

NEW YEAR RECEPTION AT BELLEVUE PALACE

On 13 January, German President Frank Walter Steinmeier hosted a new year reception for the diplomatic corps in Berlin at the Bellevue Palace. The reception was an annual event which gave the opportunity for the heads of foreign missions in Berlin to touch base with the President while ushering in the new year.

In his speech, President Steinmeier highlighted the 75th anniversary of the end of the World War II in 2020. He also reiterated the importance of making the world a better and more peaceful place.



Courtesy Call by the President of Malaysia Club Berlin

On 30 June 2020, Mr. Ang Weoy Howe, the newly appointed President of Malaysia Club Berlin (MCB) made a courtesy call on Amb. Datin Sarah Albakri Devadason. The Embassy of Malaysia engages and cooperates with MCB in efforts to bring the Malaysian Community in Berlin closer together



Courtesy Call by the Ms Haliza Hashim of TV3 Malaysia

On 4 March 2020, H.E. Datin Sarah Albakri Devadason received a courtesy call from Ms. Haliza Hashim, TV3 Malaysia's News and Current Affairs Correspondent based in London. They discussed current issues of common interest.



Study Visit by Malaysian Parliamentary Select Committee on the Budget, 10-14 February 2020

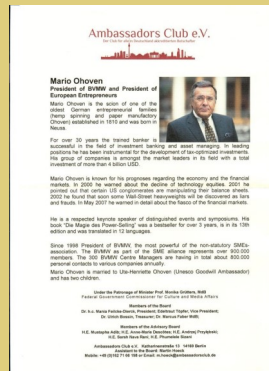
On 10-14 February 2020, the Malaysian Parliamentary Select Committee on the Budget undertook a study visit to Berlin at the invitation of the Bundestag. The delegation was headed by YB Dato' Sri Mustapa Mohamed. Members of delegation included YB Noor Amin Ahmad (Kangar), YB Datin Paduka Dr. Tan Yee Kew (Wangsa Maju), YB Dr. Kelvin Lee Wuen Yii (Bandar Kuching), YB Kee Chin Cha (Rasah) and YB Datuk Alexander Nanta Linggi (Kapit) Among others, the Committee attended briefings by the Bundestag as well as other historical institutions. The Committee also visited Fraunhofer Institute for Production Systems and Design Technology.

H.E. Amb. Datin Sarah Al Bakri Devadason hosted a welcoming dinner at Rumah Malaysia. During the dinner, various issues on efforts to strengthen Malaysia-Germany bilateral relations were discussed.



Meeting with German Association for Small and Medium Enterprises (BVMW)

On the 3rd March 2020, H.E. Datin Sarah Albakri participated in a lunch discussion with Herr Mario Ohoven, President of German Association for Small and Medium Enterprises (BVMW) and President of European Entrepreneurs. The discussion centered on the topic of "The Mittelstand - bridge builder and driver of global economy". The event was organised by Ambassadors Club e.V. of which Datin Sarah is one of the members of its advisory board.



Networking Meeting hosted by Ambassador of Botswana



On 6th March 2020, H.E. Sarah Albakri Devadason attended a networking breakfast meeting hosted by the H.E. Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba, Ambassador of Botswana. Others included the H.E. Sopharath Touch, Ambassador of Cambodia, H.E. Yin Yin Myint, Ambassador of Myanmar, H.E. Dr. Kweshar Jnakee, Ambassador of Mauritius and H.E. Phumelele Stone Sizani, Ambassador of South Africa.

Working Visit by Tourism Selangor

On 5 March 2020, H.E. Sarah Albakri Devadason received a delegation from the Selangor State at the Embassy of Malaysia, Berlin. The delegation was led by Mr. Azrul Shah bin Mohamad, General Manager of Tourism Selangor and included the Yang Dipertua Tuan Mohamad Zain bin A Hamid, President of Kuala Langat District Council, Yang Dipertua Shukri Bin Mohamad Hamin, President of Hulu Selangor District Council as well as representatives from Tourism Selangor, Galeri Diraja Sultan Abdul Aziz and Selangor Journal.

The delegation was in Berlin to promote Visit Selangor 2021. The discussion focused on efforts to promote Selangor as an experiential travel destination.



Meeting on MH17 Trial hosted by Ambassador of the Netherlands



H.E. Sarah Albakri together with the Ambassadors of the Netherlands and Australia as well as representatives of the Embassies of Ukraine and Belgium in Berlin met with His Excellency Micheal Siebert, Director of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia of the German Federal Foreign Office on 3rd March 2020 ahead of the MH17 trial in the Netherlands. The delegation stated the importance of securing justice and accountability over the tragic incident.

Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC) Working Lunch with DG of Deutsche Welle

On 12 March 2020, H.E. Sarah Albakri Devadason participated in the Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC) working lunch with Mr. Peter Limbourg, the Director General of Deutsche Welle. The luncheon was hosted by H.E. Arif Havas Oegroseno, Ambassador of Indonesia as Chairman of BAC.

