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# MALAYSIA NEWS BULLETIN

E-Newsletter of the Consulate General of Malaysia in Davao City



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# THE CONSULATE NEWS

## CG CHAIRED MTCP FACT FINDING MISSION MEETING & WORKSHOP IN DAVAO CITY

On Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP) Team visited Davao City to conduct Fact Finding Workshop with 66 MTCP alumni members and invited guests. Consul General Abdullah Zawawi Tahir received the delegation led by Mdm. Hakimah Mohd Yusoff, Director of Halal Hub JAKIM at El Bajada Hotel and chaired the meeting and workshop with MTCP Alumni members.



## MALAYSIAN DEFENCE MINISTER VISITS COTABATO CITY



On Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, Hon. Minister of Defence Dato Seri Hishamuddin arrived at Awang Airport, Cotabato City. He was welcomed by IMT9 Head of Mission Major General Dato' Abdul Samad, Consul General Abdullah and Armed Forces of the Philippines 6th Infantry Division Commander General Edmundo Pangilinan. In Cotabato City, the Hon. Minister met with the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GPH) and Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Peace Panel Members as well as the Malaysian Contingent of the International Monitoring Team.

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## CG MET NEWLY ARRIVE HEAD OF MISSION IMT10



On Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, Consul General Abdullah Zawawi Tahir met the newly arrived International Monitoring Team (IMT) 10 Head of Mission Major General Dato' Sheikh Mokhsin bin Sheikh Hassan in General Santos City.

Consul General Abdullah accompanied by Consul Mohammad Khalil Ibrahim was warmly received by General Santos IMT-9 Team Site Leader Lt. Col. Ibrahim RMAF and Major General Dato' Sheikh at Sun Suites Hotel and Resort, General Santos City.

## IMT-9 BIDS FAREWELL AS NEW IMT-10 CONTINGENT ARRIVES

On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, the Malaysian International Monitoring Team-Mindanao 10 (IMT-M10) led by Major General Datuk Sheikh Mokhsin Sheikh Hassan replaced IMT-M9 to oversee the ceasefire between the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF).

The team composed of 16 people including 11 from the military, two from police and three civil servants from Defense Ministry and Foreign Ministry arrived at Awang Airport Cotabato City at 9.30am.



The new monitoring team will touch base in four areas in Mindanao including Cotabato City, Illigan City, Zamboanga and General Santos City.

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## CG JOINS JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES 15<sup>TH</sup> INDUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS IN DAVAO CITY



On Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, Consul General Abdullah attended Junior Chamber International (JCI) Induction and Installation of Officers in Davao City.

The occasion has strengthened the goals of JCI Kadayawan to develop the awareness and acceptance of the responsibilities of citizenship as well as develop the potentials of leadership in the Philippines through the different programs and projects for development of the people and in the community, and this year JCI Philippines will be hosting the 35<sup>th</sup> Mindanao Area Conference of September in Davao City.

Meanwhile, JCI Penampang Officials will be hosting chapter of JCI Asia Pacific Conference in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on 11 – 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2015.

## CG ATTENDED THE FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR JAPANESE CONSUL AND MADAM KOICHI IBARRA

On Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, Consul General Abdullah Zawawi Tahir and spouse attended the Farewell Reception for Japanese Consul and Madam Koichi Ibarra at SMX Convention Center in SM Lanang Premier, Davao City.

Gracing the event with Consul and Madam Koichi Ibarra was Ambassador Kazuhide Ishikawa who was on his first visit to Davao City since he arrived in Manila last September, 2014.

In his farewell speech, Consul Koichi pointed out that there are 16 Japanese companies presently operating in Davao as compared to 600 in Manila and 280 in Cebu.



# THE CONSULATE NEWS

## AIRASIA RELAUNCH ITS FLIGHT MANILA-DAVAO AT FRANCISCO BANGOY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, DAVAO CITY.



On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, Consul General Abdullah Zawawi Tahir, together with Department of Tourism Regional Director Mr. Roberto Alabado, Councillor Hon. Al Ryan, and Davao City Tourism Officer Mrs. Lisette Marques joined the welcoming of the AirAsia Inaugural Flight Manila-Davao-Manila at Francisco Bangoy International Airport in Davao City.

The welcome reception at the VIP Lounge was also attended by Atty. Joy Caneba, CEO of AirAsia Philippines, Flight Captain Giselle Bendong and her co-Pilot First Officer Andrea Maria Halaguena, cabin crews, media personnel and journalists.

