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## The Consulate General of Malaysia, New York



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## EVENTS HIGHLIGHT

### **Inauguration of New Malaysia Association of America (MAA) Committee Members**



*2015 Committee Members of MAA together with The Consul General of Malaysia to New York and Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations.*

QUEENS, NY - FEBRUARY 10: The Malaysia Association of America (MAA) held its New Committee Member Inauguration Night Celebrations on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2015. Since its establishments in 1984, MAA has been instrumental in the interaction between Malaysians and the Government of Malaysia in the US. MAA has helped represent Malaysia in the US with its events, activities and active role in the Asian community in New York.

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### **2015 Malaysian Chinese New Year Celebration organized by UMNO Club East Coast**



*2015 Chinese New Year Celebration – VIP Table. From left, TYT Ambassador Datuk Awang Adek (Ambassador of Malaysia to the US), TYT Ambassador Dato' Hussein Haniff (Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the UN), Mr Syamil Norshidi (President UMNO Club East Coast).*

QUEENS, NY - FEBRUARY 21: UMNO Club East Coast in collaboration with Malaysian Missions in Washington DC and New York hosted a Chinese New Year Celebration. Around 300 participants had attended the event including TYT Ambassador Datuk Awang Adek, TYT Ambassador Dato' Hussein Haniff, Consul



General Mr Abd Razak Abdul Wahab, officials from Malaysian Missions, Malaysian as

well as students from neighbouring area. The highlights of the event are including a cultural performance by the students namely lion dance, traditional dances and singing performance.

## Seri Puteri Symphonic Wind Orchestra: New York Wind Band Festival 2015



*Seri Puteri Symphonic Winds Orchestra performing at the New York Wind Band Festival*

MANHATTAN, NY - MARCH 9: World Projects Corporation, a company specializing in the organization of international performance tours has organized the 12<sup>th</sup> season of the New York Wind Band Festival with performances by Seri Puteri Symphonic Winds, Dobyns Bennett High School Concert Band and University of Wisconsin – Madison Wind Ensemble.

Founded in 1982, the Seri Puteri Symphonic Wind Orchestra has come a long way from when it first began: In the last four years, they have been invited to perform and compete in Singapore,



Australia and Austria. The orchestra has also bagged numerous

awards, including the gold award at the Singapore International Band Festival 2012, gold award at

the Australia International Music Festival 2013, second place at the Vienna Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival 2014 and silver awards at the New York Wind Band Festival 2015.

In their festival debut, the Seri Puteri Symphonic Wind Orchestra, consisting of 70 girls from Sekolah Seri Puteri, Cyberjaya, performed two classical pieces, Overture to Candide and Extreme Beethoven.

## LUNCHEON FOR CONSUL GENERAL FROM ASEAN HOSTED BY THE CONSUL GENERAL OF MALAYSIA, NEW YORK



*Consul General of Malaysia together with the Consul General of Indonesia (far right), the Consul General of Malaysia (second from right), the Consul General of Thailand (third from right) and the Consul General of Philippines (fourth from left). Missing from the picture, the Consul at the Consulate General of Singapore and the Consul at the Consulate General of Vietnam.*

MANHATTAN, NY - MAR 24: The Consul General of Malaysia hosted a monthly luncheon among Consul General of ASEAN. The luncheon was held in a Malaysian owned restaurant - Rasa and attended by the Consul General of Indonesia,

Thailand, Philippines as well as two Consuls from the Consulate General of Singapore and the Consulate General of Vietnam, which was the head of their respective mission. It is a long standing tradition in New York for each Consulate General of ASEAN Countries to take turns in hosting luncheon among their respective head of mission. The luncheon serves as a platform to exchange ideas on ways of promoting the ASEAN region, to discuss the current politic and economic development of the states under purview as well as to foster the spirit of togetherness among ASEAN countries.

## ***São Paulo State Youth Orchestra***



*The Consul General of Malaysia together with Tengku Ahmad Irfan Tengku Ahmad Shahrizal*

MANHATTAN, NY - MARCH 25: The São Paulo State Youth Orchestra makes its inaugural tour to the United States in collaboration with the Juilliard School. The featured soloist for the orchestra was Tengku Ahmad Irfan Tengku

Ahmad Shahrizal, a 16-year-old Malaysian prodigy from the Precollege Division of the Juilliard School.

