

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN TOKYO JAPAN

NEWS BULLETIN

MALAYSIA'S SUCCESSFUL CHAIRMANSHIP OF ASEAN COMMITTEE IN TOKYO (ACT)

Malaysia handed over the Chairmanship of ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT) to Myanmar on 16 December 2015 after successfully chairing the group for the July-December 2015 period. Under its Chairmanship, Malaysia hosted three ACT meetings and led the group at various seminars and forums on ASEAN in Japan. As Chair, H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan was invited to speak at the Roundtable Meeting between the ACT and the ASEAN-Japan Business Council (AJBC), ASEAN-Japan Centre on the Outcome of the 27th ASEAN Summit and the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 and the 30th Anniversary of the IATSS Forum. Dato' Izlan was also invited to give a lecture to students at Nagoya University on Malaysia's Foreign Policy.



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan handing over the Chairmanship of the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT) to the Ambassador of Myanmar, H.E Turain Thant Zin on 16 December 2015



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan speaking at the ASEAN-Japan Centre on the outcome of the 27th ASEAN Summit and the IATSS 30th Anniversary Forum (below)

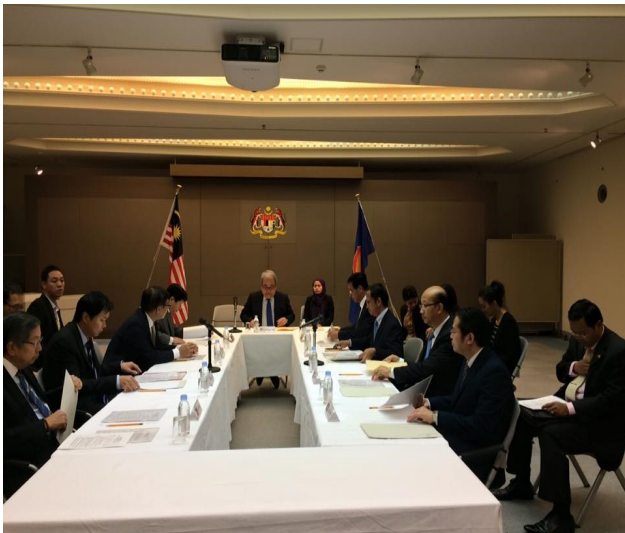


ASEAN COMMITTEE IN TOKYO (ACT) ACTIVITIES

Under Malaysia's Chairmanship, various activities and programme were held under the ACT. As the Chair of ACT, H.E. Dato' Ahmad Izlan delivered opening remarks and speeches on behalf of the ASEAN Ambassador's at various ASEAN functions such as the 5th ASEAN-HITACHI gathering and the 19th ASEAN- Sumitomo Year End Dinner Party hosted by Sumitomo Corporation.

Some of the ACT Programmes in the fourth quarter includes Luncheon with Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, 4th Friendship Golf Tournament between ASEAN Ambassadors and members of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly (TMA), Roundtable Meeting between the ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT) and the ASEAN-Japan Business Council (AJBC), Commemorative Ceremony for the 30th Anniversary of the International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences (IATSS) and ACT Golf Tournament 2015.

ASEAN Ambassadors also jointly hosted a farewell dinner for the Ambassador of Thailand, HE Sihasak Phuangkitkeow and Mme Varaporn Phuangkitkeow upon their completion of duty in Japan in December.



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan chairing the 272nd ACT Meeting at the Embassy followed by luncheon at the Residence



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan giving his speech at the farewell dinner in honor of the Ambassador of Thailand, HE Sihasak Phuangkitkeow and Mme Varaporn Phuangkitkeow at Palace Hotel



Mr. Toshiaki Higashihara, President and COO of HITACHI at the 5th ASEAN-HITACHI gathering and reception on 8 December 2015

ASEAN COMMITTEE IN TOKYO (ACT) ACTIVITIES



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan and Datin Rose Abdullah together with Mr Kazuo Ohmori, Chairman of the Sumitomo Corporation at the 19th ASEAN- Sumitomo Year End Dinner Party



Prize giving ceremony at the annual ACT Golf Tournament 2015



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan and Dr. Akio Mimura, Chairman, Japan Section of the AJBC at the Roundtable Meeting between ACT and the ASEAN-Japan Business Council (AJBC),



ASEAN Ambassadors at the ACT Luncheon with Mr. Akitaka Saiki, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs



The Malaysian team at the annual ACT Golf Tournament 2015

OUTREACH PROGRAMMES



The Embassy's Counsellor with Students from SMK Sultan Sulaiman Shah, Selangor



The Embassy's Counsellor and Assistant Defense Attaché with delegation from Kor SISPA

The Embassy received twenty-four students and teachers from SMK Sultan Sulaiman Shah, Selangor on 10 December 2015. The visit was part of the school's International Student Exchange Program 2015.

