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A pair of hands, one from the top and one from the bottom, are shown holding a small, glowing green globe. The globe has a map of the world on it, with green landmasses and blue oceans. The hands are positioned as if presenting the globe to the viewer.

VISIT BY KONAN UNIVERSITY

DATE:

13 March 2010

VENUE:

**Katha Seminar Room,
University Of Malaya Centre for
Civilisational Dialogue**

BACKGROUND OF THE EVENT

University of Malaya Centre for Civilisational Dialogue (UMCCD) and University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) has forged a good relationship with Konan University especially Professor Fumiaki Taniguchi, Philosophy Professor from the Department of Philosophy. From March 13 till March 17, 2010, Professor Fumiaki Taniguchi will be embarking on the 86th *Seminar Study Tour* to Aboriginal settlement in Endau-Rompin which is sponsored by Konan University. As part of this study tour, Professor Fumiaki Taniguchi, his colleagues and students will be paying a visit to UMCCD on March 13, 2010. It is hoped that this visit will strengthen further collaboration between UMCCD and Konan University and consequently enhance the internationalisation of both Universities.

OBJECTIVES OF THE EVENT

1. To forge closer collaborative relations between Konan University and University of Malaya.
2. To promote and disseminate the concept of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD).
3. To discuss future collaborations between Konan University and Centre for Civilisational Dialogue as well as University Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC).

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

SATURDAY (MARCH 13, 2010)

- 9.30 am : Guests arrival and registration
- 10.00 am : Welcoming speech by Professor Datin Dr. Azizan Baharuddin, Director of Centre for Civilisational Dialogue
- 10.10 am :Public Lecture by Professor Fumiaki Taniguchi entitled “Education for Sustainable Development from the Context of Environmental Philosophy”**
- 11.00 am : Discussion Session
- 1.00 pm : Tour to Islamic Arts Museum Malaysia and National Mosque
- 4.00 pm : End of Program
- 8.00 pm : Dinner at Bamboo Shoot Restaurant

SUNDAY – TUESDAY (MARCH 14 – 16, 2010)

Study tour to Endau Rompin National Park.

BRIEF BIODATA OF PROFESSOR FUMIAKI TANIGUCHI

Professor Fumiaki Taniguchi obtained his Bachelor's degree in Economics at the KONAN University in year 1969 and later Master degree in Philosophy and Ethics at the OSAKA University in 1977. Later he was appointed Professor in 1995 at the Department of Literature, KONAN University since then. Professor Fumiaki Taniguchi has published papers in the areas of environmental ethics and environmental education. He is a trustee member of Japan Academy for Health Behavioral Science since 1993 and a trustee member of The Nature Activity of Osaka Prefecture since 2002. Professor Fumiaki Taniguchi is also the president of International Association of Earth-environment and Global Citizen since 1999 and the president of Society of Information Exchange for Environmental Education between Japan and China since 2000. Professor Fumiaki Taniguchi also travels abroad frequently, giving lectures and speaking at seminars and conferences. He has been working as a visiting Professor at Center of Environmental Education, Rajabhat Institute Phranakhon, Thailand and also School of Environmental Studies, University of Victoria, Canada. He also worked as honorary visiting Professor at The School of Education, Hebei University, China in year 1997 and at the Center of Environmental Science, Peking University, China since 2001.

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT UMCCD

Being a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), a regional grouping, Malaysia will seek to establish its own identity and promote its own interests within the larger Asian and world community with the other member nations. It is hoped that the shared values derived through intercivilisational dialogue will help mould the ASEAN identity of tomorrow. Malaysia is indeed a nation where civilisations come together. Perhaps no other nation exists on earth where substantial numbers of Buddhists, Christians, Confucianists, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Taoists live together in peace and harmony. Equally remarkable is that these civilisational communities have for decades been exposed to, and have interacted with Western civilisation. Since such civilisations come together in such a significant manner, they should be encouraged to dialogue with one another. It is through intercivilisational dialogue and intercultural communication that Malaysia seeks to strengthen the sinews of national unity and national integration. Needless to say, unity among the different communities is fundamental to the nation's survival. That is why Malaysia views intercivilisational dialogue as crucial to its very existence. It is against this backdrop that the University of Malaya made its pioneering attempt to initiate intercivilisational dialogues through several major international conferences in 1995 and 1996 with the overall view of balancing the 'Clash of Civilisations' theory of Samuel P. Huntington. Today, the Centre (after 12 years of its establishment) actively pursues work in Dialogue of Civilisations through its research, publication, and conference/dialogue as well as Visiting Scholar Programme.

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT UMUC

The University of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) was established on July 17th, 2007 as a response to the call by the National Commission of UNESCO Malaysia for the Institutions of Higher Learning (IHLs) to enhance excellence in higher education in Malaysia through the establishment of UNESCO Clubs. The launching of the club was officiated by YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Zulkumain bin Haji Awang during the Opening Ceremony of the 'Intercultural Discourse towards Peace and Unity within ASEAN'. The club comprises of 105 students and 30 academic and non-academic staffs of University of Malaya.

Several activities have been conducted or participated in by UMUC members for the period from 2008 till 2009. Activities organised were mainly based on the scope of interest of UMUC such as Environment, Culture, Social and Human Sciences, Dialogue, Education, Philosophy, and Sustainable Development. Among the activities conducted by UMUC were:

1. The University of Malaya Peace Pole
2. Car Boot Sales
3. Visit of the University Of Malaya UNESCO Club (UMUC) Committee Members to the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO (NATCOM)
4. Celebration of *Noorooz* – A Celebration of the End And the Rebirth Of Seasons
5. Kinabalu International Expedition, Sabah
6. 1 World Culture Night 2009

7. United Nations Day Celebration
8. Study Programme on Inter-Civilisational Dialogue 2009 – Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Istanbul
9. University of Malaya Earth Hour

MEMBERS OF DELEGATION OF KONAN UNIVERSITY

No.	Name	Designation	Area(s) of Expertise
1.	Professor Fumiaki Taniguchi	Professor	Philosophy, Environmental Studies
2.	Masao Amano	Research student	Eco-forestry
3.	Yusuke Torii	Master student	Pedagogy
4.	Isamu Matsuura	Senior	Environmental Education
5.	Ryo Yamamoto	Senior	Eco-forestry
6.	Naoki Nakamura	Junior	Environmental Education
7.	Riwa Watanabe	PhD student	Environmental Ethics
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10.	Naoko Yamashita	Senior	Environmental Education

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No.	Name	Designation
1.	Professor Datin Dr Azizan Baharuddin	Director of UMCCD
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Organising Welcoming Committee

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