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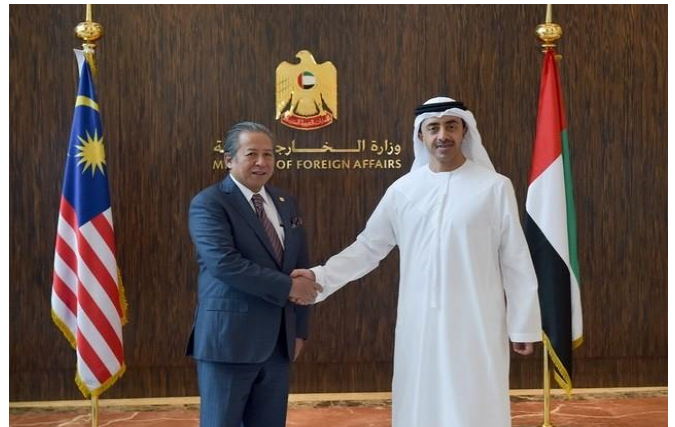
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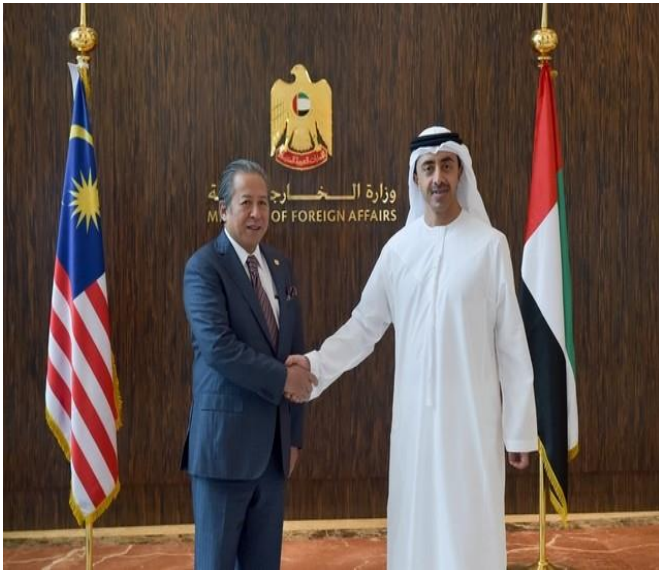
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# THE CONSULATE NEWS

## WORKING VISIT BY YB DATO' SRI ANIFAH AMAN TO THE UAE



YB Dato' Sri Anifah Hj. Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, undertook a Working Visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 29-30 May 2015. He was accompanied by senior government officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia.

YB Minister had a bilateral meeting with his counterpart, His Highness Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates on 30 May 2015 in Abu Dhabi. Both leaders discussed and exchanged views on bilateral as well as regional issues such as on Palestine and Yemen.

## WORKING VISIT BY YB DATO' SERI NAZRI AZIZ TO THE UAE

On 20 May 2015, YB Dato' Seri Nazri Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Culture Malaysia conducted a Working Visit to Dubai, UAE. The main purposes of the visit are to meet several business tycoons and also travel agents in Dubai to invest and better promote Malaysia as one of their travel destination.

He met with representatives from Emirates Airlines and Etihad Airways while in Dubai. Soon after that, he met around 50 travel agents in Dubai and explained to them on Malaysia Year of Festival 2015 and other initiatives. H.E. Dato' Ambassador and Dato' Consul General attended the said meetings.



## PERDANA SYMPOSIUM AT MALAYSIAN TRADE CENTRE CO-HOSTED BY JAKIM

The Consulate General of Malaysia (Education Office) and JAKIM co-hosted the Perdana Symposium at the Malaysian Trade Centre from 10 – 11 April 2015. The event was inaugurated by YB Major General Dato' Seri Jamil Khir Baharom, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department. This is the second "Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia" attended by YB Minister Jamil Khir in Dubai.

A total of 100 Malaysian students from MENA region and India under the sponsorship of JAKIM attended the Perdana Symposium. These students were selected based on their merits in examination and student leaders.



## WORKING VISIT BY YB DATO' MAH SIEW KEONG TO THE UAE

YB Dato' Mah Siew Keong, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, made a Working Visit to the Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 30-31 May 2015. He was accompanied by a senior government official from the Malaysian Nuclear Power Corporation.

