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# UHE3182 MALAYSIAN STUDIES

## CHAPTER 9 FOREIGN POLICY

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# COURSE OBJECTIVE

- Know the government foreign policy
- Explain the importance of foreign policy to country



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# MALAYSIA FOREIGN POLICY

- All countries in this world have to interact in a two way relationship with one another.
- This interaction is important in achieving national interests at international level.
- Malaysia's Foreign Policy is managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Putra Centre) which is responsible in ensuring national importance is guaranteed.
- In general, the formation of a foreign policy is closely linked to political climate at international level, which is the socio-political development outside the national border of a country.
- In the Malaysian context, it refers to everything that happens outside the Malaysian borders.
- National interests as mentioned earlier are the main foundations of the establishment of any foreign policy, and this includes security, sovereignty and economic importance aspects.



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# MALAYSIA AND REGIONAL AFFLIATION

- ASEAN
- UNITED NATION
- COMMONWEALTH
- OIC
- NAM



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# ASEAN

- ASEAN stands for Association of Southeast Asian Nations.
- It is comprising 10 Southeast Asian states which promotes cooperation in economic, social, culture, military, and education amongst states members.



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• Since its formation in 8 August 1967, its membership expanded :

1. Malaysia
2. Philippines
3. Singapore
4. Indonesia
5. Brunei
6. Myanmar
7. Laos
8. Cambodia
9. Thailand



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# OIC

- OIC is an international organization founded in 1969.
- OIC stands for Organization of Islamic Country.
- Since its formation, its members extended to 57 state members.
- Function – to safeguard and protect the interests of Muslim around the world.



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# COMMONWEALTH

- COMMONWEALTH is an international organization which its members are former territories of British empire.
- Commonwealth has 52 member states
- Commonwealth shares history, culture, language, democracy and also promote Commonwealth Games.



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# NAM

- Is a group of states that are not aligned or against any power block.
- It has 120 members.
- Purpose – to safeguard the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity and also struggle against the colonialism and imperialism.



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# THE UNITED NATION

- Is an intergovernmental organization to promote international organization.
- There are now 193 members including Malaysia.
- The headquarters is in Manhattan, New York City.
- Purpose – maintaining international peace and security, fostering economic and social development.



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# GROUP DISCUSSION

- Each group need to provide a talk at international conference on the topic of “why foreign country should come and invest in Malaysia”
- As a member of united nations you are welcomed to address the issue of Rohingya.



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