

1997

Professor Michael Leigh

To position itself as a leading centre for the study of East Asia.

2006

Assoc. Professor Dr. James Chin Ung Ho

Making IEAS a center as well as a hub for scholars and researchers to meet and share information that can be utilized not only by the university community but also by the society throughout East Asia.

2015 – 2016

Prof. Dr. Shahren Ahmad Zaidi Aduce

To be an exemplary institute on research and development focusing on Borneo communities.

2016 – 2019

Prof. Dr. Shahren Ahmad Zaidi Aduce

To become an exemplary institute focusing on research and development on communities, organizations & industries in and around the island of Borneo.

2020 – 2025

Prof. Dr. Poline Bala

To be the prime centre [as a focal point] in advancing Borneo knowledge on the island of Borneo, Malaysia, in the Southeast Asian region and beyond.

2026 – Present

Prof. Dr. Poline Bala

To be an internationally recognised hub for advanced, interdisciplinary scholarship on Borneo, connecting local knowledge and lived realities with global research conversations