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FAREWELL YOUR EXCELLENCY

SENDING OFF HIS EXCELLENCY DATUK MOHAMAD SADIK KETHERGANY AND WIFE



H.E. Datuk Mohamad Sadik Kethergany (4th left) and wife YBhg. Datin Jakkiah Hj Basran (3rd left) on their last day at Rumah Malaysia



Prayers were offered before leaving for the airport (left) and at London Heathrow airport (right)

LONDON, APR 14: Heads of departments gathered at Rumah Malaysia to bid farewell to His Excellency Datuk Mohamad Sadik Kethergany and wife YBhg. Datin Jakkiah Hj. Basran. H.E. Datuk Mohamad Sadik ended his diplomatic career as the High Commissioner to United Kingdom on April 3rd, 2020 after taking up the position on April 27th, 2019. The Covid-19 outbreak and local lockdown in the United Kingdom however, have prevented mission from holding a fitting farewell party for the 21st High Commissioner. During his tenure as High Commissioner, Datuk Mohamad Sadik have had the opportunity to host a few big events such as the 'Love My Palm Oil' campaign for the then Primary Industries Minister YB Teresa Kok, 7th Prime Minister, Tun Mahathir Mohamad working visit and also the working visit by His Majesty DYMM Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong XVI, Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah and DYMM Raja Permaisuri Agong, Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah. Malawakil London would like to wish His Excellency a happy retirement.

MILITARY CEREMONY HELD AT CHANCERY

DEFENCE ADVISOR RECEIVED RANK PROMOTION

LONDON, MAY 21: A Military Rank presentation ceremony was held at the Chancery for Defence Advisor, YBhg. Dato' Subari Tomo who was promoted from Brigadier General to Major General. The rank was presented by CDA a.i. Mr. Mohd Suhaimi Jaafar and witnessed by members of the Defence Office and Heads of Department. Congratulations to YBhg. Dato' Subari on this deserving promotion.

Group photo after the rank presentation ceremony



COVID-19 CARE PACKAGE FOR STUDENTS

COMBINED INITIATIVE BY MISSION AND EDUCATION MALAYSIA LONDON

LONDON, MAY 14: Mr Mohd Suhaimi Jaafar, CDA a.i., handed over Health Packs to representatives of Malaysian students in the UK, during the launching of '**Health Pack for Malaysian Students initiative**' at Malaysia Hall London. The health packs were then distributed to Malaysian students in the UK through their respective universities' Malaysian students society.

Mr. Mohd Suhaimi Jaafar handing over Health Packs to student's representatives at Malaysia Hall.



APPRECIATION NIGHT FOR OFFICERS AND STAFF

A FITTING END TO AN EVENTFUL YEAR

LONDON, JAN 06: Officers and staff of the High Commission and Malaysian Agencies in the UK gathered at the Chancery for the '**Malam Penghargaan Suruhanjaya Tinggi Malaysia London**' organised by The Sports & Social Club. The event was held as an appreciation and recognition to the good effort of everybody in making 2019 a successful and eventful year. It was a fun night for all with bbq buffet, karaoke and raffles draw.

Counsellor, Ms. Qairunnisa Md. Alias with her raffles draw prize.



COVID-19 : CONSULAR ASSISTANCE

The Covid-19 pandemic have undoubtedly presented us with huge challenges testing us to the limit. Mission through its Covid-19 Task Force have worked tirelessly around the clock to ensure that Malaysians affected by the outbreak in the UK and stranded overseas, continue to receive consular assistance. Kudos to the High Commission team for all the good efforts and assistance given to our fellow Malaysians!



MORE PHOTOS NEXT PAGE

COVID-19 : CONSULAR ASSISTANCE

Some more photos of our frontliner heroes assisting fellow Malaysians affected by Covid-19 outbreak in UK



COVID-19 : TRAVEL ADVISE

Please note that from **10th July 2020**, Malaysians arriving in the United Kingdom will have to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival in England. Please click [HERE](#) for an updated list of countries exempted from the new UK Covid-19 self-isolation regulation.

COVID-19 : ENGAGEMENTS WITH STUDENTS

Mission's Covid-19 Task Force through Education Malaysia London have taken the initiative to reach out to students across the United Kingdom in making sure that their safety and well-being are well looked after. Conducting virtual meetings with student's representatives, sending out health packages and house visits are some of the efforts taken to ensure continued engagements with Malaysian students in the UK.



