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GHANA: PRESIDENTIAL AND PARLIAMEN-TARY ELECTIONS

On 7 December 2016, Ghanaians will go to the polls to decide its next President (2017-2020 term). The race is expected to be a closely fought contest between incumbent President John Dramani Mahama of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) and opposition leader Nana Akufo-Addo of the New Patriotic Party (NPP). Ghana is frequently described as one of the most stable democracies in West Africa and has witnessed several peaceful transfers of power. Even though this edition of voting will be a challenging time for Ghanaians, it is expected that Ghana will once again have a peaceful and successful elections. Ensi Wo Yi Ghana! (Good luck Ghana!).

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Growing Innovation Without Boundaries

FEATURE: The 4th Ghana Garden and Floral Show 2016



H.E Cheong Loon Lai, High Commissioner of Malaysia cutting the ribbon to mark the opening of the colorful Ghana Garden and Floral Show 2016.

On 9 September recently, H.E Cheong Loon Lai, High Commissioner of Malaysia to Ghana officiated the opening of the 4th Ghana Garden and Floral Show 2016. The event was organized by Stratcomm Africa in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts of Ghana. Other dignitaries to the event were the Hon. Elizabeth Ofori-Adjare, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Creative Arts; Hon. Nii Osah Mills, Minister of Land and Natural Resources and diplomatic corps.

The annual show focused on Ecotourism and the promotion of the 5Ps of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership).

During his keynote address, the High Commissioner spoke about the richness of the flora and fauna in the Southeast Asia region, and how all that had contributed towards the success of ecotourism, horticulture and floriculture in Malaysia and ASEAN. He said ecotourism, which was one of the leading foreign exchange earners for Malaysia, was ready to support Ghana to develop its potential in the said sector.



PROMOTING ASEAN IN GHANA

The Malaysian High Commission in Accra is the only ASEAN Diplomatic Mission in Ghana. Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia are concurrently accredited to Ghana from their Missions in Abuja, Nigeria while Singapore appoints a Roving Ambassador to Ghana who visits Accra, every quarterly.

Being the sole ASEAN's flag bearer in the whole of Ghana, the High Commission of Malaysia in Accra inevitably becomes the sole reference point on ASEAN. The very sight of the blue ASEAN flag flying next to the Jalur Gemilang in the compound of the Malaysian Chancery would often trigger curious interests on ASEAN from guests and visitors.



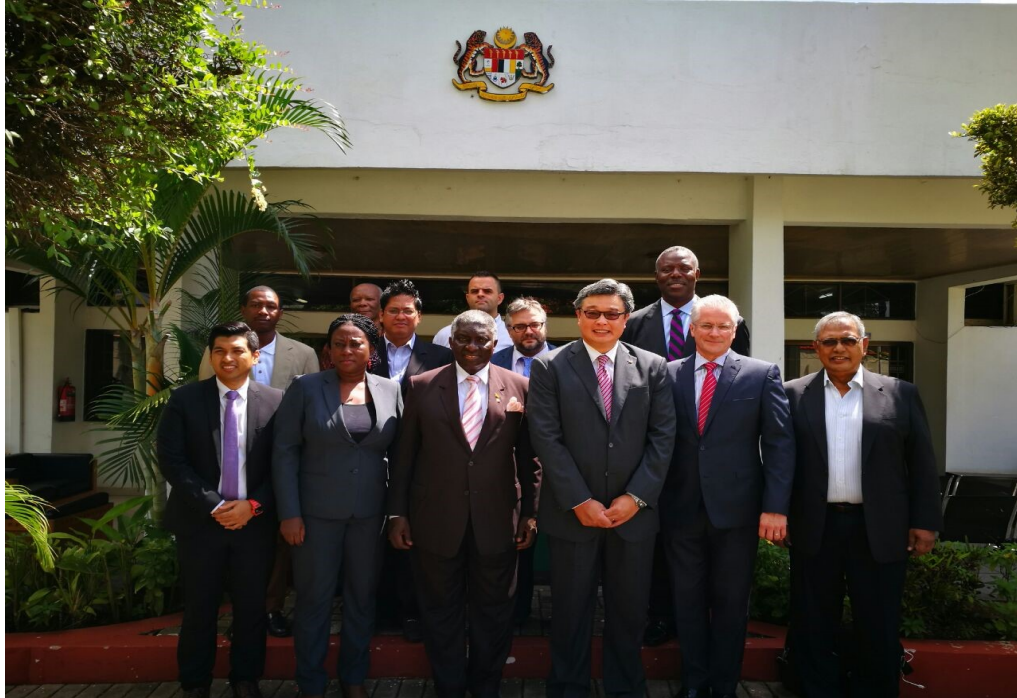
#GHANA FACTS 101: UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES



Did you know that UNESCO has awarded two historical properties in Ghana as World Heritage Sites? **The Asante Traditional Buildings** which consists a group of traditional buildings are the last remaining testimony of the great Asante civilization, which reached its peak in the 18th century. The buildings include ten shrines/fetish houses (Abirim, Asawase, Asenemaso, Bodwease, Ejisu Besease, Adarko Jachie, Edwenase, Kentinkrono, Patakro and Saaman). Most are to the north-east of Kumasi, and Patakro, to the south. The second heritage site that was inscribed by the UNESCO in 1980 is the **Forts and Castles in Volta, Greater Accra, Central and Western Regions**. These fortified trading posts, founded between 1482 and 1786, and spanning a distance of approximately 500 km along the coast of Ghana between Keta in the east and Beyin in the west, were links in

the trading routes established by the Portuguese in many areas of the world during their era of great maritime exploration. The castles and forts were built and occupied at different times by traders from Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Germany and Britain. They served the gold trade of European chartered compa-

TRADE AND INVESTMENT VISIT BY MALAYSIAN COMPANIES TO GHANA, 26-30 SEPTEMBER 2016



A delegation of seven Malaysian companies participated in a trade mission to Accra from 23-30 September 2016. The was jointly organized by MATRADE, the High Commission of Ghana in Kuala Lumpur and Malaysia-Ghana Friendship Association (MAGHAFA). The objective of the visit was to strengthen the existing business relationships, as well as, to establish new business linkages between the two countries. A kick-off meeting was chaired by the High Commissioner at the Chancery on 26 September to give an overview for the Malaysian companies to. At the end of the trade mission, some participating companies have signed various MOUs in the areas of infrastructure developments and agriculture, which are expected to take off in early 2017.



HAPPENINGS IN ACCRA

1. PERWAKILAN ACCRA ACTIVITIES



2. HARI SUKAN NEGARA : Badminton at GS Plaza Hotel



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