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EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN CONAKRY
REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

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EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA
CONAKRY



HISTORY

Malaysia established its diplomatic relations with Republic of Guinea since Independence.

The first office was located at the Novotel Hotel on 26 April 1997 before relocating to the current location at 5460 Conakry Mafanco, Corniche Sud, Conakry in 1997.

The first Malaysia Ambassador to Republic of Guinea is H.E. Ambassador Sopian Ahmad.

The Embassy of Malaysia in Conakry is also accredited to Republic of Guinea-Bissau,

Republic of Sierra Leone, Republic of Liberia and Republic of Cote d'Ivoire.

NORMAL OPERATING HOURS

DAY: Monday to Friday

Hours: 0830 hrs-1630 hrs

(N/B: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, the Embassy is working on a modified working hour basis. Do check the Embassy's official website and Twitter account for up-to-date information)

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SOCIAL AFFAIRS NEWS

Mitigating COVID-19



In its effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, since April 2020 the Embassy has implemented several measures including limitation of visitors, modification of operation hours, and placing sanitary measures such as hand sanitisers at every point of high traffic. Guests and staffs are also reminded from time to time of the preventive measures.

Engagements within the diplomatic community and host government

Before the entire world was ravaged by the outbreak of COVID-19 in the 2nd Quarter of 2020, several diplomatic Missions managed to hold events marking their respective countries auspicious occasions.



On 27 January 2020, the Embassy of India held its reception to commemorate the 71st Republic Day of India at Sheraton Conakry.

The Embassy of Japan held a reception at their Ambassador's Official Residence to mark the Emperor's Birthday on 21 February 2020.



On 9 March 2020, Head of Missions of Embassies of Commonwealth countries in Conakry were invited to a very British afternoon tea hosted by the Ambassador of Great Britain & Northern Ireland, Ambassador David McIlroy at his official Residence. The event was to celebrate Commonwealth Day.

TRADE & INVESTMENT NEWS

Introductory meeting with representatives from MAPE



On 15 January 2020, CDA a.i. received an introductory meeting by Mr Serge Kouassi from Côte d'Ivoire, who is one of the co-founder of Malaysian African Professionals & Entrepreneurs (MAPE). Also present was Mr Ismael Nabe, then Vice-President of MAPE (now Advisor to the Guinean Prime Minister on partnerships with Asian countries).

At a Glance: Malaysia's Bilateral Trade

Source: MATRADE and Dept of Statistics Malaysia

Country	2019		Jan - May 2019		Jan - May 2020			
	RM Bil	Share %	RM Bil	Share %	RM Bil	Share %	Change (Value)	Change %
Total	32.91	100.0	13.28	100.0	13.11	100.0	-0.18	-1.3
COTE D'IVOIRE	2.97	9.0	1.28	9.6	1.78	13.6	0.50	39.3
LIBERIA	0.18	0.5	0.10	0.7	0.06	0.5	-0.04	-39.5
GUINEA	0.17	0.5	0.13	1.0	0.08	0.6	-0.04	-33.3
SIERRA LEONE	0.07	0.2	0.03	0.2	0.03	0.3	0.01	27.8
GUINEA-BISSAU	0.01	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	-64.5

MATRADE

Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation known as MATRADE has its office for the African region based in the Nigerian economic capital, Lagos. Its main mission is to develop and promote Malaysia's export to the world. It is covering in total 26 African countries including Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone, as well as, Liberia.

For more information on MATRADE, contact 00234 908 723 1987 or email to lagos@matrade.gov.my

CONSULAR AFFAIRS

Assistance rendered to Malaysians stranded due to temporary halt of commercial flights



In close cooperation with the British Embassy in Conakry, the Malaysian Embassy in Conakry has managed to assist 5 Malaysian citizens to depart Conakry on-board a special flight arranged by the former.

The 5 Malaysians were on a short term-work since early March 2020, and were supposed to return home in late March 2020.

Due to airport closures in Guinea for inbound and outbound commercial flights from 23 March – 16 July 2020, their initial flights home have been cancelled.



(Photo of the special flight, courtesy of the Embassy of Great Britain & Northern Ireland)



Latest Travel Advisory

In view of the COVID-19 situation in the West African region and to ensure the safety of Malaysians abroad, kindly be informed that the Embassy of Malaysia in Conakry remains on the alert.

1. Flights to Malaysia

Malaysians who are planning to travel back to Malaysia are advised to continually check with the respective airlines on the availability and schedule of their flights.

Given the re-opening of some airports around the world, please do the following:

- to check travel restrictions and abide by airport as well as airline procedures;
- to plan your domestic journeys ahead by referring to the latest updates and requirements from the respective country's authorities; and
- to adhere to the latest Quarantine Policy/Movement Control Order once you have arrived in Malaysia.

2. Advice to Malaysians in Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Cote D'Ivoire

The Embassy of Malaysia in Conakry would like to invite all Malaysians in the region to follow the Embassy's Twitter account (twitter.com/MYEmbConakry) and website (kln.gov.my/web/gin_Conakry) for our latest advisory.

For facilitating contacts when needed, Malaysians residing in these 5 countries are required to register with the Embassy of Malaysia in Conakry through an email which includes your basic contact details to mwconakry@kln.gov.my if they have not done so.

Malaysians are advised to practice stringent preventive measures to curb the spread of COVID-19. If you are feeling unwell, please seek prompt medical treatment at the nearest medical facility and report to the Embassy if you are a Person Under Investigation (PUI).

For the latest announcement on the current COVID-19 situation by respective authorities in these 5 countries, you may also refer to the webpages and sites below:

- Guinea : www.gouvernement.gov.gn
(only available in French)
<https://anss-guinee.org/>
(only available in French)
- Guinea-Bissau : <https://twitter.com/USEmbalo>
(official account of the President mostly in Portuguese and French)
- Liberia : <https://nationalphil.org/>
<https://twitter.com/NPHIL6>
- Sierra Leone : <https://mic.gov.sl/>
<https://facebook.com/pg/mic.gov.sl>
- Cote D'Ivoire : www.gouv.ci
(only available in French)

Travel Advisory to Guinea

The COVID-19 situation the current political climate in Guinea have led to significant travel restriction. Those who are currently in Conakry should remain vigilant and practice the recommended sanitary measures, keeping abreast of updates from the Embassy and the local media.

Guinean authorities from time to time will establish police checkpoints across the whole country. Do ensure to carry identification documents with you at all times.

Road travel can be hazardous due to the road conditions and the different style of driving, even in the middle of the capital Conakry. One is strongly advised to avoid travelling at night without a local guide outside Conakry. There have been instances of petty crimes involving passengers (especially foreigners) taking the local minivan that serves as one of the main modes of public transport in Conakry. Avoid taking those local minivans at all costs.

Exchanging foreign currency on the street or using unofficial money changers is illegal and can result in arrests.

Malaysians traveling to and/or just arrived Guinea are strongly encouraged to register with the Embassy via email at mwconakry@kln.gov.my

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