AirAsia served the Manila-Davao Route with three daily flights. Manila-Davao was operated by Zest Air then and, when AirAsia partnered with Zest in 2013 via strategic alliance, it was suspended in June 2013 as part of realignment of its network. AirAsia decided to use all-female crew during Friday's relaunch of the service in celebration of Women's Month. Women made-up almost 40 percent of AirAsia Philippines's workers, including seven pilots and co-pilots.

## CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICERS MET PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMAND CENTER OFFICIALS IN DAVAO CITY



On Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015, Consul General Abdullah Zawawi, together with Consul Mohammad Khalil and Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid met the officials of the Public Safety & Security Command Center (PSSCC) aimed to discuss on the preparation for the upcoming Safety and Crisis Management short course intended for Malawakil Davao City staffs and personnel in April, 2015.

The meeting at PSSC Center was led by Security Officer PC Supt. (Rtd) Anselmo Simeon P. Pinili and accompanied by Atty. John R. Castriciones. CG Abdullah was accompanied by Consul Mohammad Khalil and Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid. At the PSSC Center, the Consulate officials watched the use of CCTV cameras not only for traffic management but also in anti-crime operations.

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## TOURISM BOARD INDUSTRY HOSTS 3<sup>RD</sup> TOURISM HR CONGRESS 2015 IN DAVAO CITY



On Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2015, Consul General Abdullah Zawawi Tahir attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tourism Human Resource Congress 2015 organized by the Tourism Industry Board Foundation, Inc., at SMX Convention Center, Davao City.

About 500 participants including human resource professionals, owners and operators of tourism-related establishments, and representatives of training and educational institutions, tourism students, representative from Indonesia, Thailand and Cambodia attended the Congress.

The goal of the Congress is to support the achievement of the following:-

- To harmonize all efforts and programs of stakeholders in the development of quality human resources;
- Enhancement of mechanisms, systems, and procedures of local, national, non-government units and private sectors when using human resources as a tourism development strategy;
- To provide relevant and practical information on topics related to tourism human resources.

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# FOOD CORNER

## LIST OF RESTAURANTS IN DAVAO CITY

1. El Bajada Hotel - J.P. Laurel, Davao City (Certified Halal by MMHCB)
2. Al-Sultan - Abreeza Mall, Davao City (Certified Halal )
3. Zabadani Café - 4th Floor Gaisano Mall, Davao City (Certified Halal )
4. Aubecca's Halal BBQ Restaurant - Magallanes St. Davao City (Halal chicken)
5. Blackbeard Seafood Island - Abreeza Mall/ SM City Davao City (Seafood and Halal menu)
6. Bo's Coffee Club - SM City, Davao City (Pastry, cakes, fish sandwiches)
7. Chooks To Go outlets throughout Davao City (Halal chicken)
8. Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf - Gaisano Mall, Davao City (Pastry, cakes, fish sandwiches)
9. Davao City Islamic Center/ Halal Eatery Centre - Quimpo Blvd., Davao City
10. Frozen Avenue Ice Cream Parlour - J.P. Laurel, Davao City (Pastry and desserts)
11. Glamour Restaurant and Cattery - J. Camus St. Ext. and Padre Gomez St., Davao City
12. Halal Eatery Café - Food Station, Victoria Plaza Mall, J. P. laurel, Davao City
13. Java Jive Café - Quirino St., / J.P. Laurel, Davao City (Pastry, cakes, fish sandwiches)
14. KFC Restaurants outlets - Davao City (Halal chicken)
15. Kochina Irvinia - San Pedro St., (beside Maybank San Pedro Branch)
16. Kopi Roti - Jacinto Ext., Davao City (Pastry, cakes, fish sandwiches)
17. Majid's Persian Kabab - J. Rizal St., Davao City
18. Marina Tuna Restaurant - (Seafood only)
19. Max's Chicken Restaurant all outlets throughout Davao City (Chicken only)
20. McDonald's Food Chain outlets Davao City (Chicken only)
21. Ogis Lechon Manok - Sandawa St., Davao City (Halal chicken)
22. PKC Pritong Manok - Several locations (Halal chicken)
23. Rebecca Halal Barbeque and Eatery - Pichon St./ Times Beach, Davao City
24. Sr. Carlos - Ma-a Road, Davao City (Halal chicken)
25. Starbucks Abreeza, SM City, SM Lanang, Davao City (pastry, cakes, fish sandwiches)
26. Sunny Point - Ma-a, Davao City (Certified Halal )
27. Tamam Fried Chicken - San Pedro St., Davao City (Halal menu)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONSULATE GENERAL OF MALAYSIA,  
DAVAO CITY, REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**SCHEDULE OF CONSULAR / IMMIGRATION FEES**

