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Mastera 2025: Global South Literature

Majlis Bahasa Melayu Singapura (MBMS or Malay Language Council, Singapore) will host the Majlis Sastera Asia Tenggara (Mastera, or the Southeast Asian Literature Council) Seminar and Conference from 9 to 12 September 2025.

Representing Mastera Singapore, MBMS will welcome delegates and representatives from Mastera member countries - Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, and Malaysia for various literary programmes.

Seminar Antarabangsa Kesusasteraan Asia Tenggara (SAKAT)

Date: 9 to 10 September 2025

Time: 9.30am - 5.30pm daily

Venue: The Pod, National Library Building

SAKAT will take place at The Pod, National Library Building, on 9 and 10 September 2025. Presentations and panel discussions will take place over two days. Experts and representatives from each Mastera member country will be presenting papers centered around the theme "Global South Literature".

Please refer to **Annex A** for the full SAKAT 2025 programme schedule. To sign up for the seminars, please register via: go.gov.sg/sakat2025.

Majlis Perasmian Mastera 2025

Date: 10 September 2025

Time: 3pm - 4pm

Venue: The Pod, National Library Building

Majlis Perasmian Mastera 2025 is Mastera's Opening Ceremony, which will feature a keynote presentation and the Mastera Translation Prize presentation.

Majlis Perasmian Mastera 2025 will be graced by Guest-of-Honour, Mr Zhulkarnain Abdul Rahim, Chairman of Majlis Bahasa Melayu Singapura and its Bulan Bahasa committee. The keynote presentation will be delivered by Mr Hamed Ismail, Tun Sri Lanang Award recipient 2020/2021 titled "Sastera Nusantara melawan kolonialisme dan hegemoni Barat – mengangkat nilai-nilai kemanusiaan dan keadilan, bersama penulis-penulis serantau dari Global Selatan", alongside poetry recitation by local literati and a dance performance.



The winners of the Mastera Translation Prize will also be announced during the Opening Ceremony. A winner from each member country - Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore - will receive a cash prize of S\$3,000, and a trophy.

Sidang ke-29 Mastera

For the 29th Mastera Conference, MBMS as Mastera Singapore will host closed-door meetings, which will only be attended by the delegates and representatives of the Mastera member countries.



Annex A

SAKAT Session 1

Date:	9 September 2025
Time:	9.00am to 10.30am
Speaker 1:	Prof. Dr Abdul Halim Ali (Malaysia) <i>Mengantarabangsakan Teori-Teori Sastera Malaysia</i>
Speaker 2:	Mdm Liyana Nasyita (Singapura) <i>Bukan Setakat Puitika: Penulis Abad ke-19 dan Produksi Ilmu</i>
Moderator:	Mr Rashikin Rajah

SAKAT Session 2

Date:	9 September 2025
Time:	11.00am to 12.30pm
Speaker 1:	Dr Ena Herni binti Wasli (Brunei) <i>Cerita Lisan Brunei sebagai Naratif Global Selatan: Menjambatani Warisan dan Wawasan melalui Pedagogi Persembahan</i>
Speaker 2:	Dr. Ganjar Harimansyah, S.S., M.Hum. (Indonesia) <i>Sastra dan Nasionalisme di Global Selatan: Antara Ideologi dan Daya Tahan Kultural</i>
Moderator:	Mr Muhd Ilyia Kamsani

SAKAT Session 3

Date:	9 September 2025
Time:	2.30pm to 4.00pm
Speaker 1:	Dr Abang Patdeli bin Abang Muhi (Malaysia) <i>Hakikat Global Selatan dan Keberadaan Persuratan Melayu: Peranan Sasterawan dan Prakarsa Kerajaan</i>
Speaker 2:	Mr Amirul Hakim Ibrahim (Singapura) <i>Perisai Global Selatan: Sastera Profetik Dalam Karya Faisal Tehrani</i>
Moderator:	Ms Annaliza Bakri

SAKAT Session 4

Date:	10 September 2025
Time:	9.30am to 11.30am
Speaker 1:	Mr Maarof Salleh (Singapura) <i>Renungan ke Atas Sastera Global Selatan</i>
Speaker 2:	Prof. Dr. H. Abdul Wachid B.S., M.Hum. (Indonesia) <i>Gerakan Kultural dan Intelektual: Mendengar Suara Zaman dalam Puisi</i>
Speaker 3:	Dr Haji Mohd Ali bin Haji Radin (Brunei) <i>Perjuangan Melawan Hegemoni: Kuasa dan Identiti dalam Terbenamnya Matahari Karya Muslim Burmat dari Perspektif Global Selatan</i>
Moderator:	Mdm Miranti Silasudjana