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MESSAGE FROM THE CONSUL GENERAL



2020...from what we thought as a year we would achieved Malaysia's Wawasan 2020 and the much anticipated VMY 2020 took a different turn. The reality seized the world by surprise. The world were paused yet mother nature were relieved of pain and sufferings.

As for Victoria or Melbourne to be precise, a city known to be one of the most livable city in the world with its cohesive and stable society, healthcare, education and world-class infrastructure, the pandemic clearly took the stakeholders off guard.

COVID-19 relentlessly hit Victoria amidst the biggest event for Melbourne to be taken place, Rolex Formula One Grand Prix. 2020 marks the 70th of the pinnacle of motorsport and also the 25th. Year of the Formula-1 Australian Grand Prix which is held every year in Melbourne, since 1996. From that day onwards, the first few months, ambiguity had the best of the city and its content yet for those with resilience, they soldier on without hesitance.

This particular edition highlighted on the new norms of event participated and organised by the Consulate. What we observe was unity among Malaysians in this trying times. Nothing easy comes without challenges but new relationship was build, existing relationship was strengthen and unity was the tie that binds the Consulate, government as well as business partners and community together.

Winston Churchill once said, "Never waste a good crisis". In challenging times we must question the accepted reality and find solution that may well be found outside the usual compass. Here's to a COVID Normal life moving forward and enjoy glimpse of 2020 first half bittersweet events in Victoria.

Mazita Marzuki

Consul General of Malaysia, Melbourne

Visit of Tunku Abdul Rahman Hassanal Jefri, the fifth son to His Royal Highness Sultan Ibrahim Ismail of Johor

15 January 2020

Tunku Abdul Rahman Hassanal Jeffri visited Melbourne on 15 January 2020 with the Tripple8 engineering team to do a test run in Phillips Island on the new racing car for the upcoming grand prix. Melbourne was his end of tour after few days in Brisbane and Sydney.



A recce visit by NADMA team to assist Australia with the Bushfire situation

18 January 2020

NADMA team arrived in Melbourne on 18 January 2020 to render assistance to Australia especially Victoria and Tasmania due to the Bushfire situation that hit Australia as one of the worse after so many years.



Australia Open 2020

27 - 30 January 2020

On 27 and 30 January 2020, Global Victoria, the leading Trade and Investment arm for Victoria organised a Consular Corp event to the Australia Open for women's and men's semi-final. The highlight of the Australia Open was the Women AO Inspirational series 2020 whereby A-list celebrity Rebel Wilson was one of the speakers alongside Tennis superstar Caroline Wozniacki.



Roundtable discussion organised by Federal Senator to Victoria, Hon Senator David Van

20 February 2020

Hon Senator David Van organised a one full day roundtable discussion on 20 February 2020. The discussion was also a field trip to Gippsland, regional of Victoria, one of the area that was affected by Bushfire for Consular Corps. Exchanges of ideas on stimulating economic growth at the affected area was indeed productive.



Melbourne Victory Business Luncheon

21 February 2020

On 21 February 2020, Melbourne Victory, one of the leading A-League Football club organised a business luncheon for all of their business network to celebrate partnership in sports diplomacy. Selected Consular Corps representative were invited namely Malaysia, Japan and China.



Consul General Ms Mazita Marzuki with Consul General of Japan in Melbourne, Mr Matsunaga Kazuyoshi (left) and Chairman of Melbourne Victory, Mr Anthony Di Pietro (right)



2020 AFL Bushfire Relief Double Header official function

28 February 2020

Chairman of the AFL (Australia Footy League) organised the friendly game between state of origin and Victoria to celebrate those who sacrifices their lives to save others during the bushfires calamity. Firefighters and everyone in the related industries were invited to watch the friendly match. The event was graced by the presence of the Governor of Victoria, Hon Linda Dessau among other senior officials of the government. The event took place at Marvel Stadium.