Dr Yoheved Kaplinsky, a renowned classical pianist, lecturer and professor of music at the Juilliard School here, said the young man excelled in piano and composition. Tengku Irfan is not only a talented genius but a rare talent who, has shown "sophistication and depth" in his work, according to the piano professor Dr Yoheved Kaplinsky.

Heaping praise on the young Malaysian, Kaplinsky predicted that the teenager would make it in the music world since "he has all the ingredients of a wonderful musician" and that "his future is pretty much assured".

## ***New York – Washington DC Games 2015: Golf tournament***



*New York and Washington DC Golf Teams.*

POTOMAC, MD - APRIL 24: Upholding a long standing tradition between the two missions on the Eastern side of the United States of America to host the NY – DC games in alternate years, Malawakil Washington DC has hosted a golf tournament as a part of the 2015 NY – DC games. Other games namely Badminton, Futsal, Bowling and Karaoke were held on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2015.

## VISITS HIGHLIGHT

**Working visit by YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Ali Hamsa and Delegation from the Economic Planning Unit (EPU), Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU) as well as The Ministry of Works to Oklahoma**



*The delegation together with Officials from Oklahoma Turnpike Authority*

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - FEB 23: A delegation headed by the Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia; and comprising of several other Senior Officials namely, Director General of MAMPU, Director General of EPU, Secretary General of the Ministry of Works as well as several main industries player in Malaysia, made a working visit to Oklahoma City from February 21 until February 24, 2015.



The main objective of the visit is to gain understanding of the business model and the operations of the expressways in Oklahoma, under the management of the Oklahoma Turnpike Authorities. During the visit, the delegation had discussed the key success of managing the expressway while exploring the possibilities in adapting the same success strategies in Malaysia.

**Working visit by YB Khairy Jamaluddin to Boston, New York, Washington DC and Pennsylvania**



*YB Khairy Jamaluddin together with his delegation and key officials from The National Basketball Association*

MANHATTAN, NY- MAC 9: YB Khairy Jamaluddin together with his delegation consisting of key officials from the Ministry of Youth and Sports as well as UMNO Youth Leaders made a working visit to Boston (28 February – 1 Mac), New York (2 – 4 Mac), Washington DC (5 – 6 Mac) and Pennsylvania (7 Mac). In Boston, YB Khairy Jamaluddin delivered a speech on youth development. In New York, YB Khairy Jamaluddin and his delegation had meetings with key officials from the National Basketball Association, key officials from New York City Department of Parks & Recreation and numbers of key officials from major player of privately owned sport facilities. The main objective of the meetings is to learn the best practice of managing and promoting sports and the facilities. On 9 Mac 2015, YB Khairy Jamaluddin hosted a reception for Malaysian diaspora in –



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New York. In Pennsylvania, YB Khairy Jamaluddin officiated the inaugural East-Coast Festival (ECFest) 2015. ECFest 2015 is a collective student effort by Malaysian Students Associations at Penn State University (Penn State Malaysian Students Club), Drexel University (Drexel University Malaysian Students Association – MSA), the Malaysian Students' Debate Club (MSDC) and US East Coast Presidential Council (US.EPIC) with the backing and support of the Consulate General of Malaysia, New York and Education Malaysia Washington DC.



YB Khairy Jamaluddin during the officiating ceremony

YB Khairy Jamaluddin participating in Frisbee competition.



YB Khairy Jamaluddin together with TYT Ambassador Datuk Awang Adek, Consul General Mr Abd Razak Abdul Wahab,

Education Malaysia Director Prof Madya Dr. Md Amin Md Taff and students after the opening ceremony.

## Official visit by YTM Tengku Mahkota Kelantan to New York



His Royal Highness Crown Prince of Kelantan Kelantan together key officials from New York City Office of Emergency Management

MANHATTAN, NY- APRIL 6: His Royal Highness Prince Muhammad Faiz Petra together with his delegation from *Majlis Agama Islam dan Adat Istiadat Melayu Kelantan (MAIK)* made a working visit to New York from 5 – 14 April 2015. The main objective of the visit is to gain more knowledge on the disaster management in line with the recent unfortunate massive flooding in Kelantan. During the meeting with several agencies in New York, namely Red Hook Initiative, NYC Citizen Corps and New York Governor's Office of Emergency Management, the delegation has actively engage in discussions on how to prepare the public for emergencies through series of outreach, how to engage with voluntary and community-based organizations in planning, developing, and sharing resources to preparedness, public safety and local emergency response and managements.

