

## Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Yabit Alas

### Profile

Yabit Alas is the Director of the Continuing Education Centre. He was the Head of the Malay Language and Linguistics from 2006-2008 and appointed as the Director of the Language Centre from 2009-2010. In 2011 he lead the newly setup Continuing Education Centre before being entrusted to led the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences starting in January 2012 until June 2013 before he once again lead the Continuing Education Centre starting July 2013. His area of expertise is on Comparative Linguistics specifically on the Austronesian Languages. However, his area of research is mostly on the Dusunic Languages spoken in the north Borneo. His research focussed on the origin, dispersal and classification of the Dusunic languages. He is also actively do research on Malay languages especially Standard Malay and it relevance with globalisation. Being the Malay language Council member he directly involved in the planning and implementation of the Malay language in Brunei and regionally. He published a number of articles in the Malay language local and regional journal and became the co-editor of the 'Reflections in Borneo Rivers: Essays in Honour of Professor James T. Collins: Book I' and 'Reflections in Southeast Asian Seas, Essays in Honour of Professor James T. Collins: Book II.' He lead the newly setup Borneo Studies Network whose interest is to enhance research on Borneo as well as to promote various research institutions around Borneo.

### Academic Qualifications

- PhD, National University of Malaysia (UKM), 2004
- MA, University Of Hawai'i, Manoa, USA, 1994
- BA, Universiti Brunei Darussalam, 1990

### Teaching

- Historical Linguistics
- Comparative Linguistics
- The History of Malay Language
- Language and Writing
- Research Methodology in Linguistics
- Elementary – Advanced Dusun Language (Language Centre module)

## Research

- Tutong-Dusun lingua franca, 1991. (UBD grant)
- The Dusunic Languages of Sabah, Sarawak and Brunei since 1991. Focussing on the grammatical system, its origins and its dispersal.
- Research on Malay usage in the Malay world.
- The role of the Malay Language in Brunei and the region.
- Malay language Internationalization project.

## Books

- Chong Shin, Karim Harun and Yabit Alas. (2007). Reflections in Southeast Asian Seas, Essays in Honour of Professor James T. Collins: Book II. Pontianak: STAIN Pontianak Pres.
- Chong Shin, Karim Harun and Yabit Alas. (2006). Reflections in Borneo Rivers: Essays in Honour of Professor James T. Collins: Book I. Pontianak: STAIN Pontianak Press.

## Publications

### **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- Yabit Alas. (2010). Multilingual memperkasa bahasa Melayu. Rampak Serantau, 17, 287–305.
- Yabit Alas. (2009) Tanah leluhur masyarakat Dusun: Perspektif linguistik. South East Asia: A Multidisciplinary Journal, 9, 107–121.
- Yabit Alas. (2005). Posisi varian Dusun Brunei dalam salasilah bahasa Dusunik Purba. Bahasa, Januari–Jun, 7, 12–18
- Yabit Alas. (2002). Bahasa utama di kalangan masyarakat bukan Melayu di Sabah. Bahasa, Januari–Jun, 4, 82–91.
- Yabit Alas. (1995). Pinjaman atau asli? Satu kajian Linguistik Perbandingan dalam bahasa Dusun. Janang, September, 5, 82–94.
- Yabit Alas. (1992). Peranan samayo dan gendang dalam puak Dusun dan Bisaya. Beriga, April–Jun, 35, 70–80. Published as a Form Two MIB textbook, and several times has become a topic for oral test at ‘O’ Level Cambridge Exam.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

- Yabit Alas (2014). 'Homogeneous' Melayu di Negara Brunei Darussalam: Rujukan Khusus Etnik Bisya. In Ampuan Haji Brahim bin Ampuan Haji Tengah (ed), Cetusan Minda Sarjana: Sastera dan Budaya. Bandar Seri Begawan: Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka. 205-217.
- Yabit Alas. (1995). Morfologi kata kerja bahasa Dusun: Satu penyelidikan awal. In Dialek Memperkaya Bahasa. Bandar Seri Begawan: DBP, 140-150.