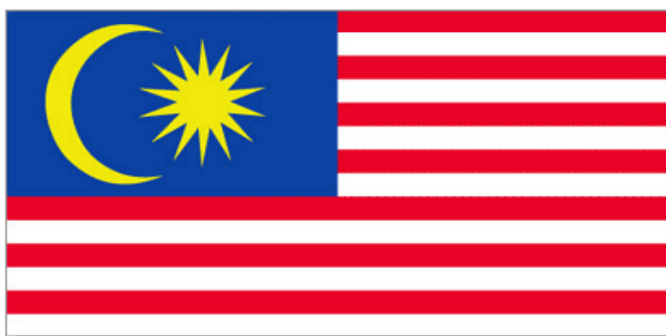


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## Newsletter



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### **LAUNCHING OF MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**



#### **MTCP Alumni Association**

H.E. Datuk Anuar Kasman, Ambassador of Malaysia to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) launched the establishment of MTCP Alumni Association of Bosnia and Herzegovina on 2 June at the Official Residence in Sarajevo. About 80 people attended the launching ceremony comprising alumni

members of MTCP and Malaysian Development Cooperation Programme (MDCP), as well as home based staff and their family members. In his welcoming remarks, the Ambassador applauded the establishment of the Association and hoped that it would provide the impetus for closer interactions between the Embassy and government officials in BiH. The Ambassador further hoped the newly established Association would help MTCP alumni to exchange information, share development experiences as well as acquire new knowledge.

Prior to the launching, Mr Loh Seck Tiong, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy presented a brief introduction of the MTCP. He said the newly established Association

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would help to establish a lasting relationship with MTCP alumni that would further enhance Malaysia – BiH relations.

### **MEETING WITH MAYOR OF BRCKO DISTRICT**



*Press conference, Brcko District*

H.E. Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman met with Mr. Anto Domic, Mayor of Brcko District, on 9 June at the latter's office. Brcko District BiH is a self-governing administrative separated from entity of Federation (FBiH) and the Republika Srpska.

During the meeting, both sides discussed on various scopes of cooperation such as higher education, agriculture, tourism as well as exploring business opportunities for private sectors to form joint-venture projects. Both sides also discussed on technical cooperation under the MTCP which would help to enhance human resource development in Brcko District.

### **VISIT BY THE ISLAMIC RELIEF, MALAYSIA AND TV3 OFFICIALS**



*Representatives of Islamic Relief Malaysia with Ambassador*

The Islamic Relief Malaysia, an international NGO and TV3 officials paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman on 19 June. The delegation visited BiH to attend 'Let us Build a Better Future' seminar organized by the Islamic Relief Worldwide, BiH as well as to fulfil their humanitarian mission in this country.

The Ambassador was briefed by Mr Zairulshahfuddin Zainal Abidin, Country Manager of the organization on projects to be undertaken in BiH.

### **THE EUROPE DAY-BRCKO 2015**



*Ambassador received 'Friend of BiH 2015' Award*

H.E. Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman joined envoys from ten other countries in Europe to

receive "Friend of BiH 2015" award from the Association of European Movement in BiH at the "*the Europe Day-Brcko 2015*" celebration. The award is in recognition of countries which have contributed to socio-economic development project during the reconstruction period (1996-2003) after the Bosnian war.

### **COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF DEFENSE, BiH**



*Ambassador with Minister Marina Pendes*

H.E. Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman paid a courtesy call on H.E. Ms. Marina Pendes, Minister of Defense of BiH on 30 June at her office in Sarajevo. Both sides discussed various matters pertaining defense cooperation between Malaysia and BiH. Both parties agreed to enhance the existing cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two countries.

## **COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF DISPLACED PERSONS AND REFUGEES**



*Ambassador with Minister Semiha Borovic*

H.E. Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman paid a courtesy call on Her Excellency Mrs. Semiha Borovac, Minister of Displaced Persons and Refugees of BiH on 3<sup>rd</sup> July at her Office in Sarajevo. They discussed key issues of mutual concern. Minister Borovac stated that BiH do not have problem of immigrants but rather displaced people and refugees. Minister Borovac thanked Malaysia for all the assistance that have been extended to help the resettlement of displaced people and refugees in BiH.

## **HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FROM MALAYSIA TO DOBOJ MEDICAL CENTRE**



On 7<sup>th</sup> July, representatives of MERCY Malaysia, a volunteer Relief Organisation that provided medical and humanitarian services locally

and abroad handed over medical equipment worth 21,000KM to the Dobo Medical Centre which were severely damaged by last year flood. H.E. Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman described the humanitarian assistance a reflection of good relations between BiH and Malaysia. Director of Dobo Medical Centre, Radoslav Nikolic noted that the Centre has received assistance amounting to 250,000KM. The money was collected by the Malaysian public while one part was donated by Tan Sri Vincent Tan. The medical equipment will fully furnish pediatric and physical therapy department that were totally destroyed by the flood. Mayor of Dobo, Obren Petrovic expressed his sincere thanks to the people of Malaysia for the assistance which he said is priceless to the Municipality of Dobo and its citizens.

## **THOUSANDS COMMEMORATE VICTIMS OF SREBRENICA GENOCIDE**



*Potocari Memorial Cemetery*

H.E. Ambassador Datuk Anuar Kasman attended the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary commemoration of the Srebrenica genocide held on 11 July to pay respect to the victims. Tens of thousands of people and foreign dignitaries -

including former US President Bill Clinton, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davutoglu, Britain's Princess Anne and Jordan's Queen Noor were also in attendance. The bones of 136 newly identified victims will be interred beneath marble gravestones in the Potocari memorial cemetery in eastern Bosnia, in what has become an annual ritual as the graves are discovered.

## **IFTAR FOR OIC AMBASSADORS HOSTED BY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BIH**



Minister of Foreign Affairs of BiH, Igor Crnadak hosted an Iftar for the OIC Ambassadors and CDAI on 14 July at the mountain resort in Jahorina. Mr Loh Seck Tiong, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy took the opportunity to thank the Minister for hosting the Iftar which he said will further enhance cooperation between the OIC and BiH in particular Malaysia.

## **VISIT TO THE AGENCY FOR IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTS, REGISTERS AND DATA EXCHANGE (IDDEEA), BIH**

Mr Loh Seck Tiong, Minister Counsellor of the Embassy visited the Agency for Identification Documents,

Registers and Data Exchange (IDDEEA) of BiH. Mr Vjekoslav Kolajić, Head of Department for International Cooperation of IDDEEA presented on the work of the Agency. A site visit to view the documentation process was held after the briefing.

During lunch, Minister Counsellor was briefed by Ms Edina Advic on her experience during the MTCP course and its relevance to her work. Ms Advic attended MTCP course last April.

Others in attendance were Ms Maya Ibrahimbegović, Head of the Office of the Director and Ms Edina Avdic, Senior Expert for Human Resources, IDDEEA/MTCP course participant (Managing Diversity). Minister Counsellor later hosted lunch for IDDEEA officials that were involved in the presentation.

## HOME BASED STAFF

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## UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

<i>Malaysia Day</i>	<i>16 September 2015</i>
<i>Aidil Adha-Hari Raya Qurban</i>	<i>24 September 2015</i>
<i>Aidil Adha-Hari Raya Qurban</i>	<i>25 September 2015</i>
<i>Awal Muharram</i>	<i>14 October 2015</i>
<i>Deepavali</i>	<i>10 November 2015</i>
<i>National Day of BiH</i>	<i>25 November 2015</i>
<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>25 December 2015</i>

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