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## Hari Sukan Negara

The Consulate General office in Frankfurt joined in the celebration for Hari Sukan Negara on 10 October 2015. The bowling game was co-organized with Malaysia Club Deutschland (MCD). The winner was Encik Abu Bakar Mat, spouse of Consul (MARA). Everyone had an enjoyable day sweating it out at the bowling alley. The



coordination with MCD also gave both

Consulate Officials and Malaysians in Frankfurt opportunity to bond. Celebrity Chef Datoq Ismail Ahmad was also present at the event.



## Meeting with Marriott Frankfurt for Promotional & Outreach events

The Consul General Adina Kamarudin met with MCD members and management staff from the Marriott Hotel in Frankfurt to discuss the organisation of Malaysia Food Promo (14 & 15 October 2015) and ASEAN outreach activity (17 October 2015). Both events were held at Marriott Frankfurt.



## ANUGA Food Fair 2015

Consul General Adina Kamarudin and Dato Ismail Ahmad, Tourism Malaysia Advisor (Gastronomy) visited the Malaysian venue on 14 October 2015. Three Malaysian Pavilions were organised by MATRADE Frankfurt. A total of 25 companies from Malaysia took part in ANUGA 2015.



## Malaysian Food Promotion



The Malaysian Food Promotion featuring Johor specialties was held at the Marriott Frankfurt on 14 and 15 October 2015. It was a joint-event between the Consulate General of Malaysia in Frankfurt, the Malaysian Club Deutschland (MCD), Tourism Malaysia, the Johor



Heritage Foundation and the Frankfurt Marriott. It was also a collaboration between Chef Datoq Ismail Ahmad, Tourism Malaysia Advisor (Gastronomy) and Marriott's Executive Chef Thomas Fahr. Hotel guests, business visitors to the Frankfurt Book Fair and guests of Malaysia



came together and indulged in a real Malaysian feast with many Johorean specialties at Frankfurt Marriott's Brasserie. The 2 day event was sold out on both nights.

## Frankfurt Book Fair 2015

The world's largest Book Fair was here from 13 - 18 October 2015 with 7,100 exhibitors from more than 100 countries, around 270,000 visitors, over 4,000 events and some 9,000 accredited journalists. It also gathered key players from other media, including the film and games industries. Since 1976, the Book Fair has featured an annual Guest of Honour country, which showcases its book market, literature and culture to attendees in a variety of ways. This year's guest of honor was Indonesia.



The Malaysian Pavilion was situated at Hall 4. It served a 105 member delegation, the largest by far since the country first participated almost 25 years ago. 10 books from Malaysia were launched at the Frankfurt Book Fair. The Consul General launched six books.



For the first time ever, the Frankfurt Book Fair teamed up with the World Cookbook Fair and had a dedicated hall (Hall 3) for culinary publishing trade. In conjunction with the new interesting development, three Malaysian cookbooks were launched at the Malaysian Pavilion. Malaysian cookbook author Mrs. Mohana Gill won **Best of the Best World Gourmand Award** for her book **Fruitastic**



### Malaysia Ball 2015: An ASEAN Evening

17 October 2015 was a big night for the Consulate General of Malaysia as it organised the Malaysia Ball 2015: An ASEAN Evening. The event was organized together with MCD in partnership with Tourism Malaysia Frankfurt, Johor State Government and the Johor Heritage Foundation. Over 300 guests attended the event.



Tourism Malaysia Advisor . Gastronomy Chef Datoq Ismail Ahmad and Marriott's Executive Chef Thomas Fahr prepared delicious dishes for the distinguished guests, HE Ambassador Datoq Zulkifli Adnan and wife Datin Siti Hawa Othman, Datoq Haji Baderi Dasuki (Deputy



Speaker of Johor State Legislative Assembly) as well as Consuls General from Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and Nepal. Both Chefs were assisted by MCD members and Consulate Officials.



The Consulate General of Malaysia successfully managed to invite participants from Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam to make it an ASEAN affair. Yayasan Warisan Johor performed interesting dances



to the delight of the crowds. A big thank you to all dancers for a wonderful performance! The event was indeed a huge success.

## Hi-Tea for Johor State Delegation



Consul General Adina Kamarudin hosted a Hi-Tea for the Johor delegation and the officials of Yayasan Warisan Johor (Johor Heritage Foundation). The Hi-Tea was hosted on 18 October 2015 following a week of successful events involving the delegation and dancers. The Head of Johor Delegation Dato Hj. Baderi Dasuki presented the Consul General with jerseys of Johor Darul Ta'zim Football Club (JDT).



