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## Presentation of Letter of Credentials by H.E. Ambassador Dato' Zulkifli Adnan



**H.E. Dato' Zulkifli Adnan**

On 19 May 2015, the new Malaysian Ambassador, His Excellency Ambassador Dato' Zulkifli Adnan presented his Letter of Credentials to His Excellency Joachim Gauck, the President of the Federal Republic of Germany at

Schloss Bellevue. His Excellency was accompanied by his wife, Datin Siti Hawa Othman as well as the Embassy's officials. In a time-honoured impressive ceremony, His Excellency Ambassador was greeted by the Federal Foreign Office officials at the historical Adlon Kempinski Hotel and escorted to the Bellevue Palace. In keeping with tradition, a ceremonial guard of honour by the German Bundeswehr (Federal Defence Forces) was accorded upon arrival and departure at the Palace where the Malaysian flag was raised.

After the presentation of the Letter of Credence, His Excellency Ambassador had an audience with President Gauck of which they exchanged views on issues of mutual interest to both Malaysia and Germany. (See page 2)



**H.E. Dato' Zulkifli Adnan with German President Joachim Gauck**

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His Excellency Ambassador expressed his hope to have more high level visits from both sides in strengthening the existing bilateral relations. He also conveyed the warm greetings from His Majesty Yang diPertuan Agong to the President. In response, President Gauck wished him success in his endeavours during his tenure and expressed Germany's readiness to reinforce further the ties of understanding and cooperation between Malaysia and Germany.

A reception to mark the occasion was held at the Embassy of Malaysia. Guests included representatives from the diplomatic corps, German Foreign Office, "Friends of Malaysia" and the Malaysian community.

Prior to this assignment, His Excellency Ambassador was the Director-General of the Department of Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Putrajaya. His earlier diplomatic assignments include: Ambassador of Malaysia to Bosnia Herzegovina (2008 – 2011), Counsellor at the Embassy of Malaysia in the Netherlands (2001 – 2004), First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia in New York (1993 – 1998) and Second Secretary at the High Commission of Malaysia in Colombo (1986 – 1988). His Excellency joined the Diplomatic Service in 1983.



H.E. Ambassador and wife with home-based staff of the Embassy of Malaysia, Berlin, and German protocol officials.



H.E. Ambassador and wife with staff of the Embassy of Malaysia, Berlin, after the ceremony.

## Working Visit of YB Foreign Minister to Berlin



YB Dato' Sri Anifah Aman, Foreign Minister of Malaysia, undertook a working visit to Berlin on 10 June 2015. He was accompanied by senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia.

During the visit, YB Foreign Minister met his counterpart, German Federal Foreign Minister Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier. During the meeting, YB Foreign Minister and Dr. Steinmeier had an active exchange of views on various issues of common concern. Both ministers agreed on the need to enhance future bilateral ties including in bilateral trade and investment between both countries.

They noted the active role that both countries are playing in their respective regions, namely Germany's presidency in the G7 and Malaysia's chairmanship of ASEAN and non-permanent membership in the UN Security Council.

Both ministers also discussed a number of key regional and international issues. As countries that are directly affected by the irregular movement of people and illegal migration, Malaysia and Germany are making efforts to address the issue at source and provide humanitarian assistance to those affected. YB Foreign Minister took the opportunity to brief Dr. Steinmeier on the efforts that Malaysia has undertaken to address the issue, including the meetings with his counterparts from Indonesia and Thailand as well as his visit to Myanmar.

Both ministers shared their concern on the continuing spread of extreme ideologies such as by the group calling themselves "Islamic State", especially amongst the youth. There was also discussion on efforts for Israel-Palestine peace process. YB Foreign Minister reiterated Malaysia's hope of achieving a final, just and comprehensive settlement with the state of Israel and Palestine living side by side in peace within secure and recognised borders, based on the Roadmap and the relevant UNSC resolutions. He also noted Germany's efforts to move forward the process, including Dr. Steinmeier's recent visit to Gaza, Jerusalem and Ramallah on 30 May – 1 June 2015.



