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Akwaaba!

Akwaaba is an Akan version of the English word; WELCOME. Indeed it has been used for years to welcome travelers both Ghanaians and foreigners into the country, Ghana. Akwaaba is a catchy word for even for-



igners and had won the hearts of many travelers. So, Akwaaba to our first newsletter for 2016! We'll bring to you all the happenings at our Mission throughout the first half of the year. Thank you. Have great fun reading!



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DID YOU KNOW?

Africa (including Ghana) was once connected to South America? The continents began to break up and accompanied by massive eruptions of basalt lava, as East Gondwana (comprising Antarctica, Madagascar, India, and Australia) began to separate from Africa. South America began to drift slowly westward from Africa as the South Atlantic Ocean opened. This happened about 550 million years ago. Amazing isn't it?



Black Star Square in Accra City Centre

Malaysia - Ghana Bilateral Relations

Malaysia established diplomatic relations with the Republic of Ghana in 1967. In 1997, both countries established resident Missions in their respective capitals in Accra in May and Kuala Lumpur in July respectively. The overall bilateral relations remain positive and cordial, mostly at the various international fora such as the United Nations (UN) and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). In addition, Ghana had gave its support to Malaysia's candidature to the United Nations Security Councils (UNSC) for the Non-Permanent member seat for 2015-2016 terms.

In terms of trading, Malaysia's main exports to Ghana were palm oils, processed food, machinery and appliances and parts, chemical and chemical products and beverages and tobacco. Malaysia's main imports from Ghana were agriculture products, other vegetable oil, processed food and rubber.

Ghana's General Election 2016

General elections will be held in Ghana on 7 December 2016 to elect a President and Members of Parliament. They had originally been scheduled for 7 November 2016, however the date was later rejected by Parliament. The presidential race is expected to be tight where the incumbent president,



John Mahama of NDC Party will take opposition leader, Nana Akufo-Ado from NPP. President Mahama has vowed to maintain the highest credibility of the elections and continue to do everything possible to safeguard Ghana's democracy. The Electoral Commission has begun the implementation of a series of reforms aimed at improving the transparency, inclusiveness and credibility of the upcoming Presidential and Parliamentary elections.

Ghana's Vision 2020 and Industrialization

With the economic program "Ghana: Vision 2020", Ghana intends to achieve its goals of accelerated economic growth and improved quality of life for all its citizens, by reducing poverty through private investment, rapid and aggressive industrialization, and direct and aggressive poverty-alleviation efforts. Its projection states that Ghana's goals of reaching high-income economy status and newly industrialized country status will be easily realized between 2020 and 2039.





Mr. Farhan Areffin, Second Secretary of the High Commission of Malaysia presented the donation to Madam Stella Tsekpo, Headmistress of the Dzorwulu Junior High School

#GHANA FACTS 101:

Did you know that Lake Volta in Ghana is the largest artificial lake in the world? The combined volume and surface area Created by damming the Volta River by the Akosombo Dam, it is a very significant asset to Ghana's economy, both in terms of electricity production and huge fisheries that operate on lake's shores.

FEATURE: The HCM Donates Books to Dzorwulu Junior High School under the MTCP Program

In the spirit of promoting education in Ghana, the Malaysian High Commission in Accra (HCM) donated text books for the subject of Science, Mathematics, English, Social Studies and other reading materials as well as sporting equipment to the Dzorwulu Junior High School, Accra, Ghana.

The donation was presented to Madam Stella Tsekpo, Headmistress of Dzorwulu Junior High School and witnessed by the representative of the Ghana Education Service on 26 July 2016. The Headmistress expressed her profound gratitude to the High Commission and said hoped the partnership and relationship between DJHS and HCM will be long lasting and will positively impact the work that they are also doing here in training Ghana future leaders.

The HCM believes that one of the greatest means to empower successive generations is through the provision of quality education. Education is the most important tool offers inner and outer strength to a person. Education is the fundamental rights of everyone and capable of bringing any desired change in the human mind and society. Hence, the HCM is committed in promoting quality education in Ghana through our outreach programmes.



Cultural performance by the students of Dzorwulu Junior High School

HAPPENINGS IN ACCRA..

Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia Chinese New Year Celebration 2016 at Rumah Malaysia



Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia: Hari Raya Aidilfitri Celebration 2016, High Commission of Malaysia



On 3rd April 2016, the High Commissioner of Malaysia in Accra through it's Perwakilan participated in the International Festival organized by Galaxy International School in East Legon, Accra.



Members of Perwakilan headed by Madam Lim Bee Ling at Malaysia's booth to showcase Malaysian products and offerings.



The Bi-annual discussion between H.E Cheong Loon Lai and H.E Dilep Nair, Roving High Commissioner of Singapore to Ghana held at the Villagio Skybar. The discussion deliberated on economic and political issues in Ghana. Also present was Mr. Farhan Areffin, Second Secretary of the High Commission and Mr. Ian Lee, Centre Director of International Enterprise of Singapore in Ghana.



The Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) Alumni Gathering was held at the Chancery on 27 July 2016. More than 30 MTCP alumnus from various batches attended the event to discuss on future programmes and activities to be un-

Flood at the Chancery...



On 9 June 2016, the Chancery of the High Commission was flooded after a heavy downpour that lasted for several hours. The tragedy was the second time to occur in the past 12 months. In 2015, 150 Ghanaians lost their lives due to the devastating flood. Malawakil was also badly affected by the flood and cost us USD10,000 loss for the damages on furniture and computers.

The High Commission of Malaysia in Accra, Republic of Ghana



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