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RESEARCH PROJECT

**Understanding Extremist Discourse, Intervention and Rehabilitation:
Bridging the Gap between Stakeholders in Malaysia and Southeast Asia**

1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION

a) Project Item Background:

- i) Title : Understanding Extremist Discourse, Intervention and Rehabilitation: Bridging the Gap between Stakeholders in Malaysia and Southeast Asia
- ii) Reference No. : ISTAC 18-001-0001
- iii) Start Date : 01-09-2018
- iv) End Date : 31-10-2020
- v) Total Duration : 26 months

The project will focus on CVE building capacity in Malaysia and Southeast Asia, specifically on the development of workshop and training modules and a playbook in following areas to be used for stakeholder engagement and education, namely:

- Individual Radicalisation/Rehabilitation
- History
- Governance
- International Relations
- Social Media
- Psychology

b) Goal:

The goal of this project is to develop a novel approach to Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) through capacity building and education in relation to the NAP (National Action Plan) for P/CVE in Malaysia. It aims to provide security policy-makers and practitioners with a platform for the highest quality, data-driven findings on the causes and consequences of extremism in an effort to ensure that related national security policies and operations reflect evidence based research.

c) Objectives:

- To leverage on existing and budding expertise on P/CVE and rehabilitation in Malaysia for capacity building with ISTAC as the facilitating platform.
- To produce a playbook and a set of modules on P/CVE to be used for various stakeholder engagement/capacity building and educational activities.
- To produce instruments on profiling, simulation and spatial analysis for building research capacity.
- To conduct a pilot study for youth based P/CVE program that is to be expanded nationwide.

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