



Civilizations Exchange & Cooperation Foundation

AMBASSADORS OF PEACE Malaysia & Indonesia

November 08 – 17, 2012

An exchange program
for U.S.-based university students & young professionals

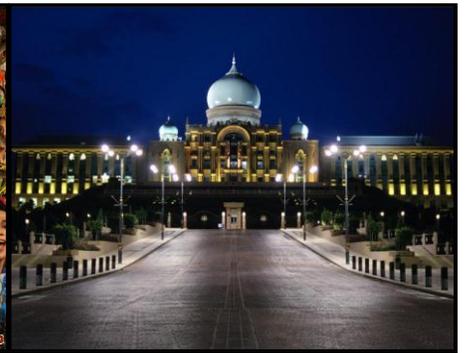
Build your leadership skills as you explore Islam cross-culturally and network.



Petronas Twin Towers in KL



Malaysian Culture Festival



Office of the Prime Minister



Al Taubah Mosque in Jakarta



CECF Outreach to Islamic School



Traditional Indonesian Cuisine

Muslims in America—both immigrants and those born and raised in the United States—can contribute tremendously to world peace, coexistence and harmony in the 21st century by virtue of their unique personal experiences. Because they often straddle two languages, two cultures, and two identities, Muslim Americans regularly interpret Islam and the Muslim world for their non-Muslim peers, serving as a bridge between two worlds. Today, especially with the development of multi-generational Muslim communities throughout the United States, young Muslim American professionals—and young professionals generally who believe in enhancing cross-cultural and interfaith understanding—have a special role of good will to play as **Ambassadors of Peace** to the peoples of the Muslim world.

The **Ambassadors of Peace** program in **Malaysia** and **Indonesia**, an intensive and educational leadership, dialogue and networking tour designed by **Civilizations Exchange and Cooperation Foundation** (CECF), seeks to draw on the intellectual and experiential capital of young American professionals who are committed to building bridges with their peers around the world. During this program, **November 7-18, 2012**, we will explore a wide range of political, economic, religious, and cultural topics, facilitate discussions with U.S. and local government officials, and provide networking opportunities with young Malaysian and Indonesian professionals.

Malaysia and Indonesia are dynamic countries with strong Islamic identities in a unique Southeast Asian context. Tradition coexists alongside modernity; spirituality is juxtaposed with materialism; and the growing number of young professional women and men in these countries are working to strengthen regional political and economic ties within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Your Malaysian and Indonesian counterparts are eager to understand how Islam is practiced in America, how American Muslims and those of other faiths interact, and what it is like to live in a society that most know only through the media.

If you are interested in these issues, committed to peaceful dialogue, and would like to take part in a personally and professionally transformative experience, join us as an Ambassador of Peace. After the travel experience, you will continue to be part of the **Ambassadors of Peace** network and CECF family, receiving our newsletter and having access to CECF's groundbreaking domestic and international programs.

Participants: University students and young professionals in the United States who are Muslim and/or have a strong interest in the Muslim world.

Date: November 8-17, 2012

Costs: Participants will cover airfare and program fees for this all-inclusive package program. Partial scholarships may be available on a case-by-case basis.

Goals of the Ambassadors of Peace program:

- Enhance leadership skills through exposure to new ideas and dialogue opportunities
- Increase mutual understanding and appreciation between America and the Muslim World
- Strengthen understanding of interfaith cooperation, religious freedom, and diversity
- Build personal and business networks among American and Southeast Asian professionals

Meetings in Malaysia and Indonesia include, but are not limited to:

- community activists, religious leaders and youth groups
- politicians and government officials
- business leaders and young entrepreneurs
- academics, professionals, and university students

CECF is dedicated to fostering cooperation among different religions and cultures through face-to-face dialogue, international conferences and seminars, and educational leadership visits. Through personal exchange and by exploring factors that led to the rise and fall of previous civilizations, we believe we can create greater understanding and harmony between peoples of the East and West.

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