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through our activities

BONJOUR FROM H.E. AMBASSADOR

Les grandes vacances is upon us in France. Everywhere in Europe, people are travelling for their yearly vacation; shutting down stores and offices for the quieter, calmer places.

While we bask in the sun, let us not neglect the fact that we have yet to escape the clutches of the pandemic. Constant vigilance is a must – maintain your distance with others, wear your masks in enclosed public spaces and constantly wash your hands to avoid contamination.

Tough as it may be, together we can fight this invisible nemesis. Indeed, we are at war. But the outcome of this war is not within the hands of generals or soldiers, but ours. Every precaution taken is a step in weakening the virus. Together we shoulder the responsibility to ensure the safety of those vulnerable around us.

Sacrifice is demanded of us during these trying times. The languid time spent in quarantine, the uncomfortable swab tests and the absence of normal interactions in our daily lives are few concessions we must make to ensure the defeat of this enemy.

Let us not be swayed from our aim by mere discomforts. Together we can halt the march of this pandemic.

Last but not least – I bid to all to stay safe and salam mesra.

Bien cordialement,

Azfar



**H.E. Dato' Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar
Ambassador of Malaysia to France**

"Ikan bernama si ikan laga,
Ikan dibeli si anak Sahlan;
Jarak sosial hendaklah dijaga,
Kebersihan diri menjadi amalan."

ASEAN AMBASSADORS' VISIT TO MARSEILLE 5-6 MARCH 2020

On 5 and 6 March 2020, H.E. Ambassador Dato' Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar together with the other ASEAN Ambassadors in France, made a visit to Marseille at the invitation of Mayor Jean-Claude Gaudin. The delegation was welcomed and hosted to lunch by Deputy Mayor Mr. Jean Roatta.

The Deputy Mayor said it was a huge privilege to meet the Ambassadors and develop strong working relationship between Marseille and ASEAN Countries.

The Ambassadors later had a meeting with

President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Mr. Renaud Muselier, who talked fondly about his experience working with ASEAN countries when serving as an advisor under President Jacques Chirac.

During the two-day visit, the delegation also visited The Camp, a high-tech training facility providing lodging, space and opportunities for everyone to develop innovative solutions. The Camp expressed its interest to work with Southeast Asian countries to expand its network.

The Ambassadors then visited Airbus Helicopters and the Port of Marseille to meet their respective heads, followed by fruitful discussions. A seminar was also held at the Marseille Chamber of Commerce and Industry to present to Marseille firms and SMEs about business opportunities in ASEAN.



President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Mr. Renaud Muselier welcoming the ASEAN Ambassadors to Marseille

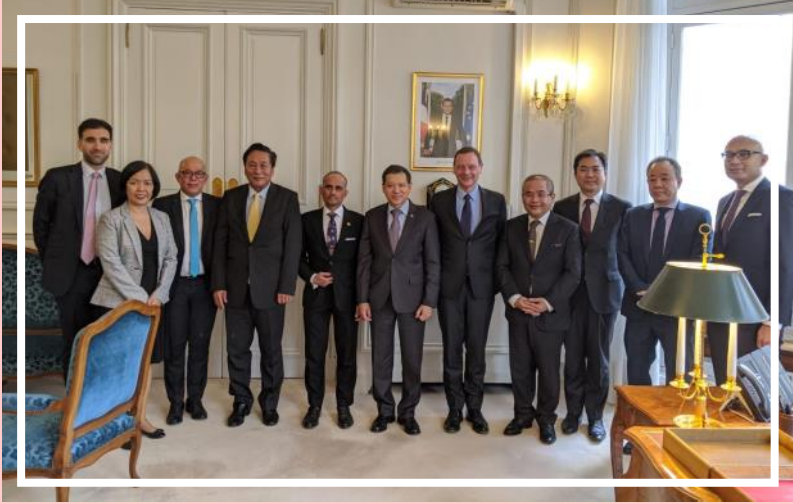


ASEAN Ambassadors listening to a briefing by the Airbus Management Team

ASEAN COMMUNITY IN PARIS (ACP) AMBASSADORS' MEETING SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, 24 FEBRUARY 2020

The ACP Meeting was held on 24 February 2020 at Shangri-La Hotel and chaired by H.E. Arrmanatha Nasir, Ambassador of Indonesia as the current Chair of the ACP. The meeting among others discussed about the upcoming activities as well as the situation of Covid-19.

