



## CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE REPORT

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Faculty/Institute/Centre	:	Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Conference Title	:	2 <sup>nd</sup> International Conference ON Sustainable Development Goals (ICSDG2019): Achieving SDGs: Rising to the Challenge
Title of Paper/Presentation	:	Riverine Communities Livelihood Strategies in Sadong Jaya, Sarawak, Malaysia
Conference Venue & Date	:	Olive Tree Hotel, Penang; 30-31 July 2019
Conference Organised by	:	Universiti Sains Malaysia; APEX; Centre for Global Sustainability Studies; South East Asia Sustainability Network
Participation Sponsored by	:	UNIMAS (FRGS, F06/FRGS/1606/2017)

1. Explain the new knowledge (e.g. theories/ concepts/ issues/ research methods/ techniques) gained from the conference.

This conference has showed me how important sustainability studies are on different levels and different fields. The conference main gist, "Diversity as a part and parcel of sustainability; What is the solution for your country can also be a solution for us" allowed me to understand that knowledge is shared, and the issues faced on the Western Sarawak context, with regards of sustainable livelihoods and sustainable development is also shared with many other study contexts from researchers from different institutions.

Based on the plenary sessions, and also some of the presentations which I have attended, I came to know that many educational institutions, particularly in Thailand and Germany are utilizing a life laboratory concept, transforming and incorporating their researches and models into real life implementations. In another session showed the importance of spiritual and balance of economy, ecology, social structures and etc into sustainable development (A concept introduced by the keynote speaker, Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dato' Dzulkifli Abdul Razak). Another example, Bhutan is the only carbon negative country. In 1970, the government of Bhutan put forward their gross national happiness index instead of the gross domestic product index, teaching happiness to make their country sustainable. It is eye-opening to know how different countries define development different. In another session on gender equality, they (Bhutan) have a rather low level of gender equality. This makes me question the positionality of the women in that particular country.

In overall, the conference has exposed me to how enthusiastic are researchers from many countries on their studies, in which have given me motivation to focus on my own study and to widen my perspectives on the Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Explain the feedback received on your presentation (Please indicate duration, Q&A and other relevant discussion).

It took approximately 15 minutes to complete the presentation, following the duration limits set by the organizers. The speaker asked on how I can contribute my studies towards the riverine communities. I answered I will only be able to produce on ground data from my paper which can be referred by authorities to further implement any policies.

3. Will there be any follow-up activities resulting from your participation in the conference (e.g. research collaboration, institutional visits)? State the activity and person(s) involved, if any.

This conference also opened up an opportunity to form networks with experts from different fields and different institutions for consultations and references to the relevant experts when necessary.

4. Would you recommend this conference to others?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Explain the reason(s).

It is a knowledge gaining platform which expands your thinking capabilities and relates the current issues on a global context.

5. The paper you have presented at this conference

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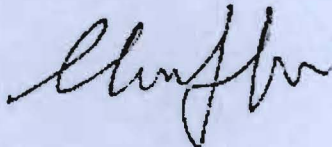

OR

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☐ others, please specify :

6. Please attach a copy of the conference material/kit with this Report for CAIS repository.

Signature		Verified and approved by Dean/Director
Date	5 August 2019	 Prof Madya Dr Neilson Ilan Mersat Dekan

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