## Authors' Exchange

In addition to several book launches at the Frankfurt Book Fair, Consul General Adina Kamarudin also organized a special **Authors' Exchange** ceremony at the Official Residence. Two groups of authors who wrote books on Johor recipes (The Johor Palate and Medan



Selara Odyssey) presented their books in a single ceremony which was witnessed by the Consul General on 18 October 2015.

## Visit to Niedernberg

Consul General Adina Kamarudin met with Mayor Jürgen Reinhard of the city of Niedernberg in Bavaria on 12 November 2015. Also present at the meeting was Mr. Thomas Dominik of RV Germania Niedernberg. The



Malaysian Cycle team trained under Mr. Dominik for three weeks in October 2015 to prepare them for the UCI Indoor Cycling World Championship. Malaysia hosted last year's World Championship which took place from 20 to 22 November 2015. Mr. Thomas Dominik joined the team in Malaysia to observe their performance.



## Deepavali Gathering by MCD



The Consul General attended the Deepavali Gathering organized by MCD at the Bombay Lounge Indian Restaurant in Frankfurt on 15 November 2015. A total of 60 people all dressed in Deepavali fineries joined in to celebrate the occasion.



Members were given prizes on Trivia Lucky draws and the top prize was a 3 night stay at a hotel in Munich which was won by Jacqueline & Ralf Bubbenheim.



## Visit by Sarawak Delegation



Housing Minister Datuk Amar Abang Haji Johari Tun Openg was in Frankfurt from 22 to 25 November, representing the Chief Minister of Sarawak to witness the signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Sarawak Methanol Sdn Bhd



and Air Liquide Global E&C Solution, Germany. With the MoU, Sarawak Methanol will work towards developing, financing, building, owning and operating methanol plant in Sarawak with Air Liquide as its technology partner. Consul General, Consul (Investment) and Deputy Director of Tourism Malaysia Frankfurt joined the delegation for lunch after the signing of the MoU.





### HE Ambassador's Visit to Frankfurt

HE Ambassador DatoqZulkifli Adnan has visited Frankfurt a couple of times before, but his first visit to the Consulate General was on 26 November 2015. Everyone at the Consulate was excited to meet him in person. HE Ambassador held an informal session with the locally recruited staff and shared his experiences with them. The visit was concluded with a delicious Malaysian luncheon. Your Excellency Ambassador, you are always welcome back!



### 7<sup>th</sup> German Malaysian Round Table (GMRT)

The German Malaysian Round Table took place on 26 November 2015. HE Ambassador DatoqZulkifli Adnan was the guest of honor and gave a very interesting speech on the current situation in Malaysia and his personal experiences in Germany. Most importantly, he briefed the participants on the recently concluded ASEAN Summit and the importance of the ASEAN Economic Community which will be rolled out at the end of December 2015.



The keynote speech was delivered by Ms. Maria Laura Lanzeni, Head of Emerging Markets at Deutsche Bank. During the panel discussion, moderators Dr. Rasner and Paramsothy T-Göbel welcomed four entrepreneurs to their panel: Mr. Alexander Hummel, Managing Director of DÖKA Europe, PD Dr. Andreas Ufen, Senior Research Fellow at the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies, Mr. Martin Haase, Head of Sales at

VTU Engineering Germany and Mr. Christian Wachtmeister, Head of Corporate Development at Mühlbauer. They all shared very positive experiences on building businesses and investing in Malaysia and proved that the country is interesting and appealing in many different ways. PD Dr. Andreas Ufen gave the audience an insight into Malaysian traditions and socio-economic as well as historical developments.



### Last Staff Meeting of 2015

On 11 December 2015, Consul General Adina Kamarudin held a meeting with the local staff. It was a time to reflect on the passing year and discuss upcoming events for 2016. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a wonderful combination of German and Malaysian dishes. And believe it or not: Santa Clause found his way through our chimney and had presents for all of us. That was a very nice surprise! To all of you we wish a happy and blessed New Year 2016.



### Meeting with IIK Duesseldorf

On 18 August 2015, Consul for Education and Training had a meeting with the *Institut für Internationale Kommunikation e.V. (IIK)* in Düsseldorf. IIK is an institute which provides language courses for JPA scholars during bridging program. This program began when scholars arrived in Germany at the end of March 2015. At the end of the course, scholars sit for language examination called TestDaF to qualify for Universities of Applied Sciences in Germany. The Consul also took the opportunity to meet scholars and ensure that the facilities provided are conducive for the students.



