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HIGHLIGHTS, OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2015

Positive Period for Trade and Investment Relations



The Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) Office in Dubai led a Specialised Marketing Mission on Oil and Gas to Kuwait to take part in the Kuwait Oil and Gas Show, 10-14 October 2015



YAM Tengku Nong Fatimah Sultan Ahmad Shah, Chairperson of Kuwait-Malaysia Business Council (MKBC) (Malaysia Chapter) led the Council on its inaugural business mission to Kuwait and met with Government leaders, officials and the Kuwaiti business community, 31 October – 3 November 2015



YAM Tengku Nong Fatimah and MKBC delegation meets with H.E. Dr. Ali Saleh Al-Omair, then Minister of Oil, Ministry of Oil and Kuwait Petroleum Corporation officials

Meeting with Kuwait Direct Investment Promotion Authority (KDIPA)



Business matching session between MKBC and Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry



YAM Tengku Nong Fatimah calls on H.E. Sheikh Mohamad Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs and Acting Minister of Electricity and Water



YAM Tengku Nong Fatimah calls on H.E. Yasser Hassan Abdul, Minister of State for Housing Affairs



YAM Tengku Nong Fatimah calls on H.H. Sheikha Fariha Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah



H.E. Tan Sri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Governor of the Central Bank of Malaysia (Bank Negara) participated at the Islamic Finance Conference, themed "Islamic Finance: Meeting Global Aspirations" at Sheraton Kuwait in Kuwait City on 11 November 2015

Meetings with Senior Government Officials



Ambassador Ahmad Rozian called on H.E. Ambassador Jasem Al-Mubaraki, Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 28 October 2015

Ambassador Ahmad Rozian called on H.E. Ambassador Abdulazeez A. Al-Sharikh, Director General of the Saud N. Al-Sabah Diplomatic Institute on 3 December 2015



Ambassador Ahmad Rozian called on H.E. Ambassador Ali Sulaiman Al-Saeid, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 23 December 2015

Meetings with Heads of Semi-Government Agencies and Commercial Leaders



Ambassador Ahmad Rozian met with Mr. Hamad Abdulmohsen Al-Marzouq, Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Kuwait Finance House (KFH) at the latter's office in Kuwait City on 15 December 2015

ASEAN ACTIVITIES IN KUWAIT

Ambassador Ahmad Rozian chairs the ASEAN Committee in Kuwait (ACK) for 2015. The ACK comprises the respective Ambassadors of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. Major ACK events in the period of October to December 2015 included the ACK Family Day on 30 October 2015 and the ASEAN Outreach Programme and ACK Chairmanship Handing-Over Ceremony on 8 December 2015.



Farewell Dinner hosted by Ambassador Ahmad Rozian, in his capacity as Chairman of the ACK for 2015 in honour of H.E. Toshihiro Tsujihara, Ambassador of Japan, 6 October 2015



5th ASEAN Committee in Kuwait (ACK) Meeting for 2015 at the Embassy of Malaysia, 21 October 2015



**ASEAN Committee in Kuwait Family Day,
30 October 2015**





The ASEAN Ambassadors made a joint courtesy call on H.E. General (Ret.) Ahmad A. Al-Rujaib, Governor of Mubarak Al-Kabeer at the latter's office in Qurain on 25 October 2015

The ASEAN Ambassadors made a joint courtesy call on H.E. Sheikh Faisal Al-Humoud Al-Malek Al-Sabah, Governor of Farwaniyah at the latter's office on 5 November 2015



The ASEAN Ambassadors made a joint call on H.E. Ambassador Abdulazeez Al-Sharikh, Director General of the Saud N. Al-Sabah Kuwait Diplomatic Institute, 16 November 2015

ASEAN Outreach Programme and ACK Chairmanship Handing-Over Ceremony, 8 December 2015



On 8 December 2015, Ambassador Ahmad Rozian hosted an ASEAN Outreach Programme and ACK Chairmanship Handing-Over Ceremony at the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait. The event was attended by the Ambassadors of the ASEAN Member States to Kuwait, their spouses and their Embassies' respective members of the ACK Working Group. Ambassadors and officials of ASEAN Dialogue Partners, as well as government officials, journalists, academics and university students also attended the event





Ambassador Ahmad Rozian hands over the ACK Chairmanship to H.E. Phouangkeo Langsy, Ambassador of Lao People's Democratic Republic, who will assume the ACK Chair for 2016



