on the increasing presence of religion in public spaces, in particular, its role in a nation’s public governance system and socio-economic development. This gathering of scholars and experts therefore aims to provide opportunity for a dialogue taking a look into the diversity of Southeast Asia in terms of religion, culture, political system, among others. By providing this platform, the two-day conference will address the challenges and present key recommendations to policymakers on how to attain a multi-cultural society that values religious freedom and human rights.

To be held on 13-14 March 2012, the conference celebrates the relations between Canada and Southeast Asia. Canada has been known to promote a pluralistic society through relevant policies. On the other hand, this activity addresses the mandates of the ASEAN Foundation of collaborating with various stakeholders to promote greater awareness of the ASEAN identity and enhance interaction among ASEAN peoples.

For more information about the conference, contact the PPIM at (62-21) 7423543/7499272 or email: ppim@uinjkt.ac.id.

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