The ACP then proceeded with a luncheon with the Special Envoy of France to Indo-Pacific, Ambassador Jean-François Girault and continued with a meeting with Mr. Emmanuel Bonne, Diplomatic Counsellor and G20 Sherpa. Indonesia then handed over the ACP Chairmanship to Thailand and expressed its appreciation to the support of ACP during its chairmanship and also the ACP Working Group.



SIGNING OF CONDOLENCE BOOK AT THE EMBASSY OF LAO PDR IN PARIS ON THE PASSING OF FORMER PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER OF LAOS H.E. SISAVATH KEOBOUNPHAN, 14 MAY 2020

On 14 May 2020, H.E. Dato' Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar paid a courtesy call to the Embassy of Lao People's Democratic Republic in Paris to pay his last respect to the passing of Laotian former President and Prime Minister, H.E. Sisavath Keobounphan.

During the visit, H.E. Dato' Dr. Azfar also took the opportunity to meet with his counterpart, H.E. Ambassador Yong Chantalangsy to discuss about the current pandemic and take stock of its impact in France.



ASEAN COMMUNITY IN PARIS (ACP) AMBASSADORS' MEETING 10 APRIL 2020

On 10 April 2020, H.E. Dato' Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar participated in the ASEAN Committee in Paris (ACP) Ambassadors' Meeting, which was conducted online to respect social distancing. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Ambassador Sarun Charoensuwan of Thailand.

Issues pertaining to COVID-19 took the center stage during the meeting. Among others, the Ambassadors shared the situation back in their respective capitals as well as the situation faced by their nationals in France. The Ambassadors also shared their individual assessments on the impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, politics, and diplomacy.



ASEAN COMMUNITY IN PARIS (ACP) MEETING 22 JANUARY 2020



On 22 January 2020, Malaysia participated in the ASEAN Community in Paris Working Group (ACP WG) Meeting which was held at the Indonesian Embassy, the current rotational chair. The meeting among others discussed ACP's best way to approach France. With the exciting political development burgeoning in France and Europe, ACP activities need to be strategically tailored to bridge the needs of both France and ASEAN. Malaysia was represented by Mr. Syed Nizamuddin Sayed Khassim, First Secretary at the meeting.

**OECD HIGH LEVEL PANEL SEMINAR ON
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA, CHINA AND INDIA
4 FEBRUARY 2020**



**FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF) WEEK
PARIS, 16-21 FEBRUARY 2020**



On 4 February 2020, H.E. Ambassador Dato’ Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar participated as one of the High Level Panelists during a Seminar on Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India. The closed forum was held in conjunction with the launch of the economic outlook report on the regions.

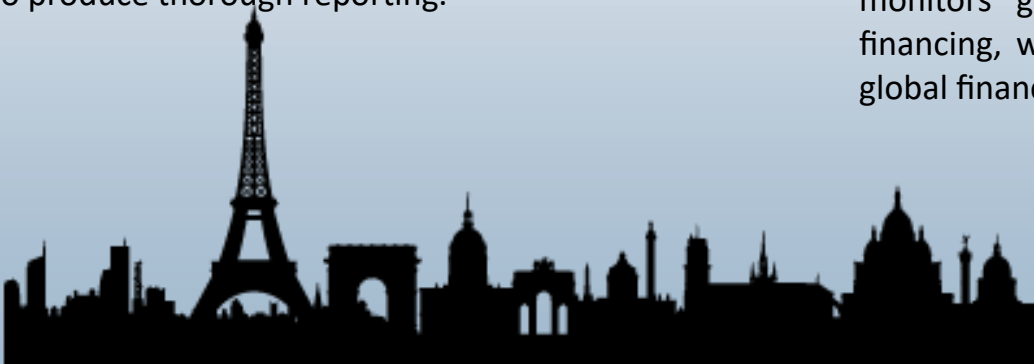
The forum was chaired by Mr. Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary-general on Development.

H.E. Dato’ Dr. Azfar shared Malaysia’s endeavor in TVET as well as its effort to reduce the skills gap as highlighted by the OECD. Bringing in new flavor to the discussion, Dato’ Dr. Azfar also urged the OECD to take into account the new focus as outlined in the Shared Prosperity Vision. Highlighting the new dynamics and the continuity of functioning policies, he urged the OECD to engage intimately with the relevant agencies in Malaysia in order to produce thorough reporting.

