

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN TOKYO JAPAN

NEWS BULLETIN

NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION 2015

The National Day of Malaysia reception was held at the Imperial Hotel Tokyo on 8 September 2015. About 400 guests attended the event. Her Excellency Ms. Yoko Kamikawa, Minister of Justice represented the government of Japan at the reception. Mr. Yoshiro Mori, Former Prime Minister and Mr Kenji Furuya, the President of Japan-Malaysia Parliamentarians Friendship League also attended the event. In his speech at the reception, H.E. Dato' Ahmad Izlan spoke on the upgrading of the bilateral relations between Malaysia and Japan where both countries agreed to elevate the relationship to that of a "Strategic Partnership" after 58 years of diplomatic relations. Dato' Ahmad Izlan also spoke on economic cooperation which has remained as one of the strongest pillars in Malaysia-Japan bilateral relations. Japan has consistently ranked among Malaysia's biggest trading and investment partners. The Ambassador also touched on the quintessential Look East Policy that has contributed tremendously to people-to people relations as well as Malaysia's priority as the current Chair of ASEAN.

In her reply speech, Ms Yoko Kamikawa spoke on the excellent bilateral relations both countries are currently enjoying and expressed her hope that more exchange of training programmes could be pursued to enhance the people-to people relations between both countries. Meanwhile, in his reply toast, Mr Kenji Furuya commended on the strong bilateral relations that has existed between Malaysia and Japan. He expressed his hope that both countries will continue to cooperate in various fields including the Halal industry .



The Reception Hall at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo



Her Excellency Ms. Yoko Kamikawa, Minister of Justice with HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan and Datin Rose Abdullah at the Reception

OUTREACH PROGRAMME



The Embassy Counsellor with participants from GRIPS



The Embassy's Second Secretary with Students from Tokiwa Junior High School, Saitama



The Embassy's Second Secretary with Students from Saitama Fudooka Senior High School



The Embassy's Education Counsellor with Students from Kolej Anggerik, UiTM

Student visits and lecture programmes were held throughout July-September as part of the Embassy's Outreach Programme. The purpose of the outreach programme was to expose both Japanese and Malaysian students on the role and function of the Embassy, For the Japanese school students, more focus was given on explaining the various cultural and geographical aspects of Malaysia. As for university level visits , focus were given on the various aspects of Malaysia's foreign policy and contemporary politics.

Throughout July-September, the Embassy received visits from the National Graduate Institute of Japan (GRIPS), Tokiwa Junior High School, Saitama and Saitama Fudooka Senior High School. A seminar on Malaysia's Foreign Policy was held with GRIPS' students while lecture for Junior and Senior High Schools focuses on the role of the Embassy and the introduction to Malaysia and its culture to the students. The Embassy also received incoming study visit from Kolej Anggerik, UiTM.

FAREWELL LUNCH FOR DEPARTING COLLEAGUE AND STAFF

The Embassy hosted a farewell lunch for departing and retiring colleague on 6 August 2015. We bid farewell to Pn. Noor Hidayu Hashim, Counsellor (HRD) and Mr. Hamdan Abdullah, Third Secretary who have completed their tour of duty in Tokyo. We wish them good luck in their new assignment back home.

We also wish a happy retirement and a big thank you to our staff, Ms. Keiko Yanagisawa and Ms. Hiroe Takasaki for their long and **dedicated service to the Embassy**. Both received their certificate of appreciation from H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan. Ms. Yanagisawa and Ms. Takasaki have served for 32 and 36 years respectively at the Embassy.



Ms Takasaki, Receptionist, receiving her certificate



Ms Yanagisawa, Translator, receiving her certificate



Bound for Malaysia. Mr Hamdan Abdullah, Third secretary,



Ms Noor Hidayu Hashim, Education Counsellor will be joining JPA upon her return home.

ASEAN COMMITTEE IN TOKYO (ACT) 2015

Malaysia is currently the Chair of ASEAN Committee in Tokyo (ACT) in Tokyo. Malaysia is the Chair of ACT from July-December 2015 period. Under Malaysia's Chairmanship, various programmes such as the ACT Family Day and Merdeka Golf Tournament were organized.

Programmes for the coming 4th Quarter includes the Roundtable Meeting between the ACT and the ASEAN-Japan Business Council (AJBC), ACT Golf Tournament 2015, 4th Friendship Golf Tournament between ASEAN Ambassadors and members of the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly and the Commemorative Ceremony for the 30th Anniversary of the International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences (IATSS).



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan chairing the 270th ACT Meeting at the Embassy

The ASEAN ACT Family Day 2015 was hosted by the Embassy of Lao PDR on 26 September 2016. ASEAN family enjoyed the carpet bowling competition and various other activities hosted at the Embassy. The President of Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly was the guest of honor of ACT at the event.



The ASEAN Ambassadors with the President and guests from the Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly

AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES

H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan attended various activities and function on his capacity as the Ambassador of Malaysia to Japan. Among the important activities include giving a talk entitled " Malaysia-Japan Relations- Towards a Strategic Partnership at the TOA Institution Seminar on 17 September 2015. Dato' Ahmad Izlan also attended and gave welcoming remarks at the launching of AirAsia X's inaugural flight from Kuala Lumpur to Sapporo on 2 October 2015. The event was held at the New Chitose Airport, Sapporo.

HE Dato' Ahmad Izlan also met various Japanese business leaders, senior government officials as well as various Malaysian delegations to Japan throughout the period.



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan receiving a memento from Tan Sri Rafizah Aziz, Non-Executive Independent Chairman of AirAsia X



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan attending the Ambassadors' breakfast hosted by Grand Hyatt Tokyo with the guest speaker Mr. Yoichi Masuzoe, the Governor of Tokyo who give talk on " Creating the Future Tokyo: 2020 and Beyond"



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan giving his talk at TOA Institution Seminar



H.E Dato' Ahmad Izlan paid a courtesy call on Mr Yoichi Masuzoe, Governor of Tokyo



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