YB Minister had a short meeting with management of Burj Khalifa on 31 May 2015. The meeting was to exchange the management's experience in energy management and also innovation in the field of energy in relation to Burj Khalifa. YB Minister also visited some of nuclear reactors and energy innovation centres in Abu Dhabi, UAE during his visit.



## CEO INLAND REVENUE BOARD OF MALAYSIA (IRBM) CONFERRED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BY ASIA HRD



The CEO of Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia, YBhg. Tan Sri Datuk Wira Prof Dr. Mohd Shukor Hj. Mahfar has been conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Asia HRD Awards 2015 on 8 June 2015. The award was given to him for his dedication and brilliant contribution in the agenda of Human Development. The special award function took place at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Dubai.

On 9 June 2015, Tan Sri Mohd Shukor paid a courtesy call on H.E. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin and all heads of agencies in Dubai at the Consulate Office. All heads of delegation took this opportunity to brief Tan Sri and delegation about the roles and functions of each agency in Dubai.

## PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ETIHAD AIRWAYS AND TOURISM MALAYSIA



Etihad Airways and Tourism Malaysia has announced a USD2.5 million (RM9 million) joint-marketing partnership to boost tourism to Malaysia. The agreement was signed by Mrs. Chong Yoke Har, Deputy Director General (Planning) of Tourism Malaysia and Mr. Andrew Ward, Etihad Vice-President of Marketing on 3 June 2015 at the Etihad-Alitalia Pavilion, Expo Milano 2015, Milan, Italy.

The signing of the Agreement was initiated by YB Dato' Seri Nazri Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Culture Malaysia during the Arabian Travel Market in Dubai.

## SPKM MEETING NO.2/ 2015 CONSULATE GENERAL OF MALAYSIA, DUBAI

On 4 June 2015, the Consulate General of Malaysia organised SPKM Meeting No.2/2015 at the Education Malaysia Office. The meeting was attended by all heads of agencies namely from MATRADE, MIDA, Education Malaysia, Agriculture Malaysia and Tourism Malaysia. The purposes of the SPKM meeting are to discuss arising problems involving HBS and also to coordinate matters that need attention.

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin, the Consul General of Malaysia, Dubai. During the meeting, a lot of issues were raised viz. list of VIP visits, preparation for Eid Fitr, Ramadhan and also incoming and outgoing of new HBS in Dubai.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) BY MY-UAE AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF MALAYSIA

On 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015, MyUAE (Association of Malaysians in Dubai) had their first Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Consulate Office. The AGM was officiated by H.E. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin.

Among items discussed in the meeting were to organize sports events which will involve most of the Malaysians residing in Dubai and also to discuss on the next election for MyUAE presidency.



## ARABIAN TRAVEL MARKET, DUBAI



Arabian Travel Market (ATM 2015), the region's leading travel industry showcase, opened its doors on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 for four days of business networking opportunities, insightful seminar sessions, ministerial discussions and recognition of 12 months of industry achievement.

In conjunction with the ATM 2015, YB Dato' Seri Nazri Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Culture Malaysia hosted Malaysian Gala Dinner at Hotel Grant Hyatt, Dubai. Around 350 invitees were present there at the event. Tantalizing Malaysian delicacies were served for the guests as well as Malaysian cultural dances.

## PERWAKILAN DUBAI BREAKFAST MEETING

On 2 June 2015, President of Perwakilan Dubai, YBhg. Datin Roslina Md Rawi hosted a breakfast meeting involving spouses of prominent business tycoons in Dubai, UAE. Among those present were YBhg. Puan Sri Puspa A.K. Nathan, spouse of Tan Sri A.K. Nathan, Ms. Wong Kai Li and Ms. Shaline Nathan.

The breakfast meeting was a gesture of goodwill between the Perwakilan Dubai and also prominent spouses to further engage and collaborate in the upcoming events.



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF MALAYSIA – BAZAAR RAMADHAN 2015

On 19 June 2015, the Consulate General of Malaysia, Dubai organized Bazaar Ramadhan in the compound of the Chancery. The event was attended by more than 200 food lovers especially foreigner and Malaysians residing in Dubai. More than 10 different stalls selling various types of cuisines were operated by Malaysians residing in Dubai.

Among food items served were nasi lemak, satay, fried noodles, traditional cakes and drinks. Visitors who came to the bazaar hoped that such event will become a monthly occasion so that the demand for Malaysian delicacies in Dubai could be met.



Meanwhile, the main purpose of this event is to strengthen the relationship among Malaysians through public diplomacy. The event began at 4.00pm and ended at 8.30pm.