Consul General Ms Mazita Marzuki with the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, The Honourable Sally Capp



Consul General Ms Mazita Marzuki with the Governor of Victoria, The Honourable Linda Dessau AC



Consul General Ms Mazita Marzuki with the Chief Executive Officer of AFL, Gillon McLachlan



Global Victoria 2020 Business Summit Welcoming Dinner

5 March 2020

Celebrating International Women's day for 2020, Global Victoria hosted a week of events to celebrate the auspicious occasion. It was kicked off by the welcoming dinner for all participants from all over the world.



Consul General Ms Mazita Marzuki with the Chief Executive Officer, Global Victoria, Ms Gonul Serbest (left) and Council of International Students Australia (CISA) President, Ms Belle Lim (center)



River Cruise Reception and ICC Women's T20 World Cup Final featuring Katy Perry

8 March 2020

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Victoria hosted the Consular Corps to the fun Sunday event. The final match between India and Australia was the match everyone was looking forward to at the prestige Melbourne Cricket Ground. Australia was crowned champion and the night was celebrated fashionably well with an epic performance by none other than the ever fabulous Ms Katy Perry.

From left: Consul General of Sri Lanka, Mr Kapila Fonseka; Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia, Ms Spica Alphanya; Consul General of India, Mr Raj Kumar; Director of DFAT, Mr Andrew Cumpston and Consul General of Malaysia, Ms Mazita Marzuki



Virgin Australia Melbourne Fashion Festival VAMFF 2020 presented by David Jones

14 March 2020

This week was a fashion frenzy week for Melbourne as VAMFF took place. This year, VMAFF witnessed a Fashion's Wonderland designed to break down the stereotype of fashion norms, encourage self-expression and to celebrate uniqueness. With over 150 events in the Fashion, Arts and Ideas program, the 24th year of the Festival were one of the biggest. It featured a standout program of premium designer runways, talent award programs, tours, dining and retail experiences, workshops, spectacular interactive entertainment. It was the first International Women's Day Long Weekend and the return of the inspiring Australian Fashion Summit.



Official Welcome Reception Formula 1 Rolex Australia Grand Prix 2020

12 March 2020

12 March 2020 marked the last big event hosted by the Governor prior to the cancellation of all event due to COVID-19. The event was to welcome all the stakeholders and players of the industries. Sadly, that particular night, Victoria announced the cancellation of the Grand Prix due to the concern over the numbers of transmission that was seen to accumulate.

