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Ambassador's Foreword

Welcome to the first edition of our triannual newsletter. We are very excited to present our first newsletter to our Malaysian community in the Republic of Turkey. Our goal is to keep you informed on the latest developments, particularly Government's policies and initiatives, as well as activities of the Embassy in Ankara, MATRADE and Tourism Malaysia in Istanbul.



Our Embassy is always ready to provide support with regard to the problems our citizens may encounter, and at the same time to receive their suggestions and comments.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize that our doors are always open not only to our citizens but also to our Turkish friends. We will welcome their views and suggestions aiming to improve the relations between Turkey and Malaysia, and respond to their requests for information and assistance about Malaysia.

Hereby, I would like to present on behalf of myself and the members of our Embassy our best wishes and regards to all our citizens.

H.E. Abd Razak Abdul Wahab
Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of Turkey

Who are we?



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Bilateral Relations

Malaysia and the Republic of Turkey established its diplomatic relations in 1964. From 1971 to 1977, the Ambassador of Malaysia to Iran, His Excellency Ahmad Zainal Abidin was accredited to Turkey. The Embassy of Malaysia in Ankara, Turkey was established in 1977 at the level of Chargé d'Affaires. His Excellency Mohamed Mustapha bin Datuk Mahmud is the first Malaysian Ambassador to Turkey with resident in Ankara. He presented his credentials on 20 June 1978. Turkey established its Embassy in Kuala Lumpur in 1976.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, bilateral relations between Malaysia and Turkey have been cordial and friendly, with positive sentiments and attachment towards each other. There has been significant momentum in the relations following the exchange of visits by the Leaders of the two countries in 2014. Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan visited Malaysia in January 2014 (also in June 2003 and February 2005) and Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak visited Turkey in April 2014 (also in February 2011).

The existing cooperation is further augmented by the high-level visits between the leaders of the two countries in recent years and their close rapport had raised the stature of the bilateral relations to a special level.



Formers Malaysian Ambassadors in Turkey

DITAUULIAHKAN SERENTAK DARI TEHRAN, IRAN

1. YBHG DATO' AHMAD ZAINAL ABIDIN YUSOF (11.05.1971–11.02.1973)
2. ENCIK YUSOF ZAINAL (19.04.1973–1975)
3. HAJI YUSOF ABDULLAH (17.10.1975–30.05.1978)

BERMAU STATUTIN DI TURKI

4. YBHG DATO' MOHAMED MUSTAPHA DATO' MAHMUD (20.06.1978–02.07.1980)
5. YBHG DATO' ABDULLAH ZAWAWI HAJI MOHAMAD (02.07.1980–1982)
6. YBHG DATO' ISMAIL AMBIA (02.11.1982–26.08.1986)
7. YBHG DATO' KAMARUDDIN ABU (11.09.1986–18.07.1989)
8. ENCIK B RAJARAM (26.10.1989–22.05.1991)
9. YBHG DATO' ZAIBEDAH HAJI AHMAD (1991 – JANUARI 1996)
10. ENCIK ABDUL JALIL HARON (27.12.1996–JULAI 2000)
11. YBHG DATIN PADUKA MELANIE LEONG SOCK LEI (12.09.2000–17.07.2003)
12. YBHG DATO' AHMAD MOKHTAR SELAT (10.10.2003–02.02.2006)
13. YBHG DATO' SAIPUL ANUAR ABD MUIN (27.03.2007–23.01.2014)
14. YBHG DATO' AMRAN MOHAMED ZIN (12.03.2014–30.06.2016)



Courtesy Call to Deputy Director General, MFA Turkey

H.E. Abd Razak Bin Abdul Wahab, Ambassador Designate of Malaysia visited Mr. Ahmet Cemil Miroğlu, Deputy Director General for Protocol and presented copies of his Letters of Credence on Friday, August 19th, 2016 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

(Photo: Abd Razak Abdul Wahab and Mr Ahmet Cemil Miroglu)



Council Says It's 'Business As Usual' In Turkey After Failed Coup



By Rosemarie Khoo Mohd Sani

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- The Turkey-Malaysia Business Council has given an assurance that it's 'business as usual' in Turkey in the aftermath of the recent failed coup.

Chairperson Suheyra Cebi Karahan said all economic indicators remained stable with the Turkish banking sector operating smoothly, she told Bernama.