### Selbst-Entwicklungsprogramm 2015



From 9 to 11 October 2015 JPA organized a self-development program called *Selbst-Entwicklungsprogramm 2015* for JPA scholars in collaboration with



Talent Corp. held at the Youth Hostel Mannheim. The aim was to enhance students' motivation towards achieving higher goals in their studies. Talent Corp. provided a Master Trainer for this program, Dr Tengku Naufal Tengku Mansur. Datin Dr. Roslina Ahmad Mokhtar, Director of Human Capital Management Division, Public Service Department was also present during the closing ceremony when all 89 participants received their certificate of excellence from JPA.



### Semesteranfang 2015 and Maal Hijrah

On 24 October 2015, three students' associations in Germany AZIM Jerman, Malaysia German Students' Society (MGSS) and MaraKumpel collaborated and organized a special program for students at the Consulate General of Malaysia in Frankfurt.



Consul General Adina Kamarudin was also

present and delivered her remarks to students after congregational zohor and hajat prayer. The purpose of "Semesteranfang 2015 and Maal Hijrah" was to prepare students for the upcoming Winter Semester 2015. A total of 40 JPA and MARA scholars attended the program.

### Meeting with Student Leaders from MGSS, MARAKumpel & AZIM Jerman

Madam Rohana Mohd Yunus, Consul for MARA and Mr. Syarqawi Muhammad, Consul for Education and Training, held a meeting with student leaders from three students' associations in Germany, i.e MGSS, MaraKumpel and AZIM Jerman at the Consulate General on 24 October 2015. The meeting was held to plan and synergize future cooperation among students' associations in Germany.



## Hiking with students in Buehlertal



JPA Frankfurt collaborated with Malaysian-German Students Society (MGSS) to organize a hiking



program in Buehlertal, Buehl on 14 November 2015. 19 students participated in the program. Everyone enjoyed a fantastic day out in nature that weekend.

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## Meeting with International Office at HS Nuremberg and HS Reutlingen



On 16 and 17 November 2015, Consul for Education and Training Mr. Syarqawi Muhammad and Consul for MARA



Madam Rohana Mohd Yunus held meetings with the International Offices of HS Nuremberg and HS Reutlingen at their respective offices. Representatives from IIK were also present during both meetings. Sessions were followed by informal meetings with students at both institutions. The Consuls had the opportunity to discuss with students on their needs and also on challenges they face while pursuing their studies in Germany.



## Working Visit of MARA Chairman to Germany



MARA Chairman Tan Sri Annuar Musa and delegation held a working visit to Germany from 17-19 December 2015. During his visit he met with representatives of the University of Applied Sciences in

Aschaffenburg and also visited MARA students' lodgings there. The visit enabled MARA as an organization to ensure that students' needs are met whilst at the same time reinforcing the message to them to successfully complete their studies.



In addition, Tan Sri and HE Ambassador Datoq Zulkifli Adnan accepted the invitation to attend the Official Opening of the Winter Games 2015 in Mannheim on 20 December 2015. Tan Sri officiated the opening. Both him and HE Datoq Ambassador delivered speeches at the opening session. More than 120 students attended the event. A dialogue was

also held on current issues in Malaysia. It was a good opportunity for the students to obtain explanation and clarification on some issues that have been flooding the Social Media lately.

## Travel alert



### **To all travelers: Please be advised!**

There have been many incidents lately of travel documents reported stolen. Please take special care when in public places. Do not leave luggage or bags unattended and be on the lookout for pickpocket activities, especially near central bus stations and on trains.

If you do fall victim and your travel documents are stolen, please contact the Consulate General at [consular@malcg.de](mailto:consular@malcg.de). We will assist in obtaining a new passport or an emergency certificate.

## Trivia on Malaysia

1. What is the name of the oldest and the only complete human skeleton found in Malaysia?
2. Which floor is sometimes skipped in Malaysian buildings and why?
3. What is the name of the most expensive and best quality crude oil in the world?

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### The correct answers from last issue are:

- 1) Durian - the king of fruits draws passionate reactions. Most people either hate it or adore it. "It smells like hell and tastes like heaven".



- 2) According to a survey reported in 2010, Malaysians had the largest number of friends on Facebook, with an average of 233. Japanese were the pickiest with only 29 friends.



- 3) The Sultanate of Kedah is one of the oldest in the world (1136).



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