On 16-21 February 2020, Malaysia participated in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Week in Paris, France. The Malaysian delegation consisted of representatives from the Central Bank of Malaysia (BNM), Securities Commission of Malaysia and the Embassy of Malaysia in Paris.

During the forum, Malaysia made its position clear on efforts undertaken by several countries to curb terror financing, and played an active role in institutionalizing the efforts undertaken by FATF to curb money laundering.

The FATF Week was attended by more than 800 representatives from 205 countries and jurisdictions around the world, the IMF, UN, World Bank and other organizations. Among other issues, the international watchdog, which monitors global money laundering and terror financing, will discuss on the present risk to the global financial system.



HARI RAYA AIDIL FITRI CELEBRATION 24 MAY 2020

Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebration this year was celebrated on a much smaller scale due to the Covid-19 pandemic. On 24 May 2020, HBS and families gathered at Rumah Malaysia to mark the occasion after a month-long of fasting.



MAF CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 26 JANUARY 2020, PARIS

On 26 January 2020, H.E Ambassador Dato' Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar joined 30 Malaysians in Paris together with their families and local friends to celebrate Chinese New Year (CNY). The annual CNY luncheon organized by the Malaysian Association in France (MAF) was held at Le President Restaurant in Paris.

Sporting a red changshan, H.E. Dato' Dr. Azfar in his speech said that the celebration of Malaysian festivities showcased the uniqueness of the multicultural society and reflected the true Malaysian spirit where diversity is embraced and celebrated as a source of strength. He also lauded MAF for its effort in preserving camaraderie among Malaysians in France.

Guests also enjoyed the "Yee Sang" tossing ceremony led by Mr. Yap Choon Choong, President of MAF. While CNY celebrations are usually accompanied by lion dance, Malaysians in France made it their tradition to kick start their festivities with silat performances by Culture Silat.



CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION AT 'RUMAH MALAYSIA', 2 FEBRUARY 2020

On 2 February 2020, the Malaysian Embassy in Paris welcomed more than 200 guests to its CNY celebration, which was held in the compound of *Rumah Malaysia*.

H.E. Dato' Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar in his speech welcomed everyone to Rumah Malaysia before inviting Mr. Yap Choon Chong, President of MAF to share the lectern with him.

"It surely feels like home, when the radiance of Malaysian hospitality trumps the chilly winter," he quipped. Thanking the Embassy, particularly the Perwakilan ladies for their effort in preparing the dishes to welcome the guests and ending his speech with cries of "Sayangi Negaraku", Mr. Yap presented the Ambassador with a Chinese calligraphy piece he created.

The tossing of Yee Sang came immediately after the speeches. During the event, guests were treated to a feast of Malaysian classics including fried kway teow, chicken rice, curry noodle, spring rolls, curry puffs, satay and nasi lemak. Signature Malaysian drink, the Tarik was also served, much to the guests' delight.



**COURTESY CALL BY HEAD OF ASIA DESK, OECD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
29 JANUARY 2020**

On 29 January 2020, H.E. Ambassador Dato’ Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar received a courtesy call from the OECD Development Centre, who was represented by Mr. Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk and Ms. Prasiwi Ibrahim, Deputy Head of Asia Desk.



H.E. Ambassador Dato’ Dr. Mohamad Mustafar, Mr. Kensuke Tanaka, Head of Asia Desk and Ms. Prasiwi Ibrahim, Deputy Head of Asia Desk

The purpose of the meeting was to inform and brief Malaysia about the Economic Outlook Reports for Southeast Asia, China and India. Noting Malaysia’s active involvement for many years, Mr. Tanaka expressed his hope to maintain the same level of buoyancy with Malaysia. Echoing the same hope, H.E also expressed his admiration for the works done by the OECD in different arms, noting how the standards set by

the organization has set the tone for the development across the globe. He also noted how reports published by the OECD are instrumental in charting Malaysia’s Shared Prosperity Goals.

**COURTESY CALL BY ARDIAN PRIVATE
INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, 6 FEBRUARY 2020**



On 6 February 2020, H.E. Ambassador Dato’ Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar received a courtesy call from Mr. François-Aïssa Touazi, Managing Director for Middle East, North Africa (MENA) & Central South East Asia Department of Ardian Private Investment Management and Mr. Farid Masmoudi, its Director for Investor Relations.