MALAYSIAN STUDENTS IN KUWAIT



Session and Lunch with Students, 2 October 2015



**HIGHLIGHTS OF EVENTS WITH THE MALAYSIAN
COMMUNITY**



National Sports Day, 2, 3 and 10 October 2015



Malaysian Association Kuwait (MAK) Family Day, 12 December 2015



GETTING TO KNOW YOU

The Embassy of Malaysia is pleased to introduce this new section, to allow the Malaysian community in Kuwait to get better acquainted with officials from the Embassy, as well as members of the Malaysian community. Any member of the Malaysian community is welcomed to submit admissions with pictures (1 to 2 pages in MSWord format) to mwkuwait@kln.gov.my under the header (MWKUWAIT ENEWSLETTER READER SUBMISSION). The Embassy may make minor editorial amendments to submissions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mohd Faeiz bin Mohd Nor

Assalamualaikum wbt.

Terlebih dahulu ingin saya memperkenalkan diri. Nama saya Mohd Faeiz dan bekerja dalam bidang Telekomunikasi. Mula bekerja di Kuwait pada bulan Jun 2006. Selain dari Kuwait saya juga pernah bekerja di Argentina, China, Thailand, Kazakhstan, Iran dan UAE.



Alhamdulillah kami diberi peluang mencari rezeki di bumi Kuwait ini. Syukur saja dapat tengok anak-anak membesar depan mata. Tapi walau macam mana kaya pun Kuwait, Malaysia tetap nombor 1 di hati. Sepanjang 9 tahun di sini kami juga dapat mengenali dengan lebih rapat 3 orang Duta iaitu TYT Dato Ashaary, TYT Dato Adnan dan TYT Rozian termasuk kakitangan Kedutaan yang lain.



Warganegara Malaysia di Kuwait tidak ramai namun hubungan kami seperti sebuah keluarga besar di antara pihak kedutaan, golongan profesional dan para pelajar.

Kebanyakan aktiviti luar kami di sini dijalankan di antara bulan Oktober hingga bulan Mei memandangkan cuaca yang terlampau panas pada musim panas. Bagi anak-anak, mereka berpeluang mengikuti kelas KAFA dan kami juga menghantar mereka mengikuti kelas Karate.



Pengalaman menunaikan Ibadah Umrah bersama keluarga dan rakan-rakan melalui jalan darat (van & bas) memang tidak dapat dilupakan. Walaupun perjalanan mengambil masa 11-13 jam namun kami termasuk anak-anak tetap sabar dan tabah.

Lim Chang Chao

Salam sejahtera kepada semua!

I am Lim Chang Chao, working as a Senior Shift Charge Engineer at Azzour CCGT2 Power Plant, since April 2009 under a Malaysia company, Malakoff Corporation Berhad on a 5-year contract basis, which was extended for another 5 years. I am one of the assignees from a group of 15 staff under company O&M Contract with ALGhanim International.

When I first heard about working in Kuwait in year 2009, I was shocked... then after communicating with a friend who had worked here from a year ago, I decided to take up this challenge, including bringing family here.





Life in Kuwait can be considered boring, am I biased? Yes, I am, I am always in favour of our lovely homeland. Most questions asked throughout this year by my very concerned relatives and friends are “How safe is Kuwait? Isn’t it located in a war zone, a country once invaded by Iraq? How safe is Kuwait? Is the Arab Spring spreading to Kuwait? Is ISIS next door?” and etc. I’m sure we all will answer with a smile.

But how my family “survives” this considered “boring” and “how safe” life for the past 6 years?

We are lucky that we have a group a friendly friends including those in MAK and MIK. These groups were formed for all Malaysians who are residing, working or studying in Kuwait. MAK from time to time organizes events such as Family day, Sports Day and Malaysian festive occasions such as Hari Merdeka, Hari Raya Aldilfitri, Hari Raya Haji Open house, etc. When these events are held, we can enjoy our Malaysian food such as Nasi Lemak, Lemang, Satay and many more.



Besides the events organized by MAK, we do have Hari Raya or Hari Raya Haji Open house by some individuals where Malaysian food is always served. Thus, we don’t miss too much our Malaysian food at all for past 6 years. As a Malaysian Chinese family, we always respect our Muslim friends and Kuwaiti Islamic environment. We have fully adapted to that. We hosted Chinese New Year Open Houses twice for past six years, where all our friends enjoyed our halal Chinese food, as well as the friendly atmosphere of get-together.