## List of Activities

### January 2015

**6 – 9 January** : Working Visit by Deputy Secretary General of Management Services of Wisma Putra.

### February 2015

**10 February** : Inauguration of New Malaysia Association of America (MAA) Committee Members.

**11 February** : Farewell lunch for Vice Consul (Immigration).

**14 – 27 February** : Private visit by YB P.Kamalanathan S/O P. Panchanathan, Deputy Minister of Education II.

**21 – 26 February** : Working visit by YBhg. Tan Sri Dr. Ali Hamsa and Delegatio from the Economic Planning Unit (EPU), Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (MAMPU) as well as The Ministry of Works to Oklahoma.

**21 February** : 2015 Malaysian Chinese New Year Celebration organized by UMNO Club East Coast.

**22 – 23 February** : Working Visit YB Foreign Minister to New York in conjunction of UNSC.

**27 February - 9 Mac** : YB Minister of Youth and Sport's Visit to Boston, New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania.

### Mac 2015

**3 Mac** : YB Minister of Youth and Sport's Reception with Malaysian Diaspora.

**7 - 8 Mac** : East Coast Festival organized by Malaysian Students Associations and with the supports from Consulate General of Malaysia, New York and Education Malaysia, Washington DC.

**9 Mac** : Seri Puteri Symphonic Wind Orchestra: New York Wind Band Festival 2015.

**25 Mac** : São Paulo State Youth Orchestra featuring Tengku Irfan.

**24 Mac** : Luncheon hosted by Malaysian Consul General with other ASEAN Consul Generals.

**27 Mac** : Farewell Hi-Tea for TYT Ambassador Dato' Hussein Haniff.

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### April 2015

- 5 - 14 April** : Official visit by His Royal Highness Prince Muhammad Faiz Petra, Crown Prince of Kelantan to New York.
- 9 April** : Arrival of TYT Ambassador Dato' Ramlan Ibrahim, the New Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations.
- 10 April** : Tahlil for Allahyarham Tan Sri Dr. Jamaluddin Jarjis.
- 12 - 17 April** : Official by the Ministry of Finance, headed by Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Irwan Serigar Abdullah and accompanied by key officials from MOF, high ranking officer from Bank Negara and key players from major banks in Malaysia in line with *Penerbitan Sukuk Global 2015 Kerajaan Malaysia*.
- 26 April** : New York – Washington DC Games 2015: Golf tournament.
- 18 - 23 April** : Working Visit by YB Senator Dato' Sri Idris Jala to Boston to deliver a speech during finance conference organized by Harvard University.

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## LIST OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2015

NO.	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	DATE	DAY	OBSERVED BY
1.	New Year's Day	1 January	Thursday	Malaysia & USA
2.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 January	Monday	USA
3.	Presidents' Day	16 February	Monday	USA
4.	Chinese New Year	19 & 20 February	Thursday & Friday	Malaysia
5.	Memorial Day	25 May	Monday	USA
6.	Birthday of SPB Yang di-Pertuan Agong **	6 June	Saturday	Malaysia
7.	Independence Day**	4 July	Saturday	USA
8.	Hari Raya Aidil-Fitri*	17 July	Friday	Malaysia
9.	National Day	31 August	Monday	Malaysia
10.	Labor Day	7 September	Monday	USA
11.	Malaysia Day	16 September	Wednesday	Malaysia
12.	Hari Raya Aidil Adha*	24 September	Thursday	Malaysia
13.	Columbus Day	12 October	Monday	USA
14.	Awal Muharram	14 October	Wednesday	Malaysia
15.	Deepavali	10 November	Tuesday	Malaysia
16.	Thanksgiving Day	26 November	Thursday	USA
17.	Birthday of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W. (Maulidur Rasul)	24 December	Thursday	Malaysia
18.	Christmas Day	25 December	Friday	Malaysia & USA

- Note:**
- Holidays marked (\*) are subject to change.
  - Holidays marked (\*\*) will be observed but not to be taken into accounts as a holiday
  - Whenever a public holiday falls on Sunday, the following working day will be a holiday. And should that be already a holiday, then the following day will be observed as a holiday.