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## *Diplomatic Fun Fair*

The High Commission of Malaysia in Pretoria joined some 60 other countries in the Diplomatic Fun Fair on Saturday, 29 October 2016. The event was organised by the Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa, and was held at the ground of the Unions Building Pretoria from 0800 hours to 1700 hours. Exhibition booths were provided to diplomatic missions. There were also stage performances by some of the participating countries and local acts.

This year, the Malaysian booth featured Malaysian dishes prepared by PERWAKILAN which were also for sale, namely tomato rice, chicken satay, vegetable spring rolls, curry puffs, fish crackers, cookies and shaved ice (ABC). The food attraction and the appeal of the ABC on a sunny day had made our booth very popular among visitors. The ABC which was prepared on the spot caught their attention, most of whom had never seen it before. Officers of Tourism Malaysia were busy taking enquiries by visitors and handing out tourism brochures.

The event was publicised in the electronic and social media and was well-visited by the local community. It was a good platform to promote Malaysia to the locals as well as members of the diplomatic community.



## A Special Prayer

Deputy High Commissioner Mr. Agus Salim Yusof hosted a special prayer (doa selamat) at his residence in Pretoria on Wednesday, 31 August 2016. It was held in honour of High Commissioner Dato' Badruddin Ab Rahman and Datin Noormah who were leaving for Makkah on 2 September 2016 to perform the Haj. Another member of the High Commission who was also leaving for the Haj is SSgt. Fadzil Ahmad of the Defence Adviser's Office. The ceremony started with Maghrib prayer and was attended by the home-based staff of the High Commission and family.

Since the special prayer was coincidentally held on our National Day, those present also prayed for the continued peace, prosperity and well-being for Malaysia, as well as for their families' well-being and safety in South Africa.

## Our Students Are Not Forgotten



### OFFICIAL VISITS

#### From Malaysia

23 to 26 September – YB Dato' Sri Dr. Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment attended the Ministerial *Lekgotla* Meeting and opening session of 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the CITES in Johannesburg.

27 September to 6 October – YBhg. Dato' Sri Azizan Ahmad, Secretary-General of Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment attended the 17<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties of CITES in Johannesburg.

30 October to 2 November – Officers from Kuala Lumpur City Hall and Malaysia Petroleum Resources Corporation attended World Energy Cities Partnership Meeting in Cape Town.

26 to 28 November 2016 – Working visit of YM General Tan Sri Raja Mohamed Affandi Raja Mohamed Noor, Chief of the Army to Pretoria.

4 to 13 December 2016 – Visit by 2 experts from Transport Ministry and Civil Aviation Department to collect debris of MH370 in South Africa, Madagascar and Mozambique.

#### To Malaysia

18 to 20 August – HM King Mswati III of Swaziland attended the International Conference on Blue Ocean Strategy in Kuala Lumpur.



On 9 December 2016, Acting High Commissioner Mr. Agus Salim Yusof paid a visit to Malaysian students who were studying at Madrasah Arabia Islamiah, Krugersdorp, south of Pretoria. There are 57 Malaysian students in this madrasah, the highest number among students from various countries. They are following Islamic studies and aged between 14 and 28. Four other students from a madrasah in Lenasia also attended the gathering.

After the Friday prayer, the students enjoyed lunch prepared by the High Commission before listening to some words of encouragement and advice by the Acting High Commissioner. The students were visibly pleased with the visit. According to the management of the madrasah, the Malaysian students are the most disciplined and well-behaved.

Two days later, on 11 December 2016, ladies from the High Commission's Ladies Association (PERWAKILAN) visited our female students at the Madrasah Darul Uloom Zakariyya in Lenasia, Johannesburg. They spent more than 2 hours interacting with the 12 students. Beside lunch, the ladies brought foodstuff based on the girls' requests. They were getting close, so much so that tears were shed when it was time to say goodbye.