As for friendship, thank you to the kindness of all the Malaysian friends where ever we meet. We had been greeted with the warmest Salam. Small sporting activities, picnics and ‘makan-makan’ events also make us pre-occupied here. And our ‘Bahasa Malaysia’ is always used widely to avoid losing our fluency in our national language since English is spoken by the majority of people in Kuwait.

Another advantage is Kuwait’s geographical location, which makes travel very easy to every continent in the world, especially Europe. Travelling around has become our annual family event. During the summer holidays, we try to get out as long as possible. It's oven-hot and we try to not come back before September, if possible.

God willing, our past 6 years have been a trouble-free, enjoyable time in Kuwait. Thanks to the Embassy of Malaysia, friends and family in Kuwait. God Blessed, may all stay healthy and strong here.

Kathy Song Jen Yong

Hello my fellow Malaysians! I am Kathy from Johor. I've been living in Kuwait since January 2012 and have been working as a flight attendant with Kuwait Airways. Just like many other expatriates I have no idea about Kuwait before I came here. Well, I must say culture shock at first but now I am almost adapted to the culture and lifestyle here.

“Coffee or tea... coffee or tea...” yes, that is my job – flight attendant and it is the reason I am here in Kuwait. My company, Kuwait Airways brought me here. Most of the people think that being a flight attendant is all about holiday, high pay, parties and glamorous lifestyle. Let me tell you the truth, our lives are not as glamorous as how people think. Eat + fly + fly + fly + sleep are what we are doing every day. We don't really have that extra time for parties and if we do, we prefer to hibernate at home. So when do we go out? The answer: layover. As a Kuwait Airways flight attendant I have one to three, and sometimes four international layovers every month. I consider myself lucky as I get to visit different countries monthly for free and I'm actually getting paid to do so.



Visited the beautiful Taj Mahal while I was having my long layover in Delhi

Food plays an important role in my life and cooking is my biggest passion. To me the best remedy for homesickness is always food. To be more precise, Malaysian food. Whenever I miss home I cook, I eat and I instantly feel better. Nasi lemak, lontong, kari kambing, laksa and mee hoon goreng are the Malaysian dishes that always appear on my dining table. Where do I get my ingredients? Well, as you know I'm a flight attendant, I get my tofu and petai from Kuala Lumpur, tropical fruits from Bangkok, tea from Colombo and spices from India. Don't hate me. :-D



The view from my “office” window





Learning how to shoot at Mayadeen shooting range

Most of my friends especially the expatriates tell me Kuwait is boring and there is no place to hangout. Believe me, Kuwait is more like a hard candy with a surprise centre. There are so many places and events waiting for you to find out and explore especially during winter. Horse riding, camel riding, bicycling around the seaside, picnic and camping are activities that you can do during this season.

Shakshooka market, Qout Market (both markets are like our pasar malam), rooftop movie and “Yoga at the park” at Al Shaheed Park are events exclusive for winter which are free and open for public which cannot be missed.



My first bungee jump in Kuwait

Other than that, Friday market (flea market), Souk Al-Mubarakiya, Mayadeen shooting range, scientific centre, Messila Water Village, Paintball and Entertainment city are places available all year round where you can have fun



With my batch mate, Nina at Friday market

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2016

NO	HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	MALAYSIA / KUWAIT
1	Chinese New Year	8 and 9 February	Monday and Tuesday	Malaysia
2	Kuwait National Day	25 February	Thursday	Kuwait
3	Kuwait Liberation Day *	26 February	Friday	Kuwait
4	Labour Day	1 May	Sunday	Malaysia / Kuwait
5	Isra' Mikraj	5 May	Thursday	Kuwait
6	Wesak Day	21 May	Saturday	Malaysia
7	Birthday of SPB YDP Agong	4 June	Saturday	Malaysia
8	Hari Raya Aidil Fitri **	6 and 7 July	Wednesday and Thursday	Malaysia / Kuwait
9	Malaysia National Day	31 August	Wednesday	Malaysia
10	Arafah Day **	11 September	Sunday	Kuwait
11	Hari Raya Aidil Adha **	12 and 13 September	Monday and Tuesday	Malaysia / Kuwait
12	Malaysia Day *	16 September	Friday	Malaysia
13	Maal Hijrah	2 October	Sunday	Malaysia / Kuwait
14	Deepavali **	29 October	Saturday	Malaysia
15	Maulidur Rasul	12 December	Monday	Malaysia / Kuwait
16	Christmas	25 December	Sunday	Malaysia

Note:

1. Public holidays which fall on a Friday are not replaced by the next working day.
2. Public holidays which fall on a Saturday is carried forward to the next working day.
3. (*) Observed only