Having established itself within MENA as one of the premier investment vehicles, Ardian hopes to explore the investment opportunities available in Malaysia.

MEETING WITH MALAYSIA'S HONORARY CONSUL
MR. JEAN-PIERRE DE BONO IN MARSEILLE, 5 MARCH 2020

On 5 March 2020, H.E. Ambassador Dato' Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar made a short detour during the ASEAN Ambassadors' visit to Marseille to meet our Honorary Consul to Marseille, Mr. Jean-Pierre de Bono.

During the visit, H.E. Ambassador was briefed about the various trade and social collaboration opportunities available in Marseille and the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (PACA). H.E. Ambassador noted that Marseille's and PACA's direct engagement with Malaysia could be further enhanced as one of the dimensions in Malaysia-France relations.



EVENTS

GRADUASI BAKAL GURU-GURU BAHASA PERANCIS
RUMAH MALAYSIA, 18 JUN 2020

TYT Duta Besar Malaysia ke Perancis, Dato' Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar meraikan seramai 21 orang para pelajar tahun akhir lulusan Program Khas Latihan Keguruan Ijazah Sarjana Muda Bahasa Perancis di bawah kerangka kerjasama di antara Université de Franche-Comté, Besançon dan Kementerian Pendidikan Malaysia sewaktu jamuan makan malam di Rumah Malaysia di Paris.

TYT Duta Besar dalam ucapan ringkasnya berkata, beliau berharap bakal guru-guru ini berjaya mendalami keunikan budaya masyarakat Perancis sepanjang 3 tahun berada di sini dan akan mengaplikasikan pengalaman berharga yang diperolehi apabila kembali ke tanah air.



Home-Based Staff (HBS) and Locally-Recruited Staff (LRS) gathered at the Embassy of Malaysia in Paris on 10 January 2020 for an appreciation potluck and a round of karaoke to usher in the new year





MALAYSIA HONOURED AT THE

Oriental Fashion Show in Paris

On 20 January 2020, Y.M. Tengku Dato' Dr. Hishammuddin Zaizi, Prince of Selangor, represented Malaysia as one of the guests of honour at the 34th Oriental Fashion Show, held at Carrousel du Louvre in Paris. Held in conjunction with Paris Fashion Week, the event saw Malaysia shining brightly as the only Southeast Asian nation represented on the runway. The star that brought fame to Malaysia that evening is our very own fashion designer, Gina Frias – who showcased bold yet elegant design for all to marvel.

The Oriental Fashion Show was founded by the famous French-Moroccan designer Hind Joudar to highlight Eastern influences in the realm of haute couture. Other countries that managed to blind the night with their wonderful designs that evening were Azerbaijan, Egypt, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.





PERWAKILAN PARIS



Perwakilan Paris' Annual Dinner, 27 February 2020



Kelas Solekan oleh model busana Muslimah, Eka Mohamad, 5 Februari 2020

Program Jalan-Jalan ke Montmartre 5 Februari 2020

Coffee Morning hosted by Mrs. Marini Abdul Rahman, 30 January 2020



Perwakilan Paris' Annual General Meeting 16 June 2020



MALAYSIA BOLEH!

KRING! DIUMUM FILEM ANIMASI TERBAIK DI PERANCIS

KUALA LUMPUR: Produk animasi tempatan terus diiktiraf dunia apabila filem *Kring!* terbitan Brainy Bones Studios meraih trofi Filem Animasi Terbaik pada Festival Filem Antarabangsa Du Sur Les Handicap 2020 (FIFH) di Lyon, Perancis.

Kring! berkisar karakter guru sekolah dikenali sebagai Suraya yang cukup dedikasi dalam membantu pelajar dan masyarakat setempat.

Filem animasi itu juga meningkatkan kesedaran mengenai masalah disleksia dalam kalangan pelajar.

Sumber: Petikan daripada Berita Harian



FOLLOWING THE FRENCH IN DEALING WITH FEAR

SYED NIZAMUDDIN SAYED KHASSIM
THE NEW STRAITS TIMES, 14 FEBRUARY 2020

After all, it is rather un-French to fear too much of the future and the unknown. But it is very French to say *On est bien, là* — we are good here.

It has only been a few days since a friend witnessed a young Asian woman being forced out of a train in a bustling European capital for coughing.

Another friend, who is Asian but neither Chinese nor of Chinese descent, was given the deadly stare by everyone for coughing in the cold weather in a bus. His coughs, it appears, managed to put time on its heels.

