



JAPAN GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA

Seminar

Malaysian Diaspora and Brain Drain

Speaker: Dato' Dr. Toh Kin Woon
Date: Sunday 29th May, 2011
Time: 11.45 am – 12.30 pm
Venue: **Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Hall**
1st floor The KL & Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall
No.1 Jalan Maharajalela, Kuala Lumpur

About the seminar:

Brain drain has long been a subject of debate and controversy, but few studies have documented and examined the phenomenon in the Malaysian context—be it in terms of magnitude, impact or policy response. This seminar attempts to answer these issues. How large is Malaysia's brain drain,? Has brain drain intensified recently? Who are the ones leaving and why do they leave? Is brain drain a cause for concern? What has been the economic impact? What role is there for policy?

About the speaker:



Dato' Dr. Toh Kin Woon is now a Senior Research Fellow at SERI. He is also an Advisor to the Malaysian Institute of Training and Development; National Chairman of the LLG Cultural Development Centre in Kuala Lumpur; Chairman of the Penang Independent Schools Education Society; and Member of the Executive Committee of the Malaysia Plan of Action of the Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall. He was a Senior Fellow under the Asian Public Intellectuals Award given by the Japan Foundation in Tokyo, Japan in 2008/2009.

Previous to that, he was an elected three-term State Assemblyman in the Penang State Legislative Assembly and also a three term State Executive Councillor (State Level Minister) for Education, Human Resource Development and Science, Technology and Innovation (1995-2008). While in office as a State Minister, Dr. Toh served as Chairman of the Penang Public Library Corporation; Chairman of the Board of Directors of SERI; and Member of the Board of Directors of the Penang Development Corporation. He was also a Senator from 1993 to 1995.

Dr. Toh has also acted as a consultant to the Food and Agriculture Organisation in Bangkok; ILO-ARTEP in New Delhi; the Asean Secretariat in Jakarta and the Institute of Developing Economies in Tokyo. He was a Research Fellow at Faculty of Economics, University of Sydney (1983); the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore (1988); the University of Southern Queensland (1990); the University of the Philippines at Diliman; the Ateneo de Manila University (2008/2009) and the University of Kyoto (2009).

Who should attend:

JAGAM members and invited guests only.

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