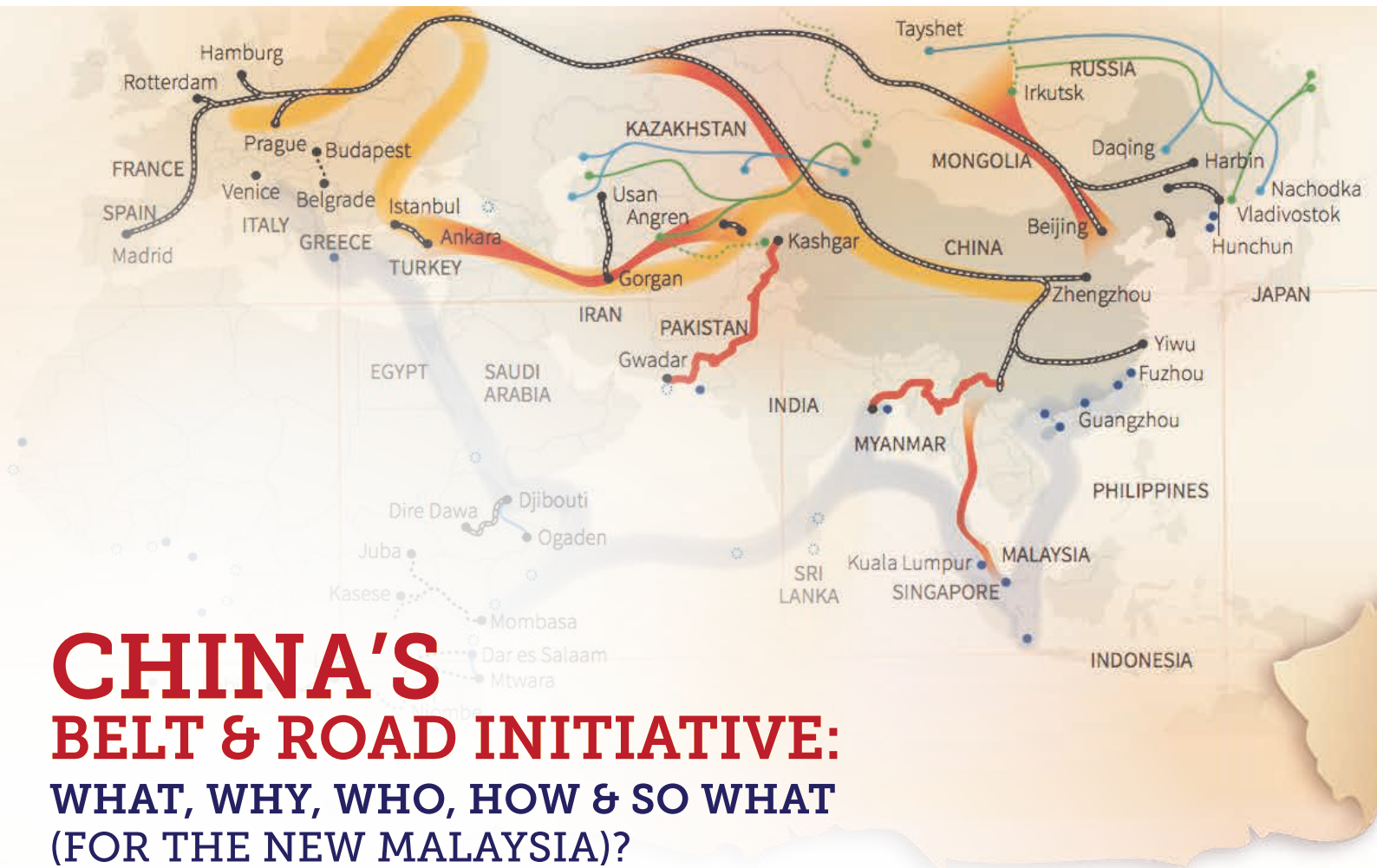


DATE : 7 NOVEMBER 2018, WEDNESDAY
TIME : 5.45PM - 8.00PM
VENUE : BOBO KL, 65-1 JALAN BANGKUNG, TAMAN BANDARAYA, 59100 KUALA LUMPUR
SPEAKER : DR KUIK CHENG-CHWEE



CHINA'S BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE: WHAT, WHY, WHO, HOW & SO WHAT (FOR THE NEW MALAYSIA)?

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- **WHAT** is BRI (Belt and Road Initiative)?
- **WHY** has Xi Jinping been promoting BRI as China's grand strategy since 2013? Is China's ambition in Southeast Asia more economic or strategic in nature?
- **WHO** are the players? Who might be the winners, losers, and deal pushers in Southeast Asia? Why different ASEAN countries have responded differently?
- **HOW** has BRI been initiated, negotiated, and implemented? Why the controversies, apprehensions, and attractions will continue hand in hand? Is China exploiting its cultural links with the ethnic Chinese community in South East Asia for its foreign policy agenda?
- **SO WHAT** do the above mean for the "new" Malaysia? To what extent was Tun Mahathir's recent visit to China a success and setback? In what way?

PROGRAMME

SCHEDULE

- 5.45 pm** ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION
COCKTAIL RECEPTION
- 6.30 pm** TALK BY **ASSOC. PROF. KUIK CHENG-CHWEE**
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Q&A
- 8.00 pm** END OF EVENT
- Optional** SOCIAL NETWORKING SESSION
DINNER @ BOBO (User pay)

PRIME MINISTER MAHATHIR'S STATEMENTS ABOUT CHINA AND CHINESE PROJECTS SINCE HIS STUNNING RETURN TO POWER

in May 2018 have left an impression that the new Malaysia is now determined to reset its China policy and its stance towards **Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)**.

After his announcement during the recent China visit that his PH government is cancelling three controversial Chinese-funded projects in Malaysia, many observers have been quick to opine that Malaysia under Mahathir 2.0 is pushing back Beijing's BRI and challenging Chinese power in Southeast Asia.

This talk refutes this simplistic view. The speaker suggests that Mahathir's approach is more nuanced than widely assumed. He traces Malaysia's decades-long China policy, unpack the BRI dynamics, decode Mahathir's statements, and provides a political risk analysis of the progress, problems, and prospects of China's growing presence in Southeast Asia, in light of the escalating US-China trade war and wider uncertainties.



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