These and many other similar incidents reported throughout the West give light to the general prejudice living beneath the veneer of the so-called developed world and surmised the ethos of casual racism into two main tenets: that all East and Southeast Asians are Chinese and that they are the only ones that seem to be able to spread Covid-19.

Discrimination against Asians is nothing new in the West, but is figured less prominently compared with the discrimination against blacks or Jews. Asians too rarely march the streets demanding for equal treatment.

Perhaps, it is just how Asians generally fit themselves in their surroundings—abide by the law, keep out of trouble, and mind your own business. Passive-aggressive treatment on account of race are to be tolerated as a fact of life.

But, regardless of the ostensible bleakness of humanity, hope can be found in unexpected places.

In France, an elected member representing the Quartier de la Porte-Saint-Denis at the outskirts of Paris, Madjid Messaoudene, vociferously raised his voice against stigmatization of Asians.

A socialist at heart, Messaoudene had made it his life crusade to realize the French spirit of *égalité*, which is treating everyone the same.

On the right side of political spectrum, Rachida Dati, the Republican mayoral hopeful for Paris, made it a strong point to mingle and shake hands with the Asian community in Paris's 13th arrondissement — using the opportunity to highlight the stigma faced by Asians amid the coronavirus spread.

While France may have yet to discover the cure for Covid-19, it has in the past discovered the cure for fear.

Napoleon Bonaparte once argued that fear of plague caused it to spread more quickly, and went on to carry infected soldiers and diseased corpses with his own hands to boost the morale of his soldiers in Egypt. “The surest protection,” he said, “was moral courage”.

A few hundreds of years may have passed, and the French themselves are divided in their assessments of the general. But one thing for sure is that they have internalised the much needed “moral courage” to live life in the present.

In France, people live in the *être* (to be), putting worries and fears aside to enjoy life as it is.

This is not to say that life is completely perfect in France, or that they don't complain about life. In fact, the French (or rather, Parisians) have adopted *râler*, or complaining, as a habit.

But, the French have learned to enjoy life regardless of how terrifying life can be.

To put into perspective, France remains at risk if terrorist attacks and placed at Tier 2 (“Heightened Security/Risk of Attack”) on a three-tier scale of its national security alert system.

In 2019, more than 1,100 of its people died because of the flu epidemic. Out of 67 million people, it puts the number of casualties in China into a new perspective. But, despite the epidemic, weekly protests remained unperturbed.

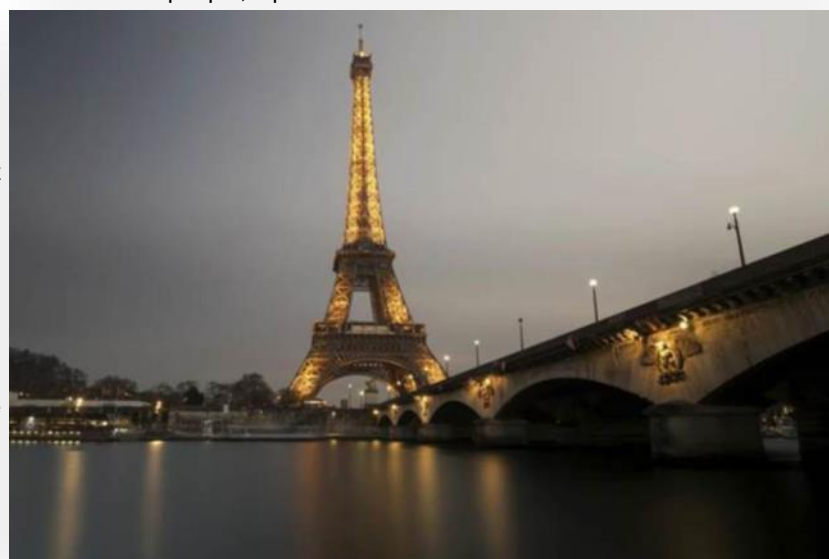
The French take life as it is in the present and not fret too much about the future.