The meeting discussed among others, the developments and strategies of Deutsche Welle as a leading public international broadcast agency, its collaboration with partners in the ASEAN region, current political and economic issues, impact of the global pandemic of COVID-19, and the media policy of various countries.



Ambassadors-in-Dialogue Webinar: The Impact of Covid-19 on German-Asia

On 30 April 2020, H.E. Sarah Nava Rani Al Bakri Devadason participated in the Ambassadors-in-Dialogue webinar: The Impact of Covid-19 on German-Asia Business. Selected Ambassadors from Australia, Philippines and Singapore as well as board members of the German Asia-Pacific Business Association were panelists. They discussed the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic in particular on business and the economy. Participants had the opportunity to share their views during the Q&A session.

The discussion was moderated by OAV Chairman Hans-Georg Frey and H.E. Laurence Bay Siow Hon, Ambassador of Singapore to Germany who currently holds the position of Spokesperson of the Asia-Pacific Ambassadors.



Berlin ASEAN Committee Virtual Networking Meeting



The Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC) held a video conference on 13 May 2020. They discussed planned virtual meetings with German officials as part of the activities of the BAC for the rest of the year.

Berlin ASEAN Committee Virtua Meeting with DG of Foreign Affairs at the Office of the Federal President of Germany

On 9 June 2020, Ambassador Sarah Albakri Devadason and other Ambassadors of ASEAN Member States had a video conference with Ambassador Dr. Thomas Bagger, Director General of Foreign Affairs at the Office of the Federal President of Germany. The meeting, which was organized under the ambit of Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC), discussed various issues including ASEAN-EU Strategic Partnership, Germany's EU Council Presidency as well as the impact and response of the COVID-19 pandemic in Southeast Asia and Europe.



Courtesy Call by MTU Aero Engines AG

On 22 June 2020, Ambassador Sarah Albakri Devadason met with Mr. Micheal Schreyögg (Member of the Executive Board, Chief Program Officer) and Mr. Steven Jaktstadt (Public Affairs Aviation) from MTU Aero Engines AG to discuss its operations in Malaysia. MTU Aero Engines is Germany's leading engine manufacturer and an established global player in the industry. It engages in the development, manufacture, marketing and support of commercial and military aircraft engines in all thrust and power categories and industrial gas turbines.



Webinar on Malaysia with BVMW

On 18 June 2020, H.E. Amb. Sarah Albakri Devadason delivered a keynote address at a Webinar on Malaysia with BVMW. In a discussion with BVMW President Ohoven, Amb. Datin Sarah, together with other experts, provided comprehensive information on the current economic situation, the economic policy framework and the existing market opportunities in Malaysia for German companies.

The Federal Association of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises e.V. (BVMW) is the largest voluntarily organized association of small and medium-sized companies in Germany. Its aim is to strengthen the competitiveness of companies and thus to ensure the future viability of German SMEs. The BVMW represents the interests of over 900,000 members within the framework of its SME alliance. With its more than 300 representatives, who organize over 2,000 events a year, the BVMW is in direct dialogue with entrepreneurs on a daily basis-regionally, nationally and internationally.

The banner features logos for Der Mittelstand BVMW, the Malaysian coat of arms, and MIDA (Malaysian Investment Development Authority). The text reads: "Webinar with Ambassador of Malaysia, H.E. Sarah Devadason & MIDA Frankfurt Organised by BVMW". Below the text are six portraits of participants: H.E. Datin Sarah Devadason (Ambassador of Malaysia to Germany), Mario Ohoven (President BVMW), Niels Strohkirch (Managing Partner Expandeers ASEAN), Datuk Dr. Helmut Baur (Honorary Consul General of Malaysia), Yusri Hasnan Chu (Director MIDA Frankfurt), and Nils Wolters (Investment Officer MIDA Frankfurt). The date and time are listed as "18 June 2020 0900-1000 a.m. CET".