## IHYA RAMADHAN & IFTAR PERDANA PROGRAMMES



The Consulate General of Malaysia in collaboration with MY-UAE co-organised “Ihya Ramadhan and Iftar with Malaysian Expatriats” at Nasa Villa Clubhouse, Dubai. The two events were attended by more than 250 Malaysians together with their families from Dubai. A short tazkirah was delivered by Ustaz Mohd Izzam to fellow Muslims at the hall. The IFTAR was prepared in the spirit of togetherness and public diplomacy. Those events provide opportunities for all Malaysians for networking in the Holy Month of Ramadhan.

## FORUM ON ISLAMIC FINANCE ORGANISED BY MY-UAE



On 15 May 2015, MyUAE organised Forum on Islamic Finance at Al Nasa Clubhouse in conjunction with the Israk and Mikraj celebration. A similar event was organised last year but on a different subject. The event was participated by more than 100 Malaysians.

H.E. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin, Consul General of Malaysia gave an introductory speech to all and introduced new members of the Consulate General Office to all. Two speakers (experts in Islamic Banking) gave their views and thoughts on Islamic Banking. Their explanations were indeed an eye opener for most of the participants.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> UCMAS NATIONAL ABACUS AND MENTAL ARITHMETIC COMPETITION

On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2015, UCMAS National Abacus and Mental Arithmetic Centre organised a nationwide mathematics competition for students in Al Nasr Leisureland, Dubai. The event was attended by more than 1200 students and 2000 parents. The annual event was widely anticipated by fellow students to showcase their talents in mental arithmetic.

The event was officiated by Prof Dr. Dino, the founder of UCMAS. So far, there are more than 1.2 million students enrolled in UCMAS centres all around the world. The success of this event clearly shows that Malaysians are really capable in creating and building own branding. UCMAS is also a platform which showcases Malaysia's talent in global education system.



## 8<sup>TH</sup> SMIIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The 8<sup>th</sup> SMIIC General Assembly this year was held in The Intercontinental Hotel Festival City, Dubai from 4-5 May 2015. Malaysia was represented by 13 members from MOSTI, MITI, JAKIM, Halal Industry Development Corporation, MITRANS and a private company, PERSIS Management Sdn. Bhd.

Officers from the Embassy of Malaysia in Abu Dhabi, Consulate General Malaysia, Dubai and MATRADE Dubai were also present at the location as observers. Malaysia has the largest delegation present during the GA.

## MALAYSIAN EVACUEES FROM YEMEN



Due to the ongoing civil war in Yemen, Malaysia has decided to bring back all its nationals in the conflict stridden country. Malaysians in Yemen mostly are scattered in three different regions namely Sana'a, Aden and Hadramawt.

The Consulate General of Malaysia, Dubai was one of few Missions tasked to assist Malaysians during their transit in Dubai. The first group of 41 Malaysians transited at Dubai International Airport on 7 April 2015 and the second group consists of 42 Malaysians transited on 16 April 2015.

## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE TO THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE ON THE DEMISE OF THE LATE LEE KUAN YEW

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, former Prime Minister of Singapore, the late Lee Kuan Yew passed away leaving behind his legacy. The Consulate General of the Republic Singapore in Dubai opened its premise for diplomatic corps to sign condolence book in honour of Mr. Lee Kuan Yew.

The Consulate General of Malaysia in Dubai was represented by H.E. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin to pen the condolence message in the premise.



## CONDOLENCE MESSAGES



The Consulate General of Malaysia in Dubai has received condolence messages from H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance of the UAE on the passing of the late Tan Sri Dr. Jamaluddin Jarjis and Dato' Sri Azlin Alias on the recent helicopter tragedy. The same message was also received from H.E. Mirza Al Sayegh, Vice Chairman of Emirates National Oil Company (ENOC) and the Treasurer of Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum Foundation.



HRH Princess Haya binti Al Hussein, President of the International Federation of Equestrian (wife of the Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai) also extended condolence messages to YB Khairy Jamaluddin, Minister of Youth and Sports and Puan Sri Kalsom (the widow of the late Tan Sri Jamaluddin Jarjis).

They also offered condolences to the families and friends of those on board the ill-fated helicopter. In a phone conversation with the Consul General of Malaysia, H.E. Mirza thanked Dato' Sri Azlin Alias for his dedication in enhancing relations between Malaysia and the Dubai Government.