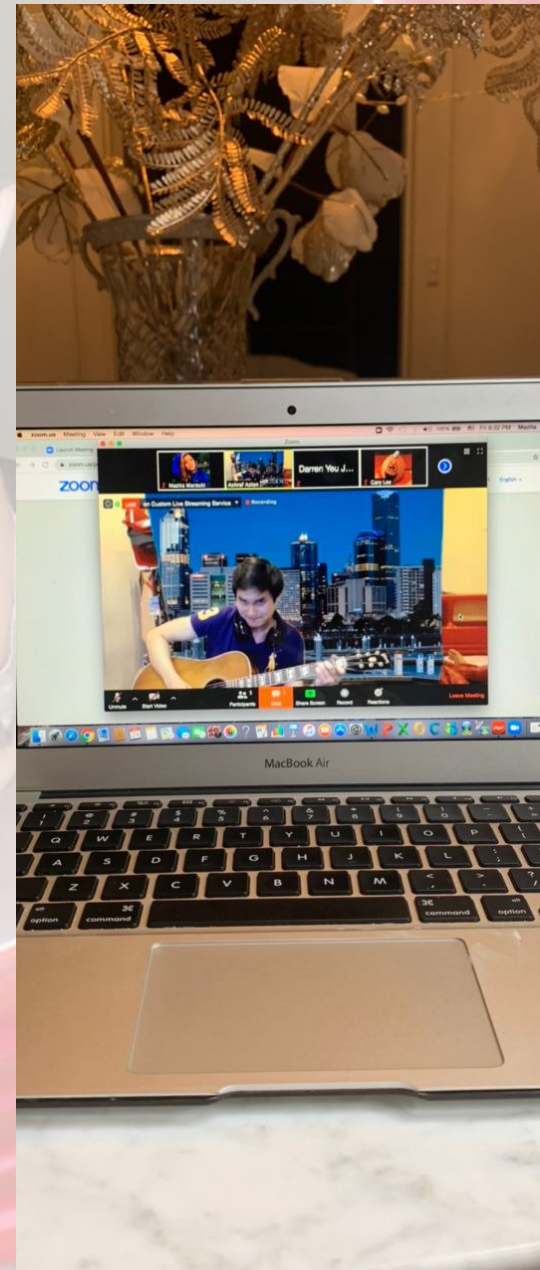


Consul General Ms Mazita Marzuki with members of the Consular Corps

Friday Nights At Home: Ramadan during COVID-19 and assisting international students in Victoria

24 April 2020

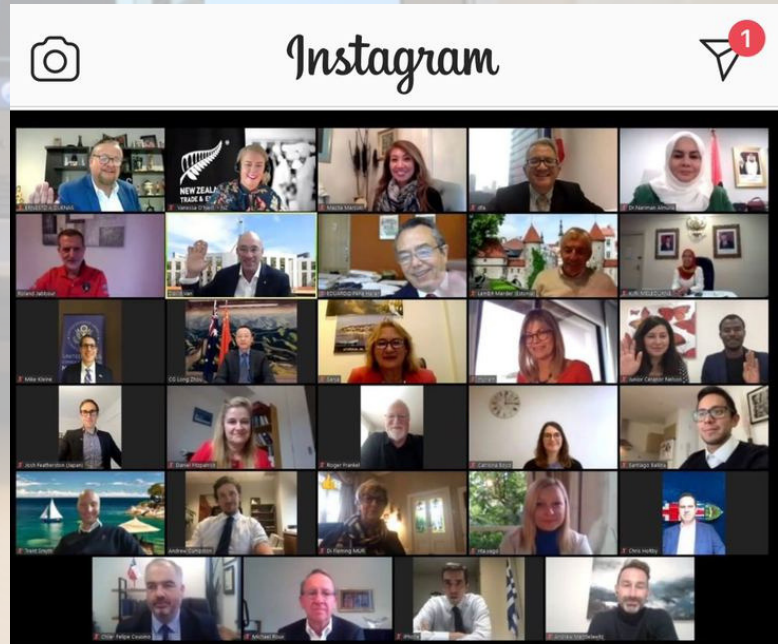
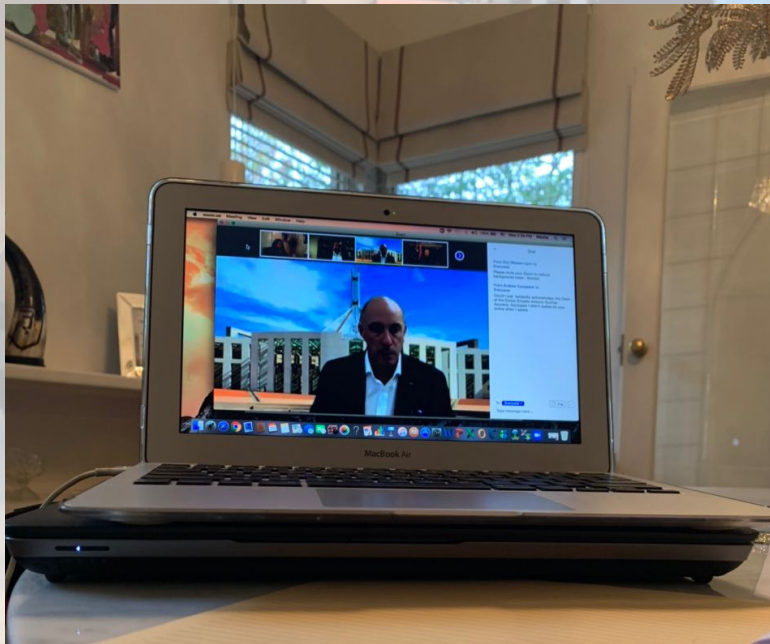
Fruitful and productive sharing of information about the month of Ramadan during a pandemic and the role of the Consulate in assisting Malaysians, particularly international students in Victoria. It was organised and hosted by a fellow Malaysian student, Darren Lee Yeu Jyn of Settled Services and accompanied by performance from Ashraf Azlan.