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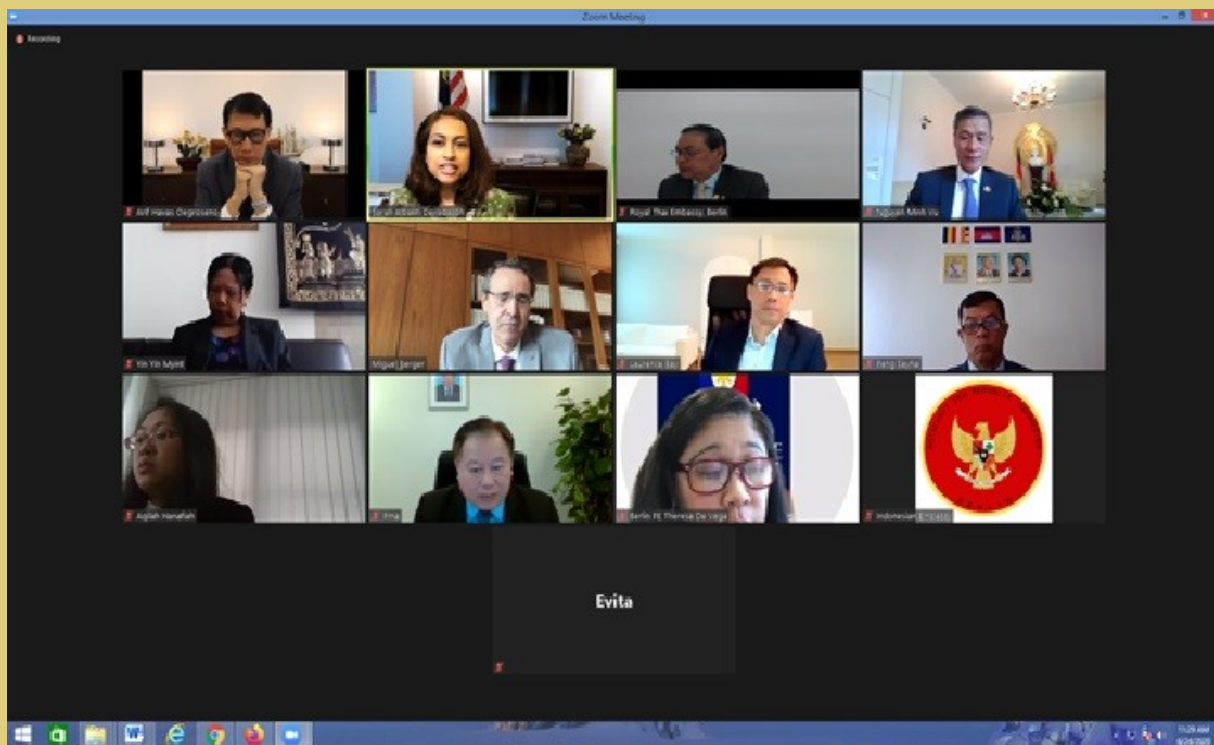
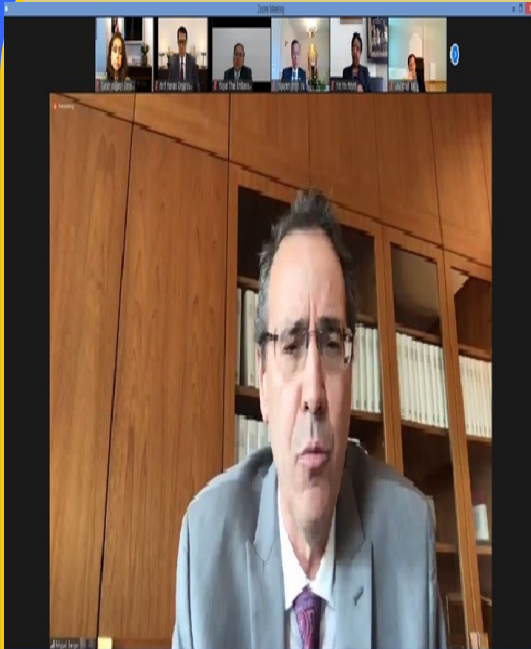
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Berlin ASEAN Committee Video Conference with State Secretary of the German Federal Foreign

On 24 June 2020, Ambassador Sarah Devadason and other Ambassadors of ASEAN Member States had a video conference with H.E Miguel Berger, State Secretary of the German Federal Foreign Office.

The meeting, organized under the ambit of Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC), discussed various issues including ASEAN-EU Relations, Germany's EU Council Presidency key priorities, EU-China Summit and the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the course of the discussion, Ambassador Sarah took the opportunity to put on record Malaysia's appreciation to Germany (also a non-permanent members of the UNSC) for its support on the initiative of the "Statement of Support to the UN Secretary-General's Appeal for a Global Ceasefire amid the COVID-19 Pandemic".



Berlin ASEAN Committee Video Conference with Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany

On 30 June 2020, Ambassador Sarah Albakri Devadason and Ambassadors of ASEAN Member States had a video conference with H.E Peter Altmaier, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany.

The meeting was convened under the ambit of the Berlin ASEAN Committee (BAC) and covered various issues including Germany's key economic priorities and strategies for its EU Council Presidency, ASEAN-EU economic cooperation, EU-China Summit and economic recovery strategies for Germany and the EU in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the course of the discussion, Ambassador Sarah stated the nature and focus of Malaysia-Germany economic cooperation, and encouraged greater cooperation with Malaysia, especially in high tech industries. She also highlighted ASEAN's commitment to preserving supply chain connectivity in the context of boosting confidence and improving regional economic stability against the backdrop of the pandemic.



German Plum Tart

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter, softened
4 tablespoons sugar, divided
3/4 to 1 cup all-purpose flour
2 pounds plums, quartered (about 4 cups)

Methods:

- In a small bowl, cream butter and 3 tablespoons sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolk. Gradually add flour, 1/4 cup at a time, until mixture forms a soft dough. Press onto the bottom and up the sides of a 9-in. pie plate
- Arrange plums, skin side up with edges overlapping, in crust; sprinkle with remaining sugar. Bake at 350° for 35-45 minutes or until crust is golden brown and fruit is tender.



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