



Australian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur

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Leading Australian scientist, Dr Stefan Hajkowitz, visits Malaysia

As part of our innovation and science diplomacy agenda, and in celebration of Australia's National Science Week 2016, the Australian High Commission, Kuala Lumpur, is proud to host Dr Stefan Hajkowitz on a regional speaking tour.

Dr Hajkowitz is a Senior Principal Scientist in the Strategy and Foresight Division of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), the Australian Government's scientific research agency. His role is to think about how people make choices and plan for an uncertain future.

He is the author of the book, *Global Megatrends – Seven Patterns of Change Shaping our Future* and regularly publishes in international research literature within the fields of geography, economics, as well as decision theory and management science.

The Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia, H.E. Mr. Rod Smith, PSM, said “the megatrends identified by Dr Hajkowitz represent challenges, but also opportunities, for all countries. The ability to innovate in order to respond to them is very important. Promoting science, technology and innovation are priorities for both the Australian and Malaysian Governments. We hope that Dr Hajkowitz's visit will contribute to Malaysia's discussion about how to respond to these challenges.”

Apart from Kuala Lumpur, Dr Hajkowitz will visit Singapore and Hanoi this week.

During his visit to Kuala Lumpur, Dr Hajkowicz will participate in a series of speaking engagements, including a meeting with the Malaysian Digital Economy Corporation (MDEC) to discuss how best to leverage the digital wave to drive positive impact, and a policy roundtable co-hosted with the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) to discuss how Malaysia can best prepare itself for the future.

Dr Hajkowicz will also participate in the Australian High Commission's signature 'Alumni Conversation' series this evening, where he will speak to leading members of Malaysian society who have studied in Australia. He will speak on 'Global Megatrends: How can you be a part of it?'

On Wednesday morning, Dr Hajkowicz give a presentation at the University of Malaya. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about Global Megatrends with a focus on issues affecting Malaysia. Dr Hajkowicz will also attend a business luncheon hosted by the High Commissioner at his residence on Global Megatrends with senior representatives of leading Malaysian businesses, including from the technology, manufacturing and professional advisory sectors.

University of Malaya – Talk on Global Megatrends

Date: Wednesday, 17 August 2016

Time: 10.00am to 12.00am

Venue: Postgraduate Conference Room, Level 3, Postgraduate Building, Block H12

Faculty of Economics and Administration, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur

Entry: Free

For further information and to RSVP, please see this [link](#).

National Science Week – 13 to 21 August 2016

Australia's National Science Week is an annual celebration of science and technology. Established in 1997, it provides an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Australian scientists to the world of knowledge, to encourage interest in scientific pursuits and encourage younger people to be fascinated by the world we live in.

Proudly supported by the Australian Government and other partners, including the CSIRO, this years' National Science Week will feature more than 1000 events around Australia which attract an audience of over one million people, from children to adults and science amateurs to professionals.

For more information, please see: <http://www.scienceweek.net.au>

Dr Stefan Hajkowicz

Please see attached Dr Hajkowicz's biography and a document setting out his work

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