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A WORD BY THE AMBASSADOR

Marhaban!



The Embassy of Malaysia in Abu Dhabi begin the year 2016 in style as it started operation at the new location in Marina Square, Reem Island. Sitting on level 19 of Tamouh Tower, the Embassy enjoys a commanding view of the city and the Reem Island. The view however was never the motive of the relocation. It was compelled by the need for additional rooms to accommodate the recent increase of home based officers from four to ten due to establishment of the Defence Attaché Office and the office of First Secretary (Economics). In many ways, the move reflects the growing importance of the mission as Malaysia expand the scope of relationship with the UAE.

Reem Island is the fourth location since the Embassy of Malaysia set our roots in Abu Dhabi. Looking back, each location was a reflection of the phases that the Embassy went through, in tandem with the transformation of Abu Dhabi over the last three decades. Records showed that the Embassy of Malaysia was established in Abu Dhabi in 1983, and was headed by a Charge d'affairs. Located at a busy intersection on Electra Street which was then the busiest part of the city. In 1991 the Embassy moved to Al Bateen, an exclusive area marked by palaces and wide roads lined by date-palm trees.



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In 2002 the level of representation was stepped up with the presence of a residing Ambassador and the Embassy moved to Al Muror area. It remained there for thirteen years until 2015 before moving to the recent location in Reem Island. Reem Island is a relatively new area which is still in the midst development.

Internally, the Embassy witnessed two transfers this year. In February, Counselor Pn. Mazita Marzuki and her family returned to Wisma Putra followed by Personal Assistant Pn. Sofiana Ab Wahab and her two children in July. As I welcome their replacements, En. Muhamad Akmal Abdul Wahab and Pn Malini Jaafar and their respective families, I can say with confidence that the transformed image of the Embassy will make the years ahead more productive, active and exciting for the Embassy.

Salam mesra

Dato' Ahmad Anwar Adnan





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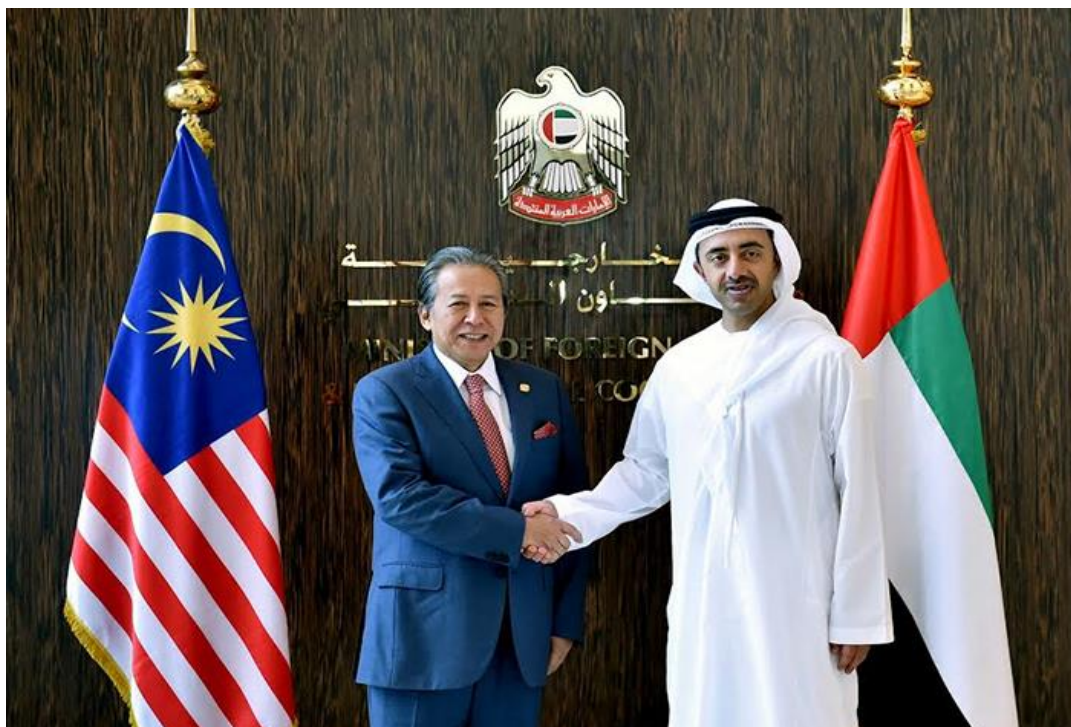
ACTIVITIES

OFFICIAL VISITS

The official visit of His Excellency Dato' Sri Anifah Hj. Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia to Abu Dhabi, UAE, 29-30 May 2016

H.E. Dato' Sri Anifah Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia undertook a visit to United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 29–30 May 2016 and was accompanied by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The primary purpose of the visit is to enhance bilateral relations, as well as to discuss regional and international issues of mutual interest.

H.E. Dato' Sri met HH Sheikh Abdullah Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of UAE on 29 May 2016. During the Meeting, the Ministers examined cooperation and friendly relations between the Malaysia and UAE as well as ways of promoting and backing these relations to serve the interests of both countries.





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LOCAL ACTIVITIES

APRIL 2016

PASAR MALAM ABU DHABI, 22 APRIL 2016

Malaysia and good food goes well together.