Turkey-Malaysia Business Council has reassured that businesses in Turkey are running as usual following the failed coup attempt last month, its council chairperson, Suheyra Cebi Karahan (right) says in interview with Bernama at the Turkish Embassy official residence here today. Also present during the interview is Turkish Ambassador to Malaysia, Basak Turkoglu

She said political turbulences and negative experiences are likely to bring about a common will for more stronger economic development in

Turkey.

Karahan was leading a business delegation comprising 10 members on a three-day visit here which ends today.

"We understand that our Malaysian partners have followed developments in Turkey very closely and are concerned over the failed coup.

"That is why we are here to convey the message that the attempted coup was put down with the strong support of the Turkish people who advocated democracy," she added.

On efforts to lure more Malaysian investors to Turkey, she hoped they would consider investing in the housing development and tourism sectors.

She said Turkey's on-going infrastructure projects such as the new Istanbul airport

Malaysia-Turkey Trade Rises 48 Per Cent To RM3.6 Billion In 1H 2016



Datuk Dzulkifli Mahmud (Bernama file picture)

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 17 (Bernama) -- Total trade between Malaysia and Turkey rose 48 per cent to RM3.6 billion in the first half of this year, says Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) Chief Executive Officer Datuk Dzulkifli Mahmud.

He said Malaysia exported RM3.02 billion worth of goods to Turkey and imported products valued at RM579.6 million in the first six months of 2016.

"The performance was slightly lower than the targeted growth of 50 per cent, due to global economic challenges.

"For the second half of 2016, we hope total trade would rise 50 per cent or more, taking advantage of the opportunities available under the Malaysia-Turkey Free Trade Agreement," he told reporters after the visit of a Turkish business delegation to MATRADE's headquarters here Wednesday.

The nine-member delegation, headed by the Turkey-Malaysia Business Council Chairperson, Suheyra Cebi Karahan, is on a three-day working visit to Malaysia, which ends tomorrow.

Malaysia exported, among others, palm oil, textile, chemical, rubber and halal ingredients to Turkey.

Total trade between both countries stood at RM5.65 billion last year with Malaysia's exports totalling RM3.8 billion and imports amounting to RM1.8 billion.

Meanwhile, Malaysian companies are active investors in Turkey.

Dzulkifli said Tenaga Nasional Bhd had acquired equities in the country's power plant.

"We hope our construction sector can work together with Turkish construction players in the future, given Turkish companies' strong reputation in the region.

"This would enable our companies to undertake construction projects in third world countries," he said.

Dzulkifli said MATRADE was also in the midst of encouraging Turkish oil and gas companies to participate in the development of the Pengerang Integrated Petroleum Complex (PIPC) in Pengerang, Johor.

The PIPC is a huge downstream oil and gas value chain project.

It will house oil refineries, naphtha crackers, petrochemical plants as well as a liquefied natural gas import terminal and a regasification plant.

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which is targeted to be the logistics hub and centre in the Euroasia region, would be an attractive and dynamic factor for Malaysian investors to participate in.

This is also because there will be an increase in demand for properties in the cities, including Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir.

"Turkey is open to foreign investments given our geographical advantage of being in Europe and lower prices in comparison to the international market.

"Besides, we have a big youth base from among our population of 80 million. This makes it exciting to spur and develop a healthy relationship with trade and investment partners, including Malaysia," Karahan added.

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DINNER WITH MITA IN KUALA LUMPUR

Tourism Turkish Agents in Malaysia

JULY 2016

Interest Increased

by Ibrahim Cagri Saglik / Marketing Manager Tourism Malaysia Istanbul

After Turkish Airlines started to fly Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia direct, they not only increased their weekly frequency of 3 flights but also started to fly daily from Istanbul to Kuala Lumpur. Istanbul sector closing of Malaysia Airlines has put Turkish Airlines to increase the flight frequency to 10 / week. Due to the increased number of arrivals from both countries, as well as offering a good connection to European travelers through Istanbul, Turkish Airlines and Tourism Malaysia Istanbul office were working on to increase 10 flight per week to double daily (14 flights).

During the EMITT 2016 (5th biggest tourism fair in the world happening annually in Istanbul), Tourism Malaysia Istanbul office and Turkish Airlines decided to organize a familiarization trip to Malaysia, highlighting Kuala Lumpur and Langkawi. Although the early plan was to include travel agents from Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria and Azerbaijan, due to seat occupancy only the Turkish travel agent representatives attended to this trip.