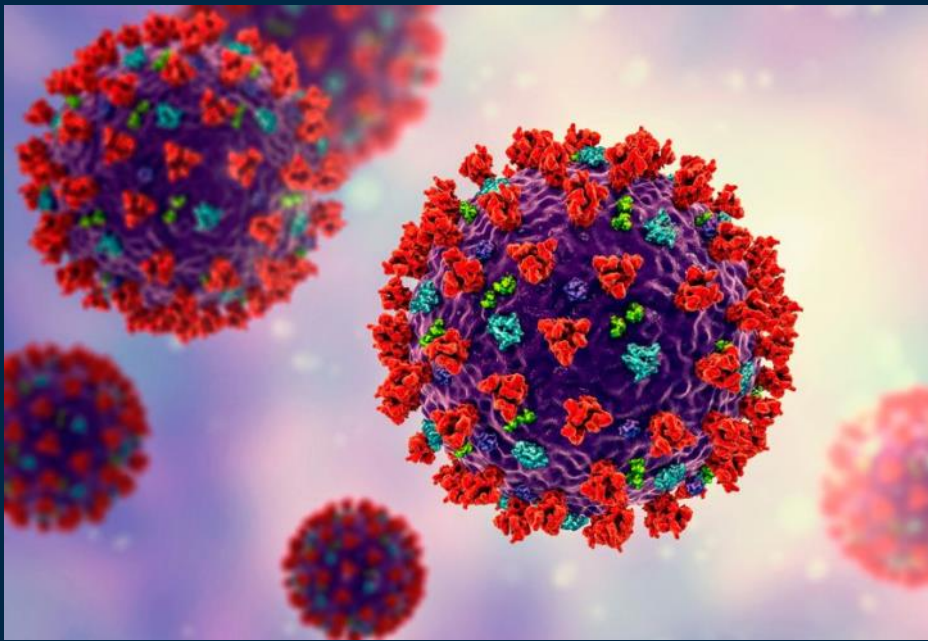
It may perhaps explain why the sale of surgical masks has not skyrocketed in France nor is there an immediate pressure on the government to do more than what is deemed necessary by the World Health Organization.

And it is exactly this “moral courage” that both Messaoudene and Dati tapped into to bring France and lead Europe to see the error in placing fear in lieu of hope.

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The writer is a Foreign Service officer based in Paris who writes on international affairs with a particular emphasis on Europe.





COVID-19 TRAVEL ADVISORY

There are no restrictions for travel to Metropolitan France from the European space (European Union Member States, United Kingdom, Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, San Marina, Switzerland, Vatican) and the following countries: Australia, Canada, Georgia, Japan, Morocco, New Zealand, Rwanda, South Korea, Thailand, Tunisia, Uruguay.

Travellers coming from other countries are encouraged to have a negative PCR test before they leave and, for those that do not do this, will be presented with information upon their arrival in France about the conditions for carrying out a two-week quarantine at a location of their choice or, where appropriate, in special accommodation. They will be informed of the possibilities for carrying out a test at the airport and in France.

The following travellers may be asked to quarantine or remain in isolation upon arrival (Decree No. 2020-884 of 17 July 2020 amending Decree No. 2020-860 of 10 July 2020) are:

- Travellers with symptoms of COVID-19 upon arrival;
- Travellers who, upon arrival, cannot show the results of a virology test carried out less than 72 hours before flying which proves that the traveller does not have COVID-19.

For information from the French Government about COVID-19 visit <https://www.gouvernement.fr/en/coronavirus-covid-19>

PESANAN DUTA BESAR MALAYSIA KE PERANCIS: KEUTAMAAN MEMASTIKAN KESELAMATAN FIZIKAL DAN KESIHATAN MENTAL PARA PELAJAR MALAYSIA DI PERANCIS



KEDUTAAN BESAR MALAYSIA DI PERANCIS

PESANAN DUTA BESAR MALAYSIA KE PERANCIS: KEUTAMAAN MEMASTIKAN KESELAMATAN FIZIKAL DAN KESIHATAN MENTAL PARA PELAJAR MALAYSIA DI PERANCIS

Pada 23 April 2020, Duta Besar Malaysia ke Perancis, TYT Dato' Dr. Azfar Mohamad Mustafar telah mengadakan sesi sidang video berhubung dengan wakil-wakil pelajar dari seantero Perancis untuk bertanya khabar serta mendapatkan maklum balas status para pelajar Malaysia. Sesi ini merupakan sesi kedua yang diadakan setelah sesi pertama pada 27 Mac 2020. Sesi kali ini turut disertai oleh Puan Farisha Salman (Penasihat merangkap Ketua Canseri), Encik Mas Aidiff Masut (Penasihat Hal Ehwal Pelajar), Keptan Kamaruddin Omar (Atase Pertahanan), Tuan Syed Nizamuddin Bin Sayed Khasim (Setiausaha Pertama), dan Encik Nur Ahmad Fadhill Mohd Naim (Pengarah MARA Frankfurt).