## THE KING OF FRUITS IN DUBAI



Durian seasons are a much awaited thing for every Malaysians. But it is a different story in Dubai. Thailand has tried to venture into Dubai market on a small scale the Agriculture Office look at this on a positive angle. Base on the successful entry of frozen durian to the China market by FAMA, Agriculture Office believes it is possible to penetrate to the Dubai market on such manner.

Food sampling and tasting is in a pipeline as this would give the local consumers a better chance to try the durians. Hopefully they will have a better impression on the fruit and hope durians will be accepted on a larger scale after this by the Dubai consumers.

## WORKING VISIT AGRICULTURE CONSUL TO ISTANBUL, TURKEY 14-19 JUN 2015

After a successful breakthrough into the Dubai market, the agriculture office in Dubai felt that it is time to venture at other market as well. We organized a working visit to Istanbul, Turkey and with the assistance of Matrade Istanbul, we managed to meet few fruits trading companies that are ever willing to try and import our Malaysian fruits to Turkey via Istanbul.

Malaysian fruits have better advantages compare to our competitors and base on this we have agreed to work together with Ideal Tarim, one of the biggest importers of fruits in Istanbul who also carries the famous Verita brand in Turkey. We are planning to organize a market awareness campaign and probably would be organizing a Malaysia Fruits Week within this year as a kick start to promote our fruits to the consumers.



# ACTIVITIES



Farewell Event



HBS Consulate General of Malaysia



Arabian Travel Market



IFTAR and IHYA Ramadhan



Tilawah Al Quran Dubai, UAE



Perdana Symposium Delegates from JAKIM



Tourism Malaysia meeting with HH Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum – CEO and Chairman of the Emirates Group



Evacuation of Malaysian students from Yemen



The signing for joint-marketing partnership between Tourism Malaysia and Etihad Airways at the Expo Milano 2015

# LIST OF VISITS TO DUBAI, UAE

## APRIL 2015

NO	VISIT	DATE
1	Transit of HRH Crown Prince of Johor	5
2	Visit of YB Minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government	6
3	Visit of HRH Crown Prince of Pahang	11-14
4	Transit of YB Minister of Tourism and Culture	12
5	Visit of YB Minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government	12-14
6	Transit of YB Foreign Minister	13
7	Transit of HRH Crown Prince of Johor	13
8	Visit of YBhg. Tan Sri Rais Yatim	15-16
9	Transit of YB Minister of Tourism and Culture	20
10	Transit of YB Minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government	21
11	Transit of YAB Chief Minister of Negeri Sembilan	23
12	Transit of HRH Crown Prince of Pahang	26
13	Transit of YB Minister of Tourism and Culture	27
14	Visit of HRH Crown Prince of Pahang	30 – 4 May

**MAY 2015**

<b>NO</b>	<b>VISIT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Visit of YAB Chief Minister of Sarawak	1-3
2	Working Visit of YB Minister of Tourism and Culture	4-7
3	Transit by YB Minister of Works	10
4	Stop over by YAB Chief Minister of Sarawak	10
5	Transit by HRH Crown Prince of Johor	11
6	Transit by YB Minister of Tourism and Culture	11
7	Private Visit by YB Minister of Rural and Regional Development	12-14
8	Transit by YB Minister of Tourism and Culture	17
9	Transit by YAB Chief Minister of Pahang	18
10	Transit by YB Minister of Tourism and Culture	20
11	Transit by YB Minister of Works	22
12	Transit by YAB Chief Minister of Pahang	24
13	Transit by YB Minister of Home Affairs	26
14	Working Visit by YB Minister in the Prime Minister's Department	30
15	Transit by YB Minister of Health	31

## JUNE 2015

NO	VISIT	DATE
1	Transit by YB Minister of Home Affairs	1
2	Transit by YB Minister of Foreign Affairs	8
3	Stop over YB Minister of Finance II	8-9
4	Transit by YAB Chief Minister of Johor	11
5	Transit by YB Minister of Finance II	12
6	Transit by YAB Chief Minister of Pahang	12
7	Transit by YAB Chief Minister of Johor	20
8	Transit by YBhg. Secretary General of the Ministry of Defence	23 & 29

## NEW HBS

1	Mr. Albony bin Basir	Vice Consul MW Dubai
2	Mr. Norsyam bin Abdul Rahman	Education Attaché

## OUTGOING HBS

1	Mr. Syahrom bin Mohd Su	Vice Consul MW Malaysia
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