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Presenter: Dr. Maznah Mohamad
Topics: The Woman Question in Malaysia: In Between Illiberal Democracy and Islam and The Politics and Psychology of Pluralism in the Muslim World

Guide: Dr. Abdul Rahim Ibrahim
Excursion: Centre for Marine and Coastal Studies

Guides: Dr. P. Francis V. F. Lui and Dr. P. Sundramoorthy
Excursion: Penang Island

Host: Vice Chancellor Professor Dato’ Dzulkifli Abdul Razak
Event: Welcome remarks, Opening Ceremony and Dinner at USM

Presenter: Dato’ Toh Kin Woon
Topic: Social and Economic Development in an Epoch of Globalization

Presenter: Dr. Mohamed Ghouse
Topic: Music and the Arts of Malaysia: Mak Yong
Event: Troupe Cultural Performance of Traditional Malaysian Dance

Presenters: Drs. Hassan, Anuar, Baharuddin, and Hifni
Topic: Ecology and Biodiversity in Malaysia

Guide: Dr. P. Sundramoorthy
Excursions: Penang Botanical Garden
Selected Islamic, Buddhist, and Hindu religious sites

Presenter: Dr. Abu Bakar bin Majeed
Topic: Islam and Religious Diversity in Malaysia

Guide: Dr. Normah M. Noor
Excursion: Forest Research Institute of Malaysia

Presenter: Dr. Alias Abdullah
Topic and Excursion: Architecture and Urban Planning in Kuala Lumpur and the International Islamic University
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