YB Dato' Sri Anifah greeted by senior officials from the German Federal Foreign Office



YB Dato' Sri Anifah and his counterpart German Federal Foreign Minister Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier

## Seminar “Malaysia: An Emerging High Technology Hub in Asia Pacific”, Federal Foreign Office



On the occasion of the Asia Pacific Weeks 2015, a seminar titled "Malaysia: An Emerging High Technology Hub in Asia Pacific" took place at the Federal Foreign Office

on 19 May 2015. The seminar was co-organized by the Embassy of Malaysia, Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA) and Cyberview Sdn. Bhd, with support from the German-Asia Pacific Society (DAPG). The seminar touched on two key topics – Malaysia's pull factor as a business and investment destination, and Malaysia's potential as a regional ICT hub. Speakers from MIDA, Cyberview, German-Malaysian Chamber of Commerce, and several German partners share their insights and

experiences on topics related to the key theme of the seminar. The seminar also saw participation of some 55 guests from various backgrounds – diplomatic, business, academia and general public.



## Art Exhibition “TOTEM” by Yusof Ghani

From 19 to 21 May 2015, the Embassy of Malaysia held a painting exhibition “TOTEM” by renowned Malaysian artist Yusof Ghani. The exhibition portrayed the artist's expression on the mystical side of Malay culture. A total of 11 paintings from Yusof Ghani's series “Segerak (silat)”, “Topeng (mask)” and “Biring (cock fight)” were featured in the 3-day exhibition. Special thanks to Tourism Malaysia in Frankfurt for making the event possible.



Yusof Ghani presenting one of the paintings from his “Topeng” series to H.E. Ambassador



### **"Program Kembara Budaya & Ilmu Malaysia-Jerman"**



Twenty-three teachers and students from Kubang Pasu, Kepala Batas and Rembau Science Schools visited the Embassy on 4 June 2015. The visit was part of the activities under "Malaysia-Germany Knowledge & Cultural Tour Programme" from 29 May – 10 June 2015 which took the participants to a number of German cities such as Goettingen, Berlin and Munich to get first hand experience on Germany. At the Embassy, the group called on H.E. Ambassador and had the opportunity to learn more about the role of the Embassy in enhancing Malaysia – Germany bilateral relations.

### **Conference "The Indian Ocean: A Maritime Region on the Rise"**



H.E. Ambassador Dato' Zulkifli Adnan participated in a panel discussion titled "Networking Maritime Security" on 9 June 2015. The panel discussion was part of the conference "the Indian Ocean: A Maritime Region on the Rise", co-organized by the Federal Foreign Office, Robert Bosch Foun-

ation and Friedrich Ebert Foundation. The conference, which was opened by the Federal Foreign Minister Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier, brought together high ranking officials and experts from think tanks, media, businesses and civil societies to discuss issues related to the Indian Ocean region.

## Malaysia Formally Takes Over the Presidency of the 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine in 2016

Dato' Dr. Zaliha Omar delivering her remarks after the official handing over of the 10th ISPRM World Congress to Malaysia



The 9th World Congress of the International Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (ISPRM) convened in Berlin from 19 to 23 June 2015. The World Congress is an annual congregation of experts in rehabilitation medicine from around the world which showcase scientific breakthrough and quality educational material related to rehabilitation practice. The 9th World Congress, co-hosted by Austria and Germany, saw the presence of some 2,700 participants from 105 countries and deliberated on over 2,000 research papers on related fields.

Dato' Dr. Zaliha Omar, President of the Malaysian Association of Rehabilitation Physicians and leader of the Malaysian delegation to the Congress, was formally handed the Presidency of the 10th ISPRM World Congress during the closing ceremony on 23 June 2013.

Speaking during the ceremony, H.E. Dato' Zulkifli Adnan, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Federal Republic of Germany, highlighted the emphasis that the Government of Malaysia is giving towards empowering persons with disabilities under the recently launched 11th Malaysia Plan (2016 – 2020) by the honourable Prime Minister of Malaysia.

The 10th ISPRM World Congress is scheduled to be held at Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from 29 May to 2 June 2016.