COVID-19 : NEW NORMAL

Covid-19 pandemic have put many of us in difficult situations but life must go on and the world has to adapt. Social distancing, face-masks, working from home and virtual meetings have become the 'New Normal'. Ever since the outbreak, Malawakil London have been operating with very minimal staff on rotational basis, working from home whenever possible and participating in virtual meetings when needed.



1. Malawakil London operating with minimal staff and social distancing.
2. H.E. Datuk Mohamad Sadik Kethergany participating in the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG) Virtual Meeting.
3. CDA a.i. Mr. Mohd Suhaimi Jaafar and Counsellor, Ms. Qairunnisa Md. Alias participated in a virtual meeting with Heads of Missions in Europe.
4. Deputy Secretary General, Dato' Nadzirah Osman representing Malaysia to the Commonwealth COVID-19 Virtual Leaders Summit. Malawakil London also participated via Blue Jeans application.
5. Virtual Aidilfitri video wish via Zoom application by Malawakil London and Malaysian agencies in the UK.
6. CDA a.i. Mr. Mohd Suhaimi Jaafar, Counsellor, Ms. Qairunnisa Md Alias and First Secretary, Mr. Jesse Quiban participated in the first virtual meeting for ASEAN London Committee (ALC) via Zoom application.

NEWS IN BRIEF



LONDON JAN 14: H.E. Datuk Mohamad Sadik Kethergany attended the UK-ASEAN Business Council (UKABC) breakfast meeting which was warmly graced by Chairman Baroness Lucy Neville followed by a constructive panel discussion on ASEAN's Agility and Resilience.



LONDON MAR 7: Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Mohd Suhaimi Jaafar and First Secretary, Mr. Jesse Quiban attended the ASEAN London Committee (ALC) seminar with Mr. Andrew Gwatkin, Director of International Relations, Trade & Investment of the Welsh Government at the High Commission of Singapore.



LONDON MAR 17: H.E. Datuk Mohamad Sadik Kethergany chairing the first Covid-19 Task Force meeting at the Chancery deliberating on the plan of actions following the surge of infected cases in the United Kingdom. The meeting was attended by all Heads of Department and representatives from Malaysian agencies in the UK.



LONDON APR 8: 2nd Covid-19 Task Force Meeting chaired by Chargé d'Affaires ad-Interim, Mr Mohd Suhaimi Jaafar at the Chancery, discussing on the situation of Malaysians in the UK affected by Covid-19.



LONDON JUL 5: Sending off Ms. Norita Mohd Noor (Second Secretary) at Heathrow Airport. Ms. Norita will be retiring after finishing her tour-of-duty in London. Mission wishes her a happy retirement!

BEST WISHES



Selamat Menyambut

HARI KEPUTERAAN
YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG
KE XVI

AL-SULTAN ABDULLAH RI'AYATUDDIN
AL-MUSTAFA BILLAH SHAH
IBNI ALMARHUM
SULTAN HAJI AHMAD SHAH
AL-MUSTA'IN BILLAH

ISNIN, 8 JUN 2020

SEMBAH TAKZIM DARIPADA:



SURUHANJAYA TINGGI MALAYSIA
LONDON



Heartiest Congratulations

YB DATO' SERI HISHAMMUDDIN TUN HUSSEIN
Minister of Foreign Affairs




From the High Commission of Malaysia, London




Happy Retirement

H.E. Datuk Mohamad Sadik Kethergany
21st High Commissioner of Malaysia
to United Kingdom

From
High Commission of Malaysia
London



FAREWELL AND GOODBYE

LONDON, JULY 3: A farewell brunch was held at the Chancery to bid farewell to Mrs. Hilyati Salwa Shokri (Counsellor Political) and Ms. Norita Mohd Noor (Second Secretary). Mrs Hilyati will be ending her tour-of-duty in United Kingdom while Ms. Norita will be retiring from her service. Ms. Norita could not make it to the farewell due to her GP appointment. Malawakil London would like to wish Mrs. Hilyati all the best in her future undertakings and to Ms. Norita, a happy retirement!



COURTESY CALLS

Among the courtesy calls Malawakil London received prior to Covid-19 outbreak were 1) H.E. Datuk Mohamad Sadik Kethergany was happy to receive Mrs. Nor Faizah Ismail, First Secretary (Trade) accompanied by Mr. Megat Iskandar Ahmad Dassilah, Counsellor (Trade) (**LEFT**) and 2) Deputy High Commissioner, Mr. Mohd Suhaimi Jaafar receiving a group of 6 Malaysian young leaders attending a one-week learning visit to the UK under the International Young Leaders Programme (**RIGHT**).