**LIST OF REQUIREMENTS TO ACQUIRE SOCIAL VISA FOR FILIPINO CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES**

1. Original invitation letter from Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
2. Photocopy of sponsor's passport and active visa / IC
3. Sponsor's bank account statement
4. Round trip ticket - original and photocopy
5. Photocopy of passport's information page
6. 3 pieces passport size picture
7. Passport needs to be valid at least 6 months
8. Applicant's personal appearance at the Consulate General Office is required
9. Processing Period: 2-3 working days
10. Visa fee—Php 550.00

**VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR ROC (REPUBLIC OF CHINA), TAIWANESE, INDIAN, PAKISTANI , BANGLADESH, NIGERIAN, COLUMBIAN/ CHINESE / TAIWANESE/ OTHER NATIONALITIES**

1. Valid Alien Certificate of Registration (ACR) Card
2. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months
3. Active Visa
4. Company ID/ School ID
5. 3pcs Passport size picture
6. Round trip ticket
7. Hotel Reservation
8. Latest bank account statement
9. Yellow fever Vaccination Card (For African Countries only)
10. Fee: ROC - P1,200.00; PROC - Php 450.00; Indian - Php 750.00; Other Nationalities - Php 300.00

**EMPLOYMENT VISA REQUIREMENTS**

1. Visa with reference from Immigration Malaysia/MDeC
2. Medical Certificate from accredited clinics by the Malaysian Health Ministry
2. Employment Contract
3. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months
4. Photocopy of passport information page
5. 3pcs passport size pictures
6. Original one way ticket
7. Visa Fee Php 550.00
8. Processing Period: 2-3 working days

**MARRIAGE REGISTRATION / POLICE CLEARANCE / REGISTRATION FOR MARRIAGE**

1. Local Marriage Certificate authenticated by the National Statistics Office (original and photocopy)
2. Passports of the Applicants
3. I.C. of the Malaysian national
4. 2 pcs passport size picture of the applicants
5. Birth certificate of wife and husband
6. Fee 300.00

**BIRTH REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. Birth Registration Form (D)
2. Copy of Certificate of Live Birth (Child)
3. Copy of IC and Copy of passport (Father/Mother)
4. Copy of Marriage Certificate in Malaysia / Philippines
5. Copy of Birth Certificate (Father/Mother)
6. 4 pcs Passport size pictures
7. Fee: Php440.00

**Note\*** Visa is not required for a stay of less than one (1) month for ASEAN nationals except Myanmar. Visas are required for duration of stay exceeds one (1) month except for Brunei and Singapore nationals.

# CONSULAR / OFFICIAL VISITS



Jilin Art Troupe cultural presentation in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Philippines-China Diplomatic Relations, attended by Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid



Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid with the Department of Tourism officials during his Consular Visit in Zamboanga City



Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid meets the Director of DSWD Women's Center, Mrs. Crispina Satorre



Alien Control Officer Usman A. Sabdani with Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid at Bureau of Immigration Zamboanga City



Members of IMT9 Contingent bids farewell at Awang Airport, Cotabato City



Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid meets IMT Officer Mr. Badli Hisham Adam at IMT Site 2– Iligan City

# CONSULAR / OFFICIAL VISITS



Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid with a Malaysian Citizen and his son during Consular Visit in Zamboanga City



Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid during the repatriation of three Malaysian children, from Zamboanga back to Malaysia



Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid meets a Malaysian Citizen at San Ramon Penal Farm, Zamboanga City



Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid with a Malaysian Citizen under the custody of DSWD Women's Center



Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid with a Malaysian citizen and his lawyer during his Consular visit in General Santos City



Vice Consul Saifulnizam Wahid meets a Malaysian Citizen who was allegedly deported to Zamboanga City

# HAPPENING IN DAVAO

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# EVENTS

## ARAW NG DAVAO

### "PARADA DABAWENYO"



### "MUTYA NG DAVAO"



# LIST OF VISITS

NO.	VISIT	DATE
1	TOURISM MALAYSIA VISIT FOR DAVAO MEGA TRAVEL SALE	6-8 FEBRUARY
2	TOURISM MALAYSIA VISIT FOR NAITAS TRAVEL AND TRADE BAZAAR	20-22 FEBRUARY
3	MTCP FACT FINDING MISSION TO DAVAO CITY	4-6 MARCH
4	MALAYSIAN DEFENCE MINISTER VISIT TO COTABATO	11 MARCH

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