In this spirit, the Embassy of Malaysia and Malaysian Ladies Association (PERWAKILAN) organized a night market (*pasar malam*) event on 22 April 2016 in Tamouh Project Office, Reem Island, Abu Dhabi. The event, which drew more than 500 people from around Abu Dhabi, showcased some authentic traditional Malaysian cuisine prepared by PERWAKILAN members.

The received great feedback from the attendees and all of them looked forward for more similar events in the future.





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MAY 2016

PROGRAM MENDAMPINGI RAKYAT MALAYSIA (PMRM), AL AIN, 7 MEI 2016

As part of PMRM programme, the Embassy of Malaysia co-organized a barbeque with Malaysians in Al Ain. The event which took place in Mubazzarah, by the feet of Jabel Hafeet was attended by more than 100 Malaysians residing in Al Ain.

The event took off with food prepared by Malaysian in Al Ain and ice breaking session between the Embassy staffs and the attendees. H.E. Ambassador introduces the Embassy staffs and also delivered a few words of advice to all attendees.

The event went on till 9.00 p.m.





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JUNE 2016

PROGRAM MENDAMPINGI RAKYAT MALAYSIA (PMRM), ABU DHABI, 4 JUNE 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia hosted a cocktail party which was attended by more than 50 Malaysians in Abu Dhabi. The event was held in the lobby of Tamouh Tower (the current location of the Embassy) aimed to reach out to prominent Malaysian professionals in Abu Dhabi. The invited guests among others are professionals working with reputable companies in Abu Dhabi such as Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), Etihad Airways, National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD), to name a few.

H.E. Ambassador made a short remark and personally converse with the attendees.

The event adjourned at 8.30 p.m.





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INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL STAFF

Farehan Dyab Helal Daressa



Farehan joined as the member of the Embassy of Malaysia in Abu Dhabi in 13 April 1995, as a receptionist and for the last 26 years, she continues to be one of the most enthusiastic and lively locally recruited staff here.

Originating from Amman, Jordan, she has been living in United Arab Emirates for more than 30 years. Farehan graduated from Damascus University, Syria in 1983 majoring in English Literature. She is happily married and blessed with 4 sons and 1 daughter. One of her son, Ahmad graduated from IIUM Malaysia majoring in Mechatronics Engineering.

In her free time, she enjoys shopping and spending her time with her children.



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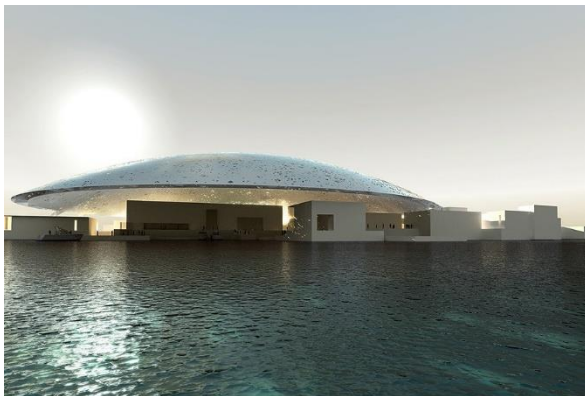
LANDMARKS OF ABU DHABI



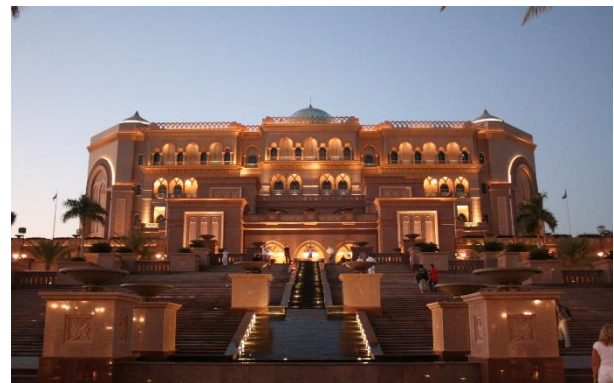
Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque



Jumeirah Etihad Towers



Louvre Museum Abu Dhabi



Emirates Palace Hotel



Al Dar Properties Tower



Sheikh Zayed Bridge



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HOME BASE & LOCALLY RECRUITED STAFF

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- His Excellency Dato' Ahmad Anwar Adnan
Ambassador of Malaysia to the UAE
- Muhamad Akmal Abdul Wahab
First Secretary, Head of Chancery
- Colonel Mohd Halim Khalid
Defence Attaché of Malaysia to the UAE
- Khadzri Syafril
First Secretary
- Major Hishamudin MD Tahir
Assistant Defence Attaché
- Muhammad Firdaus Jaafar
Third Secretary
- Staff Sergeant Mohd Firdaus Amron
Defence Attaché Staff
- Malini Jaafar
Personal Assistant to the Ambassador
- MD Rizal Ramzan
Administrative Member
- Corporal Mohd Hazizi Zainol
Defence Attaché Staff

LOCALLY RECRUITED

- Mustafa Saad Al Din Omar Al Absi
Protocol & Liaison Officer, Interpreter
- Farehan Dyab Helal Daressa
- Hiba Mohamoud Osman
- Karuthedath Parambil Usman
- Abdul Jaleel Abdul Khader
- Abdul Samad Abdul Khader