Di dalam sesi tersebut, Dato' Dr. Azfar memohon semua wakil pelajar untuk memaklumkan kepada semua pelajar Malaysia di Perancis supaya terus mematuhi segala langkah dan arahan yang dikeluarkan oleh pihak berkuasa Perancis serta pihak universiti dan kolej.

Duta Besar memaklumkan bahawa keutamaan Kerajaan Malaysia pada ketika ini adalah untuk memastikan keselamatan nyawa dan kebebasan rakyat teja; termasuklah para pelajar dan rakyat Malaysia yang berada di luar negara.

Duta Besar juga menekankan bahawa Kerajaan, Kementerian Pengajian Tinggi (KPT) serta penaja-penaja seperti JPA dan MARA menasihati para pelajar supaya kekal di kawasan masing-masing buat masa sekarang. Ini adalah kerana pergerakan keluar akan meningkatkan risiko dijangkiti COVID-19. Kerajaan juga tidak merancang untuk melaksanakan proses evakuasi rakyat dan pelajar Malaysia di Perancis.

Walaupun bagaimanapun, di dalam kes-kes tertentu misalnya ahli keluarga sakit terat dan berlaku kematian, para pelajar boleh berhubung dengan penaja masing-masing untuk mendapatkan kelulusan untuk pulang ke Malaysia. Dalam hal ini, segala kos adalah di atas tanggungan para pelajar sendiri.

Dato' Dr. Azfar turut mengambil kesempatan untuk mengingatkan para pelajar supaya sentiasa menjaga kesihatan dan melaksanakan aktiviti senaman ringan serta memastikan kesihatan mental. Beliau menyuruh para pelajar supaya sentiasa bertanya khabar sesama sendiri sama ada melalui Whatsapp, Skype atau sebarang platform elektronik yang lain.

Beliau juga mengingatkan para pelajar supaya sentiasa berhubung dengan ahli keluarga di Malaysia, terutamanya ibu dan bapa, bagi meredakan kerisauan dan kekusaran ahli keluarga berhubung situasi di Perancis.

Duta Besar menyuruh para pelajar yang berhadapan dengan sebarang masalah kritikal untuk berhubung terus dengan para pegawai Kedutaan khususnya dengan Penasihat Hal Ehwal Pelajar, Encik Mas Aidiff Masut agar tindakan sewajarnya dapat diambil.

Di dalam sesi tersebut, Dato' Dr. Azfar juga memberikan maklum balas kepada persoalan-persoalan yang dibangkitkan oleh para pelajar.

Wakil pelajar yang terlibat di dalam sesi sidang video adalah Cik Jamie Kuk Mijm (Metz), En. Muhammad Ammar Mohd Zahid (Compiègne), En. Muhamad Najib Fazali (Compiègne), En. Muhammad Irfan Mohd. Rasil (Belfort), En. Chuah Chong John (Tours), En. Muhammad Hafiq Zafull Razuan (Blois), En. Muhammad Atham Roslan (Orleans), Cik Nasha Abdul Rahim (Besancon), Cik Puteri Farah Nayli Zaharim (Aix-en-Provence) dan Cik Siti Solihah Arifin (Angers).

Sharina Karim de Kraker is feeling thankful with Willy De Kraker at Malaysian Embassy in Paris / Ambassade de Malaisie à Paris.

1 hr · Paris, France · 🌐

Got a telephone call from the Embassy of Malaysia today asking me about my health situation and confirming my whereabouts here in France. It is a gesture well appreciated, thank you, merci and terima kaseh. With this I would like to urge all Malaysians living in France to register online with the Embassy so that your status can be confirmed and they can help you if needed. They stay at work so that you can be safe.

WenHong Lee
Felt so at home! Happy to get the call from the Embassy! Stay safe and take care

13 h Love Reply Message

Malaysian Embassy in Paris / Ambassade d...



