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EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA
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THE EMBASSY MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION

Beginning 01 August 2020, the Embassy of Malaysia in the Kingdom of Bahrain is located in a new three-storey villa at Building 1617, Road 3437, Block 334, Al Mahooz. The Embassy moved to Al Mahooz after being housed in two different buildings in Al Seef district for 16 years. The new Chancery is more spacious, more visible and greener than the previous one. It is equipped with latest building technology and better security features. Other embassies in the vicinity are the Embassies of Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Palestine, Sri Lanka and Turkey. The new Chancery received praise from many Malaysians who has visited it.



The new Chancery building of Embassy of Malaysia in Manama in Al Mahooz



Courtyard



Lobby



Mini Library

AMBASSADOR VISITED THE EMBASSY OF BAHRAIN IN KUALA LUMPUR

Ambassador Agus Salim visited the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in Kuala Lumpur on 17 August 2020 while he was on leave. It is located at Menara Goldhill, Jalan Raja Chulan. The spanking new chancery occupies a whole floor of the building since 2019. The Ambassador met Ms. Maram Al Saleh, the Charge d’Affaires of the Embassy for more than an hour where they discussed bilateral affairs between Malaysia and Bahrain. Both of them noted that a lot of activities have been planned by both countries for this year but were postponed or cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ambassador received warm Bahraini hospitality and before leaving, he was introduced to the staff and taken on a short tour of the office.



Ambassador Agus Salim and Ms. Maram Al Saleh at the Embassy of Bahrain in Kuala Lumpur

ASEAN HEADS OF MISSION BREAKFAST MEETING

On 23 September 2020, Ambassador Agus Salim Yusof hosted a breakfast for the Heads of ASEAN Missions in Manama at the new chancery. They are HE Ambassador Alfonso Ferdinand A. Ver (Philippines), HE Ambassador Nur Syahrir Rahardjo (Indonesia), HE Ambassador Thanis Na Songkhla (Thailand) and Ms. Farida Hairani Hisham (CDA of Brunei). It was their first get-together since March, as Covid-19 has restricted meetings and movements. They discussed on the current local and regional developments during the meeting.



Ambassador Agus Salim and the ASEAN Heads of Mission during the breakfast meeting.

FELLOW CITIZENS FETED ON THE OCCASION OF MALAYSIA DAY

On the occasion of Malaysia Day, the Embassy of Malaysia in Manama, in collaboration with the Ladies' Association of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PERWAKILAN) Manama Chapter has successfully distributed food packs to more than 150 Malaysians in Bahrain. The food packs contained *pulut kuning* with *rendang* and two types of *kuih*. The distribution was done at the Embassy on 17 September 2020 between 12.00pm and 5.00pm in strict Covid-19 precautionary measures. Since Covid-19 cases in Bahrain is still considered high, the Embassy has not organised any gatherings with Malaysians here. So for this year, the food packs distribution on the occasion of Malaysia Day proved that they are not forgotten. They appreciate Embassy's effort in commemorating Malaysia Day despite the pandemic situation worldwide.



Fellow Malaysians were pleased to receiving the pulut kuning and kuih-muih from the Ambassador

THIRD SECRETARY ENDED HIS POSTING IN MANAMA

The Embassy bids farewell to its Third Secretary, Mr. Mohd Aderin Azi Mohd Uzir who ended his tour of duty in Manama on 21 July 2020 after serving in the Embassy for exactly five years since 21 July 2015. The Embassy staff prepared his farewell party and wished our dear colleague all the best in his future undertakings. Mr. Mohd Aderin is now back at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Putrajaya.



Mr. Mohd Aderin received a momento from all Embassy staff

RENDEZVOUS AT THE INDIAN EMBASSY

Ambassador Agus Salim bin Yusof was at the Indian Embassy on Thursday, 03 September 2020 to sign the condolence book on the demise of former Indian President, the late Pranab Mukherjee. The newly-arrived Indian Ambassador, His Excellency Piyush Srivastava took the opportunity to invite Ambassador Agus Salim to his office where they got acquainted to each other. Also at the meeting was the Acting Ambassador of the USA, Margaret Nardi. They talked about domestic developments and life in Bahrain.

BILATERAL ACTIVITIES **POSTPONED** DUE TO COVID-19

Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the following are bilateral activities between Malaysia and Bahrain that have been postponed during the third quarter of 2020:

- i. The launching of Gulf Air direct service to Kuala Lumpur – 2nd July 2020
- ii. Invitation to Bahraini senior officials to 17th Defence Services Asia (DSA) – 24 to 27 August 2020
- iii. Invitation to Bahraini companies to International Sourcing Programme in conjunction with Malaysia International Halal Showcase (MIHAS) – 31 August 2020



THE EMBASSY'S STAR EMPLOYEE (JULY – SEPTEMBER 2020)

Mr. Samer Mohammed Fateel

Consular Clerk

In service since 02 January 2008

Aim : Work as a cooperative team to provide our best and never crack under pressure



BAHRAIN SUMMER FESTIVAL 2020

Bahrain Summer Festival was back for its 12th edition from 2nd to 31st August 2020 under the slogan “Together Virtually”. This year’s event returned mostly virtual with numerous activities and performances to demonstrate bonding between various culture and arts. The festival offered a range of multi-cultural and family-friendly entertainment, despite physical distancing.

