

Dhaka Chronicles



[Official Newsletter](#)

Jan-Jun 2020 | Volume 2. Issue 1

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, the man who never reads lives only one.”

– George R.R. Martin

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

1. Message from the Acting High Commissioner
2. Repatriation of Malaysians from Bangladesh
3. Web Talk Series hosted by BMCCI
4. Malaysian Culinary Eve
5. – Courtesy Calls
 - Power Plant Visit
 - MMC & BAU Visit
 - BMCCI Workshop
6. Important links & Info.

Message from the Acting High Commissioner

Greetings from the High Commission of Malaysia!

It has indeed been a challenging first half of the year for many of us. With the rising number of COVID-19 cases in Bangladesh, many of our planned programmes were either postponed or cancelled, as we learn to embrace the new norm in our lives.

Despite the challenges faced by staff and officials of the High Commission, we continue to provide the necessary services to Malaysians and Bangladeshi's in Bangladesh.

On the bilateral front, the High Commission continued its engagement with the host government. Events such as “The Malaysian Culinary Eve” to promote Malaysian cuisine was held and attended by the Hon. State Minister of Tourism, Bangladesh. There were also courtesy visits made on several government agencies with the aim of enhancing friendly relations.

As we move towards the second half of the year, it is our hope that life would soon return to normal. Nevertheless, we are confident that the sun will shine and the flowers will bloom again under the beautiful skies of Bangladesh.

Until then, we wish you a pleasant read.

Amir Farid Abu Hasan
Acting High Commissioner

Chartered flights facilitated by the High Commission for stranded Malaysian in Bangladesh

The High Commission of Malaysia facilitated 7 special flight for 455 Passenger until 12 June, 2020. The officials of the High Commission have been working round the clock to ensure a smooth repatriation process for the stranded Malaysians and Eligible Non-Malaysians in Bangladesh to return home.



Special Flight on June-12 by US Bangla with 29 on-board passenger



Chartered Flight on June-03 by Biman Bangladesh Airlines with 21 on-board passenger.



Chartered Flight on May 25 by Malindo Airlines with 46 on-board passenger.



Special Flight on April 22 by Singapore Airlines with 60 on-board passenger.



WISMA PUTRA



WISMA PUTRA

47 stranded Malaysian departed by a Malindo Airlines on 13 May.



First Chartered flight MH 197 with 228 Malaysian citizens.



24 stranded My Corps volunteer departed by Malaysia Airlines on 20 March

Web Talk Series hosted by BMCCI

Powered by Robi Axiata Ltd.

Acting High Commissioner of Malaysia participated in several Web Talk Series as Special Guest. The programme was hosted by the Bangladesh-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BMCCI). The web series saw positive participation from various quarters of Bangladesh's vibrant business community.

As Patron of the Bangladesh-Malaysia Chamber of Commerce and Industry - BMCCI, Mr. Amir Farid Abu Hasan, Acting High Commissioner of Malaysia, was given the honour to deliver the opening remarks at the following sessions: -

- The 1st web talk entitled "**Adapting to a New World**" was given by Mr. Mahtab Uddin Ahmed, MD and CEO of Robi Axiata Ltd. Bangladesh;
- The 2nd Web Series entitled "**Effects of COVID-19 on Business vis-a-vis New Opportunities**" was given by Mr. Syed Almas Kabir, President of Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services;
- "**Financing Challenges in Post COVID World**" - Web Talk Series-3 by Mr. Masihul Huq Chowdhury, CEO, Community Bank Bangladesh on 13 June;
- Series-4 "**Legal Aspects of COVID-19: Business Impact**" was presented by Mr. Tanjib-ul Alam, Head of Chamber, Tanjib Alam and Associates;
- "**Covid-19 Impact on Recruitment Sector and Our National Economy**" Web Talk Series-5 presented by Mr. Shameem Ahmed, Secretary, BAIRA; and
- And the 6th Session on "**Following the COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities for Entrepreneurship**" was given by Mr. Manwar Hossain, Group Managing Director, Anwar Group of Industries.