Malaysian delegates posing for a group photo with H.E. Ambassador after the official handing over ceremony

## Ein Abend mit dem Botschafter



Ein Abend mit dem Botschafter (An Evening with the Ambassador) was held at the Embassy of Malaysia on 28 June 2015. The session, held in collaboration with JPA and MARA Frank-

furt, was attended by 31 Malaysian students under JPA, MARA and self-sponsorship. The session provided the students with the opportunity to interact with the Ambassador and learn more about the roles and functions of the Embassy. The session enabled the Embassy and agencies concerned to touch base with the students and listen to their needs and concerns. The dialogue was followed by an Iftar hosted by H.E. Ambassador.



## Ambassador's Meeting with Heads of Malaysian Agencies in Germany



H.E. Ambassador of Malaysia chaired a meeting with heads of Malaysian agencies at the Embassy of Malaysia on 29 June 2015. Ms. Adina Kamarudin, Consul-General of Malaysia in Frankfurt as well as heads and representatives of JPA, MARA, MATRADE, MIDA and Tourism Malaysia in Germany were present at the meeting. During the meeting, agencies exchanged information on respective initiatives and activities undertaken as well as discussed activities planned for the near future. A presentation on the German labour law was also made by Mr. Cord Vernunft, Senior Associate from Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft GmbH.