### *Bringing Home the Debris of MH370*

Following reports that objects believed to be the debris of the missing MH370 were found on the shores of South Africa, Mozambique and Madagascar, the Malaysian Government dispatched 2 officers to the three countries to bring home the debris for verification. The two officers from the Transport Ministry and the Civil Aviation Dept. respectively spent a total of 10 days in Madagascar, South Africa and Mozambique from 4 to 13 December 2016 to receive the debris from the relevant authorities and transported them back to Malaysia. The officers paid a visit to the High Commission on 9 December 2016 to thank the latter for coordinating their mission.

## *High Commissioner's Visit to Handyware Industries Pty. Ltd. and Icon Industrial Park*

On 14 November 2016, High Commissioner HE Dato Hj. Badruddin Ab Rahman visited Handyware Industries Pty. Ltd., at Icon Industrial Park. The company, established in South Africa in 2011, is a China-Philippines-Malaysia joint venture producing food flavouring and seasoning ingredients. The High Commissioner was briefed about the company by its General Manager, Mr. Peter Tan, before being taken to visit the production line. A plan is underway to extend Handyware Industries' existing facility and expand its operation to other African countries.

The High Commissioner then proceeded to the site office of the Icon Industrial Park at Sunderland Ridge, North Johannesburg. The proprietor of the Park briefed the High Commissioner about the Park and its future plan. Icon Industrial Park is said to be the best managed industrial park in Johannesburg and is the home to the production facilities of three companies with Malaysian interests. The proprietor welcomed more Malaysian companies to set up their facility at the Park and would extend the best assistance to them. The High Commissioner was accompanied by his Deputy, Agus Salim Yusof, on both visits.



## *Celebrating the National Sports Day*



The home-based staff of Malawakil Pretoria and their families gathered at the Chancery to join the nation in celebrating the National Sport Day (Hari Sukan Negara) on 8 October 2016. After listening to the welcoming remarks by High Commissioner Dato' Hj. Badruddin Ab Rahman, they broke out in a sweat to the games of volleyball, ping pong and badminton. The children were not forgotten where they also took part in a few activities. Throughout the event, participants helped themselves the various home-cooked dishes and barbeque, partly sponsored by the High Commissioner's Sport and Social Club. The event was truly enjoyed by everyone present.



## Family Day

The Sports and Recreation Club of the Malaysian High Commission organised a Family Day on 20 November 2016 at 8.30am at Hartbeespoort. The location is a recreational lake located about 35km from Pretoria. It was attended by 9 families of home-based staff of the High Commission. The Family Day was filled with joy and laughter where children as well as adults enjoyed some games arranged for them. Food including barbeque was aplenty for everyone to savour. The event ended at 2.30pm after High Commissioner Dato' Hj. Badruddin Ab Rahman, officers and their spouses took turn in giving away prizes to games winners.



## Minister of MNRE Attended the Opening Session of CITES Meeting

YB Dato' Sri Dr. Haji Wan Junaidi Tuanku Jaafar, Minister of Natural Resources and Environment, was in Johannesburg from 23 to 26 September 2016 for the purpose of attending the Ministerial Legkotla Meeting and the opening session of the 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of Parties on the Convention of Illegal Trade of Endangered Species (CITES COP 17). Different countries play host to the CITES COP which is held once in three years.

High Commissioner Dato' Badruddin Ab Rahman and Datin Noormah hosted a dinner for YB Minister, Datin Sri Feona Sim and the Malaysian delegation at Rumah Malaysia on 23 September 2016.



## 7<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship 2016

The city of Johannesburg played host to the above Championship from 20 to 26 November 2016, where Malaysia was one of the 11 countries participating. Team Malaysia consists of Shalin Zulkifli, Siti Safiyah Amirah, Muhd Nur Aiman and Timmy Tan. The Malaysian quartet collected 5 gold, 3 silver and 1 bronze medals from various events and was declared the overall champion. Some of the High Commission's official were at the venue, Northcliff Bowl, to offer support.