Seorang rakyat Malaysia yang terkandas di Gabon dan telah transit di Paris, Perancis, 30 April-1 Mei 2020

Lima rakyat Malaysia dari Angola dalam perjalanan pulang ke Malaysia dan telah transit di Paris, Perancis, 16-19 Mei 2020

Malawakil Paris telah memberi sumbangan berbentuk makanan kepada beberapa rakyat Malaysia yang terkandas di Lapangan Terbang CDG Paris memandangkan semua kedai masih ditutup dan mereka tidak dibenarkan meninggalkan terminal antarabangsa.

DAFTAR DIRI DI KEDUTAAN BESAR MALAYSIA SEMASA KE LUAR NEGARA

Rakyat Malaysia yang berada di Perancis dimohon untuk mengambil perhatian terhadap sebarang perkembangan semasa. Sekiranya berlaku sebarang kejadian yang tidak diingini, pastikan arahan pihak berkuasa tempatan dipatuhi.

Jangan lupa untuk daftarkan diri anda dengan Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di Perancis melalui pautan berikut: <https://ekonsular.kln.gov.my/en/>. Secara alternatif, keberadaan tuan/puan boleh dimaklumkan melalui e-mel di alamat paris.consular@kln.gov.my. Pastikan nama, nombor telefon, alamat di Perancis dan butiran ahli keluarga/rakan terdekat yang boleh dihubungi sekiranya berlaku kecemasan (nama, hubungan dan nombor telefon) disertakan bersama di dalam e-mel.

Dalam perancangan perjalanan, pastikan pihak Kedutaan bukan “last resort” apabila berlaku kecemasan, sebaliknya anggaplah pendaftaran sebagai “insurans percuma” yang perlu diambil sebelum ke luar negara.

Akhir kata, selamat melancong!



TRAVEL ADVISORY FOR MALAYSIAN TOURISTS IN PARIS

Safety and Security

Anywhere that attracts tourists, will attract thieves. In Paris with so much to see and do for newcomers, thieves are everywhere! Petty crime especially pickpockets are rampant at metro stations and trains stations as well as major shopping areas. Beware of your passports and purse / wallets.

Robberies and thefts often take place even at hotels. Thieves work in groups and may strike at your hotel. The Embassy wishes to advise all Malaysians visiting France to remain vigilant and to take care of their belongings, especially handbags, briefcases, etc.

Be careful around tourist areas in Madeleine, Champs Elysees and Arc de Triomphe, Sacré Coeur church at the artists' area of Montmartre, L'Opéra, Les Halles and the George Pompidou Centre, the Porte de Clignancourt flea market, and of course – anywhere near the Eiffel Tower including inside the crowded lifts that take you to the top.

Entry and Exit Requirements

Malaysians do not require visa to travel to France for less than three months. French immigration authorities may deny entry and deport people arriving in France with less than six months validity remaining on their passport, even if the person intends staying just a few days.

Malaysians are advised to follow all local laws and respect local customs.

If you are travelling to France, whatever the reason and however long you will be there, we encourage you to register with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. You can register in person at the Embassy of Malaysia in Paris, Monday to Friday, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm without appointment. The information you provide will help us to contact you in an emergency – whether it is a natural disaster, civil disturbance or a family issue.

In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to contact the Embassy, you can contact the Duty Officer at +33 6 32 44 65 71 (after office hour, weekends and on public holidays).

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APPLICATION FOR A MALAYSIAN VISA

Holder of a French passport does not require a visa to enter Malaysia for tourism/business purposes for a stay of up to three months, provided you have a passport valid for more than six months upon arrival. A return air flight ticket is also required. For other nationalities, the information can be found at www.imi.gov.my.

APPLICATION OF A NEW MALAYSIAN PASSPORT

- Applicant must come in person to the Embassy of Malaysia in Paris
- Form IM.42—Pin1 /1997 is available at the Embassy or on the website http://jimlondon.net/Form_IM.42.pdf
- Application should be made six months before the expiry date of passport as the process takes about one month
- Passport photograph with a white background
- Opening hours of the Consular section: Monday to Friday from 9:30 am to 12.30 pm
- Please refer to the checklist on the Embassy's website for the required documents:
http://www.kln.gov.my/web/fra_paris/passport_renewal
- Alternatively, if you need to replace your Malaysian passport urgently, you could apply directly with the Passport Section of the Malaysian High Commission in London:
Website: www.jimlondon.net
E-mail: jimlondon@btconnect.com
- For more information on consular matters, please contact the Consular Section at +33 1 45 53 11 85 or via e-mail at paris.consular@kln.gov.my



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