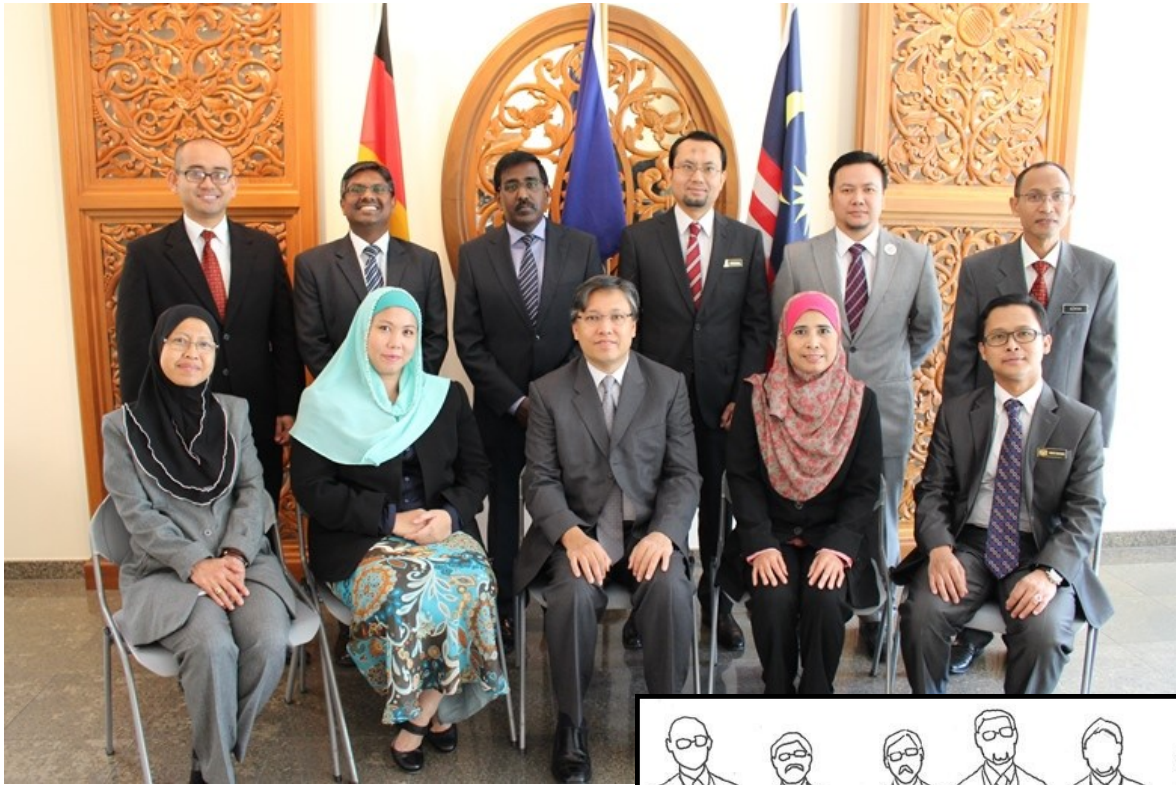


## PERWAKILAN Prepares for Upcoming Events

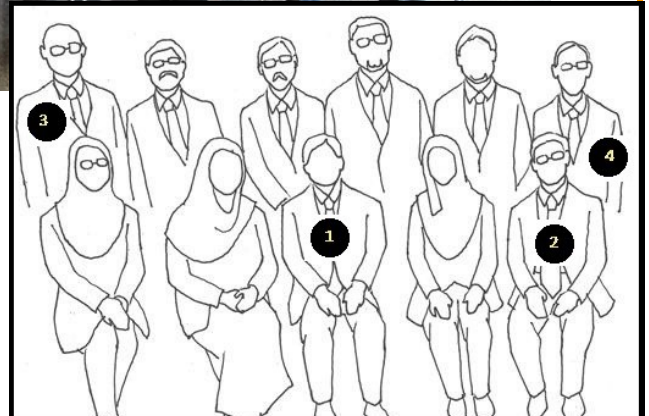
The Ladies' Association of the Embassy of Malaysia, Berlin (PERWAKILAN) met on 30 June 2015. Chaired for the first time by Datin Siti Hawa Othman, the meeting discusses PERWAKILAN's upcoming activities, including preparations for the Embassy's Eidul-Fitri open house.



**We are here!**



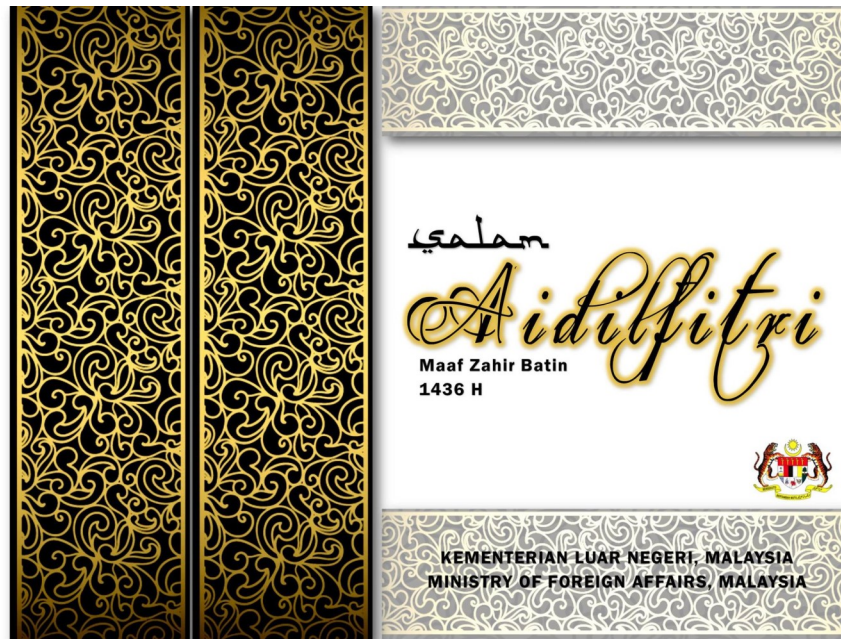
1. H.E. Dato' Zulkifli Adnan, Ambassador; 2. Mr. Mohd Shuhada Othman, Minister Counsellor, 3. Mr. Wan Mohd Afeek Afifi Wan Ali, Second Secretary (Political), 4. Mr. Azman Roslee Anuar, Second Secretary (Administrative & Finance)



**Upcoming holidays**

Holiday	Date	Day
Eidul-Fitri *	July 17	Friday
National Day	August 31	Monday
Malaysia Day	September 16	Wednesday
Eidil-Adha *	September 24	Thursday
German Reunification Day	October 3	Saturday
Deepavali	November 10	Tuesday
Prophet Muhammad's Birthday	December 24	Thursday
Christmas	December 25	Friday

*The Embassy of Malaysia, Berlin wishes you Eid Mubarak! Let us celebrate this joyous occasion with the spirit of unity and togetherness. To our Muslim friends, may all the good deeds committed throughout this past Ramadhan be rewarded favourably by Allah S.W.T.*



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