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## GREETINGS FROM THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA!

### Приветствие от Посольства Малайзии!

### Welcome Ambassador Roseli Abdul!

On 19 August 2016, the Embassy of Malaysia received His Excellency Ambassador Roseli Abdul as the third Ambassador of Malaysia in Turkmenistan, succeeding Ambassador Norman Muhamad.

Ambassador Roseli Abdul joined the Malaysian Public Service in 1995. He was the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Malaysia in Jakarta, Indonesia since 2013 prior to his appointment as Ambassador of Malaysia to Turkmenistan.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, he has served in different departments and his previous overseas postings include Malaysian Missions in New York, Islamabad (Pakistan) and Kunming (People's Republic of China).



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# Overview of Bilateral Relations: Official Visit to Malaysia by His Excellency Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan, 8 November 2016

His Excellency Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov, President of Turkmenistan, undertook an official visit to Malaysia on 7 – 8 November 2016 at the invitation of YAB Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia. This was his second visit since his State Visit to Malaysia on 6 – 8 December 2011.

It was a very fruitful and successful visit. During the visit, Malaysia and Turkmenistan signed a number of documents in the field of economy, science, education and sports. Both sides also agreed to expand the scope of cooperation in trade and investment, especially in the oil and gas sector, which PETRONAS is actively involved in Turkmenistan. PETRONAS is one of the most important oil and gas companies operating in Turkmenistan, with USD10 billion worth of investment, and has significantly contributed to the economic development of Turkmenistan.

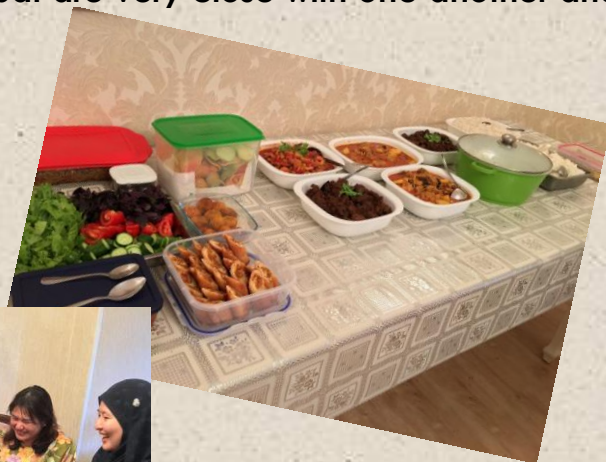
Looking at the impact of such high level meeting, the President of Turkmenistan also invited YAB Prime Minister to undertake a visit to Turkmenistan in the future.



# Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia

2 October 2016

On 2 October 2016, *Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia* (PMRM) was held in the form of a lunch involving all Malaysians residing in Ashgabat. There are 70 Malaysians (including family members) in Ashgabat, which consist of those working with the Embassy, PETRONAS Carigali Turkmenistan, Scomi Oiltools, UMW Oilpipe Services, Schlumberger and Weatherford. It served as another opportunity for all Malaysians in Ashgabat to get together as well as to share and eat home-made Malaysian food. The Malaysians in Ashgabat are very close with one another and always meet on a regular basis.



# National Sports Day

## 8 October 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia organized the National Sports Day on 8 October 2016 at MERDEM Restaurant futsal field in Ashgabat. The Sports Day was attended by Malaysians residing in Ashgabat. The main objective is to instil a sporting culture and promote a healthy lifestyle among Malaysians.

The sporting events began with aerobics. This was followed by various relay games such as three-legged race, ping-pong-ball-and-spoon relay as well as water balloon toss. The programme then continued with a mixed futsal match involving men, women and children.

The program ended with the presentation of prizes to winners of the sports events and football match while participants enjoyed some potluck refreshments.



*Group photo*



*Aerobics*



*Ping-pong-ball-and-spoon relay for children*



*Mixed futsal match*

# Working Visit by YB Datuk Ab Aziz Kaprawi, Deputy Minister of Transport of Malaysia, in conjunction with the Global Conference on Sustainable Transport, 26– 27 November 2016

In conjunction with the United Nations (UN) Global Conference on Sustainable Transport which was organized by the UN and hosted by the Government of Turkmenistan in Ashgabat on 26 – 27 November 2016, the Embassy of Malaysia received a working visit by the delegation from the Ministry of Transport of Malaysia, headed by YB Datuk Ab Aziz Kaprawi, Deputy Minister of Transport. He was accompanied by YBhg. Datin Sabariah Tokimin, his wife, and two officials. During the Conference, YB Deputy Minister of Transport made a statement where he highlighted Malaysia's commitments and achievements related to sustainable transport in Malaysia's effort towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



## Other Occasions, Events & Activities: Eidul Adha Celebration



On 12 September 2016, Malaysians who celebrated Eidul Adha in Ashgabat gathered at the residence of Mrs. Nur Diyana Badarudin, Head of Chancery of the Embassy of Malaysia. Malaysians in Ashgabat take turns to become the host for *raya* celebrations to ensure that all Malaysians could get together on *raya* days.

## "Nasi Lemak and Teh Tarik Lunch" and Briefing for Turkmenistan Students Going to Study in Malaysia



On 27 September 2016, Malaysian Ambassador gave a briefing and served *nasi lemak* and *teh tarik* to Turkmenistan students going to study in Malaysia as well as the local representatives of EduGeek Consultants, a Malaysian company promoting Malaysian private education to potential students in Turkmenistan. During the briefing, Ambassador gave an introduction to the student life in Malaysia. This effort is hoped to prepare the students for the change of culture and environment when they go to Malaysia.

# Other Occasions, Events & Activities:

## Malaysia's Participation at Turkmenistan International Education Exhibition

The Government of Turkmenistan organized the Turkmenistan International Education Exhibition at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Turkmenistan on 9 – 10 November 2016. Participation from Malaysia's private higher education institutions in the event was organized by EduGeek Consultants, an education promotion company from Malaysia with a branch in Ashgabat and Dashoguz. It has participated 5 times in education exhibition in Ashgabat and its next participation is scheduled to be held in June 2017. The institutions which participated in the Exhibition were:

- i) HELP University;
- ii) SEGi University;
- iii) UCSI University;
- iv) Nilai University;
- v) INTI International University and Colleges;
- vi) Quest International University; and
- vii) Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences.



Malaysia's participation in the exhibition was very successful as it has attracted more applications and managed to bring in more students to study in Malaysia. There are currently about 300 Turkmenistan students in Malaysian higher education institutions and the number keeps increasing. There is a very high potential to bring more Turkmenistan students to Malaysia as the qualifications from Malaysian institutions are highly regarded in Turkmenistan.



*Crowd of potential Turkmen students at the Exhibition*



*Mrs. Nur Diyana Badarudin, Head of Chancery, with Mr. Mohanraj Thangarajan from EduGeek Consultants Malaysia*



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