

# Report

Policy Research Center  
Research Project Accomplishment Report

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Leader:** Professor \_\_\_\_\_ Khoo Boo Teik

**Research Project Title:** Anwar Ibrahim: a portrait of political transformation in Malaysia

**Duration (yyyy/mm/dd):** 2019/6/1 ~ 2020/3/31 1-year

Co-Investigator:	Title	Name	Affiliation	(Remarks)
Co-Investigator 1	Dr	Toh Kin Woon	Penang Institute; consultative role	
Co-Investigator 2	Dr	Muhammad Takiyuddin	Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia; consultative role	
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Co-Investigator 4				
Co-Investigator 5				

## Project aims and goals:

To explain Anwar Ibrahim's politics, analysts often do little more than cite known details of his youthful activism, personal charisma, tactical cooptation by Mahathir, and disastrous fallout with Mahathir (1997–98). Doing so produces superficial and static images of Anwar. Those neither show how he was affected by decades of socio-economic change and deep personal experience nor suggest how Anwar contributed to political transformation in Malaysia. This study examines Anwar's ideas, convictions, and compromises as they were formed, practiced or modified within the contexts of his rapid rise, sudden fall, and unexpected return. The research focuses on how Anwar adaptably crafted his politics, informed by his worldview and shaped by the political fluxes of the past 20 years. The analytical result will be an ideological portrait that offers a tentative guide to the thoughts and priorities of a 'Prime Minister-in-waiting'.

## Accomplishment(s) of Project (400 words):

I made two field trips to interview informants, collecting materials, and exchange views with researchers and politicians. During the project year, I drafted two articles on Anwar Ibrahim which I shall try to publish in the coming year. Based on my research I presented two papers -- 'Moral Ambivalences in the Making of Anwar Ibrahim's Humane Economics' at the Workshop on *Dissent, Expectations and Leadership in Southeast Asia*, GRIPS, November 29-30, 2019, and 'Anwar Ibrahim's Narratives of Islam: An Overview', at the JSPS Project Research Meeting and Workshop, Hakata, February 29.

Accomplishments:

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## Other things to report:

For projects that have been approved for the hiring of Research Assistant (RA) using Center RA funds please be sure to report published (or accepted) reports of research results obtained as a result of the employment of RA (e.g. research article; working paper in which the RA is listed as an author; conference presentation for which the RA is listed as an author).

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## List of Accomplishment

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### Article

Academic papers (including those published in general journals)

\*For collaboratively authored papers, please underline your name.

\*Please report "Peer-reviewed academic conference papers" as well.

Author	<small>0 in total</small> Title	<small>The number of referred article</small> Publisher	<small>0</small> Vol/No /Chapt er/Sect ion	<small>0</small> Date of Publications	<small>0</small> Pages (from)	<small>0</small> Pages (to)	<small>0</small> Referee Report (yes=1)	<small>0</small> Internatio nal coauthors hip (yes=1)	<small>0</small> DOI	<small>0</small> Open Access (yes=1)
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### Book

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### Verbal report / Conference presentation

\*Here please report "Non-peer-reviewed academic conference papers".

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Presenter	<small>0 in total</small> Title	Event Title	Venue	Date
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