Consular Corps - third series event hosted by Senator David Van

29 April 2020

With Guest speaker Hon Minister Simon Birmingham, Minister of Trade, Tourism and Investment, discussion were focused on the impact of the pandemic to Australia economy in particular Victoria. Productive yet immature forecast were shared as it was in the midst of the ourbreak and all resources were focused on public health compared to economic recovery.



COVID-19-Eid celebration 2020

24 May 2020

2020 Eid will go down in history as it was celebrated humbly and virtually. At this point of time, Victorians were allowed to have only 5 visitors to the residence and no gathering were allowed. Not forgetting the Malaysian students here, Consulate in collaboration with Kantan and Sijori culinary experts, packed an Eid care pack for the students of Malaysia Hall. The gestures were much appreciated by the students who could not celebrate with the family back home what more in this challenging times.



Consul General Ms Mazita Marzuki accompanied by her spouse, Mr Zaki Mohd Noor and, Ms Ungku Irna of Sijori and Mr Hisham of Kantan

Visit by Senator David Van to the Consulate Office

23 June 2020

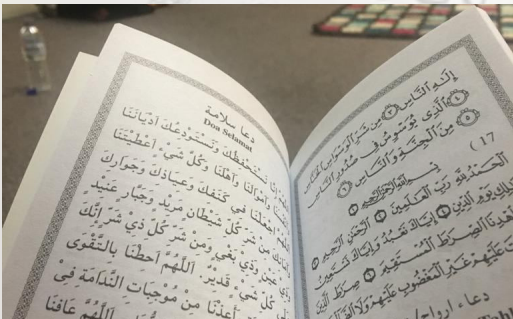
Federal Senator Hon Senator David Van visited the Consulate for the first time after he was appointed as the Senator for Victoria on 1 July 2019. In short period of time, he has shown tremendous effort in organising significant event for Consular Corps as he believes in International engagement to develop Victoria. During the recent racial attack on a Malaysian student, Senator work hand in hand with the Consul General to create awareness on the issue that is highly important. Senator Van even did a Senate mentioned of his collaboration with the Malaysian Consulate in the fight against racism.



Tahlil reading for the demise of Allahyarhamah Tunku Siti Fatimah Abu Bakar, auntie to Her Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda The Raja Permaisuri Agong XVI

26 June 2020

Due to the Stage 3 restrictions, on 26 June 2020, a small Tahlil reading was organised by the Consulate in collaboration with students of the Malaysia Hall. The small yet meaningful Tahlil was a friendly request by Her Majesty Seri Paduka Baginda The Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah Binti Almarhum Al-Mutawakkil Alallah Sultan Iskandar Al-Haj and her cousin who is residing in Melbourne. The late Tunku Siti Fatimah was a dear auntie to her Majesty and the ceremony even though was done in a small number due to the ongoing restrictions, it was much appreciated by the family and Istana Negara.



OTHER ENGAGEMENTS





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COVID-19 advice for international travellers

TRAVEL INTO AUSTRALIA

Australia's borders are closed. Only Australian citizens, residents and immediate family members can travel to Australia. Everyone who arrives in Australia will be quarantined for 14 days and might have to comply with other state and territory travel restrictions.

Foreign diplomats need to quarantine for 14 days on return to Australia. They can quarantine at their mission or usual place of residence. Australia has legal obligations under the Vienna Convention to ensure diplomats' freedom of movement and travel, and protection from detention.

TRAVEL OUT OF AUSTRALIA

There is a ban on all overseas travel, unless granted an exemption.

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