Web Talk Series: Session-6

Web Talk Series: Session-5

Web Talk Series: Session-4

Robi CEO presents Session-1



Acting High Commissioner attending Web Talk Series

Malaysian Culinary Eve

An event titled 'Malaysian Culinary Eve' was held at the High Commission of Malaysia in Dhaka on Sunday, 1 March 2020. The High Commission of Malaysia and Tourism Malaysia jointly organised the event in conjunction with 'Visit Malaysia 2020' (VM2020) to offer diplomats and travel industry officials of Bangladesh a sneak peek of the various mouth-watering culinary items Malaysia has to offer. State Minister for Civil Aviation and Tourism, Hon'ble Mr. Md Mahub Ali graced the occasion as the chief guest. Acting High Commissioner of Malaysia to Bangladesh Mr. Amir Farid Abu Hasan was also present on the occasion along with other distinguished guests. Scrumptious savories' and decoration was prepared by PERWAKILAN Dhaka (Ladies' Association of Ministry of Foreign Affairs). Among the colorful savories' included curry puffs, *kek lapis* and *onde-onde*. There were also traditional handicrafts and accessories of the Malaysian culture exhibited. Rose syrup, flown directly from Malaysia, was also served to make the event more authentic. The High Commission's staff also 'tarik-ed' the tea to produce a Malaysian-iced *teh tarik*! More on <https://shorturl.at/vNY15>



Malaysia - Truly Asia. Food and cultural displays at the "Malaysian Culinary Eve 2020". View the event's promotional video at <https://www.facebook.com/HCMalaysiaDhaka/videos/197339168164087>

High Commission Celebrates Eid Ul Fitri



HBS of the High Commission of Malaysia celebrates Eid-UL-Fitri with fellow Malaysians in Bangladesh. View the High Commission's Hari Raya greetings at <https://www.facebook.com/HCMalaysiaDhaka/videos/2615412405446814>

Courtesy Call on Tourism State Minister



Acting High Commissioner Mr. Amir Farid paid a courtesy call on the Hon'ble State Minister Mr. Md. Mahbub Ali, State Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism of the People's Republic of Bangladesh at his office on 11 February 2020. During the said call, both parties discussed issues of mutual concerns and collaborate on ways to enhance tourism in Malaysia and Bangladesh. In 2019, more than 190,000 Bangladeshi tourists visited Malaysia.

Meghnagat 450MW Power Plant visit



Acting High Commissioner of Malaysia and High Commission officials visited Malaysian owned Meghnagat 450MW combined-cycle gas-fired plant which is located 22 kilometres south of Dhaka on the northern part of Meghna River yesterday, 2 February 2020. Mr. Jainuddin Mohayat, Regional Country Manager, Pendekar Energy (L) Ltd. and staff received and briefed the delegation followed by a tour around the power plant.

Malaysian Student at MMC & BAU



Acting High Commissioner of Malaysia and High Commission officials visited Bangladesh Agricultural University and Mymensing Medical College on 28 January 2020 and met with the administrative staff and Malaysian students in both universities. Currently, there are more than 200 Malaysian students studying in various universities across Bangladesh, mainly in the field of medicine.

Strategic Plan Workshop at BMCCI



Trade & Information Officer represented the High Commission at the "Strategic Planning Workshop" on 25 January. The workshop was facilitated by the Bangladesh-Malaysia Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Future Leaders LLC.

Important Links & Info.

VISA Requirement

https://www.kln.gov.my/web/bgd_dhaka/other_information/-/asset_publisher/2TQe/content/requirements-for-visa-application

E-visa

<https://www.windowmalaysia.my/evisa/evisa.jsp>

Medical Tourism

https://www.kln.gov.my/web/bgd_dhaka/other_information/-/asset_publisher/2TQe/content/other-consular-information

Visa Submitting Agency (approved)

<http://www.visamalaysia.com.bd/index.php/our-agents-2/>

Consular Services

Certificate of Good Conduct: <https://ekonsular.kln.gov.my/en/>

Birth/ Marriage Registration & Academic certificates Endorsement:

https://www.kln.gov.my/web/bgd_dhaka/birth_marriage_cert

Mission Info

Address:

[House-19, Road-06]

[Baridhara Diplomatic Enclave, Dhaka]

Telephone: +88 02 984 7759 & 60, +88 02 4108 1380

Fax: +88 02 9847761, +88 02 9843115

Email: mwdhaka@kln.gov.my /
myahya@imi.gov.my (Visa Section)

Web: https://www.kln.gov.my/web/bgd_dhaka

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/myhcdhaka>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HCMalaysiaDhaka/>

GMT: + 6 hrs

Working Days: Sunday – Thursday

Working Hours: 8.30 am - 4.30 pm

(Lunch Break: 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm)

Closed on: Friday - Saturday & Public Holidays.

WISMA PUTRA

COVID-19 ALERT

Malaysians abroad are advised to immediately register with the nearest Malaysian Embassy

To register:
**Email your particulars NAME, GENDER, IC/
PASSPORT NUMBER, CONTACT NUMBER &
LOCATION to**

mwdhaka@kln.gov.my
<https://www.kln.gov.my/web/guest/malaysian-mission>

Division of Communication and Public Diplomacy