Student visits and lecture programmes were held throughout the year as part of the Embassy's Outreach Programme. The purpose of the outreach programme is to expose both Japanese and Malaysian students on the role and function of the Embassy as well as an introduction to Malaysian foreign policy.

The Embassy also received visit from the *Kor Siswa-Siswi Pertahanan Awam (KOR SISPA)*. The visit was part KOR SISPA's programme in Tokyo which aims at deepening their knowledge in disaster management and disaster relief efforts from the relevant authorities in Japan.

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES

H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan accompanied various Malaysian delegations in Japan throughout the period. The Malaysian Ministers that visited Japan from October -December 2015 period include YB Dato' Seri Mustapha Mohamad, Minister of International Trade and Industry, YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri bin Abdul Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Culture, YB Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh, Minister of Education, YB Datuk Seri Dr. S Subramaniam, Minister of Health and YB Datuk Seri Panglima Madius Tangau, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Dato' Ahmad Izlan also receives various courtesy calls and guests at his office during the period. The Ambassador also participated in the 2015 Japan Halal Expo as well as the 2015 Tourism Malaysia Osaka's familiarization tour to Okinawa.



Tourism Malaysia's Appreciation Night hosted by the Honorable Minister of Tourism and Culture, YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri bin Abdul Aziz, in honor of TM's Japanese partners.



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan with Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida at the briefing by the latter at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan with YB Dato' Seri Idris Jusoh, Minister of Higher Education for Malaysian during the latter's official visit to Tokyo on 13 December 2015



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and the Honorable Datuk Seri Panglima Madius Tangau, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation at the Welcoming Reception of the FNCA 16th Ministerial Level Meeting in Tokyo

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



2015 Malaysian Trade and Investment Promotion Mission in Tokyo and Osaka led by the Minister of International Trade, Dato' Seri Mustapha Mohamad . The Minister was accompanied by senior officials of MITI Malaysia, the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (MIDA), the Malaysian External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), various State Government Investment Agencies and a group of leading Malaysian businessmen .



Posing with the Malaysian delegation at the 2015 Japan Halal Expo



HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and the Director of Tourism Malaysia Osaka paying a courtesy call on the Governor of Okinawa.



Officiating the Malaysian Symposium in Meiji University organized by Team LEP and the student association of Japan



Dinner with Malaysia Okinawa Friendship Association

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES



Courtesy call on the Governor of Tokyo



Playing host to the ISPLN regional course at the Embassy



Media interview during the opening of the Halal Organic Restaurant in Tokyo



The VIPs and participants of the IATSS Forum in Suzuoka



Meeting the Governor of Suzuoka during the 30th Anniversary of the IATSS Forum



Accompanying the Minister of International Trade and Industry during the 2015 Trade and Investment Promotion Mission in Japan

EMBASSY'S ACTIVITIES

The Embassy officials participated in various programmes in the fourth quarter of 2015. Some of the important events included the hosting of meeting between the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) and ASEAN officials in charge of disaster to discuss issues relating to disaster management and disaster preparedness. The Embassy was also represented at the 50th Anniversary celebration of Josai University, engagement with the Ministry of Land and Infrastructure (MLIT)/Japanese Rail officers on high speed train as well as the reception to welcome Malaysian participants for youth programmes such as the Ship for Southeast Asia Youth Programme (SSEAYP 2015), Japan-ASEAN Youth Leaders Summit and the 30th Anniversary of the IATSS Forum.



Malaysia chaired the meeting between the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) and ACT officials in charge of disaster to further improve ACT Emergency Guidelines



Mr Hendy Assan, DCM at the celebration of 50 years anniversary of JOSAI University in Chiba



Malaysian participants at the welcome reception of the 42nd Ship of Southeast Asian Japanese Youth Programme 2015



Mr Hendy Assan, DCM at the Reception with executives of MLIT and Japanese leading rail companies at the Tokyo Station Hotel

FAREWELL LUNCH FOR DEPARTING COLLEAGUES

The Embassy hosted a farewell lunch for departing colleagues on 11 December 2015. We bid farewell to Major Zamri Rosdan, Assistant Defense Attaché and Ms Khairulnissa Shari, Stenographer who have completed their tour of duty in Tokyo. We wish them good luck in their new assignment back home.



Bound for Malaysia. Ms Khairulnissa Sharif



Major Zamri Rosdan giving his farewell remarks



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