The program throughout the month of August was filled with educational videos, creative workshops, concerts and virtual tours and was broadcasted through the Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities’ social media platform and the festival’s website. These activities targeted audiences between 5 to 16 years old.

The Embassy of Malaysia once again participated in the festival by featuring Malaysian animated series, “Upin & Ipin – Syawal is Here”. It was aired on 23 August 2020. The episode showcases real village atmosphere in celebrating *Hari Raya* while portraying multi-cultural elements of Malaysia.



The Embassy would like to thank Les’ Copaque Production Sdn. Bhd. for contributing the short film for the Festival.



NOMINATIONS ARE OPENED FOR KING HAMAD YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AWARD TO ACHIEVE THE SDG'S 2020

The Award was first launched during the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum in January 2017. For this year, the judges will look specifically on youth efforts' in addressing the consequences of covid-19 in the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals.

There will be two categories:

**Youth Category - Five awards of \$USD 20,000.00 each
and**

Youth Enablers Category - One award of \$USD 25,000.00

Submission Deadline is 30 October 2020

Further information and online application at
www.kinghamadaward.com



ACTIVITIES OF THE LADIES ASSOCIATION OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (PERWAKILAN) MANAMA CHAPTER

FOOD PREPARATION FOR MALAYSIA DAY 2020

Members of the Ladies Association of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PERWAKILAN) Manama Chapter joined hands in preparing dishes in conjunction with Malaysia Day on 16 September 2020. The combination of *pulut kuning* with *rendang*, *kuih puteri ayu* and *kuih pedas* were packed and distributed to Malaysians residing in Bahrain at the Embassy.



PERWAKILAN ladies prepared the dishes at the Embassy's kitchen

BIRTHDAY FELICITATION TO MS. SITI FARSHA MURNI, SECRETARY OF PERWAKILAN MANAMA

PERWAKILAN Manama wishes Ms. Siti Farsha Murni Izami joy and happiness on her birthday on 6th September. A small birthday bash was held at Applebees, Seef Mall, attended by families' of PERWAKILAN Manama.



Small gathering with the PERWAKILAN's families

INTERESTING PLACES IN BAHRAIN Part 1

BEIT ALQURAN (HOUSE OF QURAN), HOORA

Beit Al Qur'an is a multi-purpose complex dedicated to the Islamic arts. The entire complex comprises a mosque, a library, an auditorium, a madrasa and a museum. The complex is most famous for its Islamic museum, which has been acknowledged as being one of the most renowned Islamic museums in the world. The main idea of construction the complex began in 1984 and the museum was officially opened in March 1990 by Abdul Latif Jassim Kanoo. The Beit al Qur'an is open to the public on Saturdays to Wednesday. The complex's exterior designs are based on an old fashioned 12th-century mosque.

The Al Hayat Museum is the complex's most recognized establishments. It consists of ten halls spread over two floors, exhibiting rare Qur'anic manuscripts from different periods, starting from the first century Hijra (700 AD). It also house collection of historic Quranic manuscripts from various parts of the Islamic world, from China in the East and to Spain in the West, representing a progression of calligraphic traditions from the first Hijri century (622–722 AD) and of the Islamic Golden Age, to the present day. Manuscripts and artifacts including engraved grains, peas and rice contained *surahs* are displayed in the museum.

The library consists of over 50,000 books and manuscripts in three languages, Arabic, English and French. The institute specialises in Islamic art, and many of the reference books have international importance. The library and its reading rooms are open to the public during working hours with internet access available, as well as providing individual rooms for researchers and specialists.

There is also an auditorium, which can accommodate up to 150 people, and mainly used for lectures and conferences. International guest speakers are brought to Bahrain from many countries. The Yousuf Bin Ahmad Kanoo School for Qur'anic Studies is located within the site. The school offers seven study areas fully equipped with computers and modern aids, with separate classes for women and children learning the Qur'an.



Beit Alquran complex in Hoora; Collection of historic Quranic manuscripts; Dome of the mosque in the complex area

GENERAL CONSULAR INFORMATION

- Malaysians residing in the Kingdom of Bahrain are highly encouraged to register with the Embassy of Malaysia in Manama. Registering with us will enable the Embassy to get in touch with Malaysians, especially during emergency situations.
- Requirements for visa application to Malaysia:
 1. Passport validity of at least six (6) months prior to departure.
 2. Passport should have at least two (2) empty pages facing each other.
 3. Two (2) passport size photographs.
 4. Copy of flight ticket booking **and** hotel booking/accommodation address in Malaysia.
 5. No objection letter from sponsor in Bahrain.
 6. Invitation from host in Malaysia **and** multiple ticket and reservation (for Multiple Entry Visa).
 7. Visa fees (please bring exact amount in cash)
 - a. Single Entry – BHD 5.000
 - b. Multiple Entry – BHD 10.000
 8. Three (3) months Bank Statement.
 9. Visa approval letter (for student).
 10. Copy of CPR.
 11. Application form available at:
<https://www.imi.gov.my/images/borang/Visa/Borang%20Permohonan%20Visa.pdf>

Note:

Due to current pandemic situation, foreigners are not allowed to enter Malaysia until further notice. However, for individuals who received entry approval, you may contact the Embassy through email for queries regarding the Letter of Undertaking and Permission to Perform Journey.

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Working Days: Sunday-Thursday (7.30 am to 2.30pm)

Consular hours: Application 8am – 10.30am; Collection 11am – 1pm