



Mohamed Mustafa Ishak

Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak is Professor of Politics and International Studies. He is currently Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Utara Malaysia and has held that position since June 2010.

He has written several books and published numerous articles in local and international journals and newspapers. One of his published works, entitled *Politik dan Pemerintahan Negara* (Politics and National Governance), has become essential reading in local institutions of higher learning. His latest book, entitled *The Politics of Bangsa Malaysia*, published in 2014, has received an enthusiastic response from a wide and discerning readership. Professor Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak is an expert in Malaysian and Southeast Asian politics, and, as a well-known and prolific writer on political matters, he has been much sought after by both the local and foreign print and electronic media for his political analyses and commentaries about domestic and international affairs.

Despite his busy schedule and the many demands upon his time and energy, Professor Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak is ever mindful of his additional responsibilities and duties as the founding President of the Association of International Studies (Malaysia), as well as that of Chief Editor of the *Journal of International Studies (Malaysia)*. He has been visiting professor in several universities including the University of Paris and the University of Le Havre, France, and a number of universities in Indonesia.

Professor Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak has also been instrumental not only in getting the UUM-BSRU strategic partnership underway, but also in strengthening bilateral relations in education between Malaysia and the Kingdom of Thailand. In recognition of his immense contributions in this area, under the recommendation of the BSRU Council Committee, he was conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Administration by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn of Thailand.

In recognition of his inestimable contributions and dedicated service to the community and the nation, Professor Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak was conferred several state and national honorific titles, namely, the Darjah Gemilang Pangkuan Negeri (D.G.P.N), which carries the title Dato' Seri, by His Excellency the Governor of Penang in September 2015; the Darjah Gemilang Seri Mahkota Kedah (DGMK), which carries the title Dato' Wira, by His Royal Highness The Sultan of Kedah in 2014; the Darjah Panglima Jasa Negara (PJN), which carries the title Datuk, by His Majesty The King of Malaysia in 2013; the Darjah Setia Diraja Kedah (DSDK), which carries the title Dato', by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Kedah in 2011; the Darjah Setia Pangkuan Negeri (DSPN), which carries the title Datuk, by His Excellency the Governor of Penang in 2012; and the Ahli Mahkota Kedah (AMK) and Bintang Kebaktian Masyarakat (BKM), both of which were conferred by His Royal Highness the Sultan of Kedah.

Professor Dato' Seri Dr. Mohamed Mustafa Ishak takes every opportunity to foster an infectious dynamism in efforts to propel his beloved institution, Universiti Utara Malaysia, to greater heights of academic excellence and renown, especially in management education.