The group has departed from Turkey via Turkish Airlines on 27th of July and landed to Kuala Lumpur to have a dinner with Malaysia Inbound Tourism Association (MITA)

management and members. During the dinner H.E. Malaysian Ambassador to Turkey, welcome the Turkish Agents together with MITA and Tourism Malaysia representatives. Next day the group proceeds to Langkawi to meet with local potential partners as well as hotel and touristic area inspection. Along with the group, there was a celebrity art historian who is also a professional guide, Mr. [Talha Ugurdue](#). He also did live periscope promotion in Langkawi, which has been followed by more than 25,000 people in Turkey.

ETS, Peninsula, MNG, [Ufuktur](#), Jolly, [Figura](#), [Tourmal](#), Far and away, [Travelist](#) and Ikram Tur were the agencies that attended to this trip.

All the agent representatives were comparing Langkawi with Phuket and Bali. They all agreed that Langkawi is far better than those destinations by means of tourism destination. They mentioned that, even though Tourism Malaysia Istanbul office was informing them about the destination, they were not expecting this much and it was a great experience for them to see their own eyes.



More than expected

Majority of the travel agents were not having package to Malaysia before. Some were having packages but never been to Malaysia. Now all believe that, Malaysia is a better destination than Thailand and Bali. Upon return they started to create and concentrate on Malaysia packages



Courtesy Visit by Mrs. Suheyła Çebi Karahan

Ambassador Designate of Malaysia to the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Abd Razak Bin Abdul Wahab received Ms. Suheyła Cebi Karahan, Chairperson of the Turkey–Malaysia Business Council on 23 August 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia in Ankara, Turkey.

Ms. Karahan shared about her successful 6 days working visit to Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, from 14–19 August 2016. She led a business delegation comprising of 10 members.

During the discussion, Ms. Karahan said she is thankful to the 21 companies that will be exhibiting at the 85th Izmir International Fair 2016, which will be held from 26–31 August 2016 in Izmir, Turkey. Both sides agreed and look forward to increase bilateral trade between the two countries.



Mr. Abd Razak and Mrs Suhevla Cebi Karahan

Courtesy Visit by Buminiche Sdn Bhd

Ambassador Designate of Malaysia to the Republic of Turkey, H.E. Abd Razak Bin Abdul Wahab received Mr. Mohd Nor Azizi B. Awalludin, Managing Director of Buminiche Sdn. Bhd and delegation on 22 August 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia in Ankara, Turkey.

Buminiche Sdn. Bhd is one of the 21 companies that will be exhibiting at the 85th Izmir International Fair 2016, 26–31 August in Izmir, Turkey.

Ministry of Agriculture & Agro–Based Industry Malaysia under its agriculture research agency, Malaysia Agriculture Research and Development Institute (MARDI) has developed an award winning formulation drink known as Nutrima CELLCODE®.

Nutrima CELLCODE® has won a gold medal at iENA (Ideas–Inventions–Products) International Trade Fair in Nuremberg, Germany in 2013 as well as a Double Gold Award at the British Invention Show (BIS) in

2012. Buminiche Sdn. Bhd has been appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture & Agro–Based Industry Malaysia to market the product in Turkey and is awaiting the approval from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Turkey.





ASEAN FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

In conjunction with the 49th Anniversary of the formation of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and to commemorate the first year of the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), an ASEAN Flag Raising Ceremony was held at the Residence of the Republic of Indonesia in Ankara, Turkey. All heads of ASEAN Missions represented in Ankara, their Embassy officials and spouses, as well as, a representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey were presented at the ceremony.

The event began with the raising of the ASEAN Flag, simultaneously the ASEAN song “The ASEAN Way” was played. This was followed by a read-out of the Asean Declaration (Bangkok Declaration: Bangkok, 8 August 1967) and a cake-cutting ceremony. The ceremony ended with a simple reception thereafter. The event began at 10.00 a.m. ended about 11.30 a.m.

PERWAKILAN ANKARA

Majlis Ramah Mesra - 19 August 2016

Majlis Ramah Mesra bersama Pengerusi PERWAKILAN Ankara yang baharu, Puan Nor Asimah Petah.



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