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Dear MBRAS Member,

You are invited to the MBRAS Lecture by Yang Berhormat, Pehin Organ Kaya Laila Wijaya Dato Seri Setia (Dr) Haji Awang Abdul Aziz bin Begawan Pehin Udana Khatib Dato Seri Paduka Haji Umar

Time: Saturday, 8 December 2012 2.00-3.30 pm.

Place: Mutiara Ballroom, Radisson Hotel, Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei

Darussalam

Title of Talk

MIB

Pahin Dato Haji Abdul Aziz is a former minister in His Majesty's Government. He was a member of the first post-Independence Brunei Cabinet in 1984, in which he served as the Minister for Education and Health. For most of his ministerial service until 2005, except for a two-year period as Minister for Communications, he held the education portfolio. Prior to 1984, he was State Secretary for nine years, before becoming Brunei's last pre-Independence Chief Minister. During the early years after Independence, with the nation's socio-political direction yet to be fully defined, Pehin Dato Haji Abdul Aziz was one of the principal proponents for adopting MIB as Brunei's national philosophy, and was instrumental with introducing the concept into Brunei's education system. Today, Brunei's Malay cultural emphasis and their Islamic religious disposition are the primary rationalisations for the perpetuation of Brunei's political system, that of monarchy. Among several other official appointments, he was a Chairman of the Brunei Investment Agency, and is currently a member of the Brunei Privy Council, the Brunei Islamic Religious Council and the Council for Royal Succession. Pehin Dato Haji Abdul Aziz is also the serving Vice-Chairman on the Board of Trustees for the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies at the University of Oxford.

Dr Neil Khor Jin Keong,

Honorary Secretary.