

MSA Lecture Series: Post COP21 - Translating Paris Agreement through Strategic Investment in Science and Technology



The panel discussion was later continued and moderated by Professor Dato Dr. Imran Ho Abdullah, the Deputy Vice Chancellor of UKM, Industry and Community Partnerships and joined by Professor Hunt, Tan Sri Datuk Dr Yusof Basiron, Chief Executive Officer of Malaysian Palm Oil Council, Past President of ASM and MSAF Trustee and Dr Gary William Theseira, the Deputy Undersecretary, Environmental Management and Climate Change, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

On March 8th, 2016, a lecture and panel discussion on translating the Paris Agreement through strategic investment and technology was held at Dewan Perdana Malaysia International Development Authority (MIDA) Sentral. This event was a joint effort between Mahathir Science Award Foundation (MSAF), Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and Academy of Science Malaysia (ASM). The event was supported by the Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative (SEADPRI-UKM) and other collaborative partners including Ambank Group, British High Commission Kuala Lumpur, Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) and Al Bukhary Foundation. While the agreement lays out the essential goals, this lively discussion was focused on the ability to achieve the goals by implementing strategic investment and technology.

This event was officiated by the MSAF Trustee and President of ASM, Tan Sri Datuk Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, which at his opening speech has call attention to the importance of reducing carbon dioxide emission at every level of communities. The speech was followed by a lecture of a distinguished panel, Emeritus Professor Lord Julian Hunt who is an honorary Professor in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics, University of Cambridge and a Professor of Climate Modelling in the Department of Earth Sciences, University College London. Professor Hunt was also a Visiting Fellow of the Malaysian Commonwealth Studies Centre at Cambridge who had served the Meteorological Office as the Director General and Chief Executive for five years. During this event, Professor Hunt had discussed his insight on the agreements and other related issues pertaining climate change and policy with suggestion on a more widespread dissemination of climate change facts and research especially on integrating the keys to effective implementation of the agreement such as improvement of the policy, economic, technological priorities, and strengthening the bond between government and private sectors.