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VISITS/MEETINGS

WORKING VISIT OF YB DATUK SERI RONALD KIANDEE DEPUTY SPEAKER OF DEWAN RAKYAT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MALAYSIA-AZERBAIJAN INTER-PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP TO THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN, 11-14 APRIL 2016

On 11 April 2016, a Delegation led by Deputy Speaker of the Houses of Representatives of the Parliament of Malaysia, YB Datuk Seri Dr. Ronald Kiandee, made a four-day visit to Azerbaijan.

YB Dr. Kiandee, in his capacity as the Chairman of Malaysia-Azerbaijan Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group (MAIPFG) came to Baku accompanied by the MP for Jasin (Melaka), YB Datuk Ahmad Hamzah and MP for Paya Besar (Pahang), YB Datuk Abdul Manan Ismail. The visit was at the invitation of the Azerbaijan-Malaysia Inter-Parliamentary Friendship Group (AMIPFG).



YB Datuk Seri Ronald Kiandee started his working visit by laying flowers at the tomb of Azerbaijan's national leader, founder and architect of the modern Azerbaijan state, Heydar Aliyev. The delegation then visited the Alley of Martyrs and the Eternal Flame monument as well.

YB Datuk Seri Ronald Kiandee visited the Milli Majlis of Azerbaijan to discuss ways of developing cooperation between the two countries' legislative bodies. The First meeting

was held with members of the AMIPFG. During the meeting, Mr. Mahir Aslanov, Chairman of the



AMIPFG, talked about the different levels of official visits of both countries have had and stated that these visits have a great importance in terms of the development of bilateral relationship, as well as, inter-parliamentary relations.



The delegation also met with the Chairman of the Milli Majlis, Mr. Ogtay Asadov. He expressed his confidence that the visit of the MAIPFG would give a new thrust to the development of inter-parliamentary ties. He underlined the significance of the high-level reciprocal visits and meetings in expanding cooperation and described the political relations between Azerbaijan and Malaysia as excellent.

On the same day, unexpectedly and away from the official programme, YB Datuk Seri Ronald Kiandee, had a courtesy call on the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Mr. Ilham Aliyev. President Aliyev, mentioned that he had been informed that the working visit was taking place and had wanted to welcome the MAIPFG personally himself, as a signal of his high regards for the Azerbaijan-Malaysia Bilateral relationship. He recalled the visit of YAB PM to Azerbaijan and fruitful discussions that was held during the meetings. He also mentioned that the bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and Malaysia are of pivotal importance for both countries, H.E. President Aliyev noted that these ties had developed in various fields, including political, economic and others.



On the next day of the working-visit, YB Dr. Ronald and delegation, met with the Deputy Foreign Minister of the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E Mr. Mahmud Mammadguliyev. The Deputy Foreign Minister welcomed the delegation to Azerbaijan and informed that

Azerbaijan and Malaysia has always been in good relations and that the meeting of the Deputy Speaker with the President of Azerbaijan is testament to this.

The visit of YB Datuk Seri Ronald Kiandee and delegation marks another milestone in the excellent bilateral relation between Malaysia and Azerbaijan.

SEVENTH GLOBAL FORUM OF THE UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS, BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

Foreign Minister of Malaysia, Datuk Seri Anifah Aman led the Malaysian delegation to the Seventh Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) which was held from 25-27 April 2016, in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Several heads of state and government, about 2,000 participants from over 146 countries, including representatives of international and regional organizations, private sectors, civil societies, scientific institutions, media outlets, donor agencies and others attended the forum.

The Forum, held under the slogan "Living together in inclusive societies: A Challenge and a Goal", was a global platform for strengthening the dialogue between civilizations, promoting friendship among nations and states, encouraging co-operation and sustainable development, preventing ethnic, religious and racial discrimination and negative events that threaten the peace and security in the world, discussing important issues and supporting the solutions of these problems.



On 26 April 2016, His Excellency Minister attended the Official Opening Ceremony of the Forum. Azerbaijani President İlham Aliyev, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, the UN High Representative for AOC Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel García-Margallo addressed the opening ceremony.



H.E. Anifah Aman delivered Malaysia's statement during the UNAOC Groups of Friends Meeting. He noted that inclusive societies are a goal that we should all aspire to achieve, given the many benefits that inclusivity brings. Only by adopting a culture of inclusion we can hope to achieve this goal. What this means is that every individual must feel respected and that they matter in the life of their community. Achieving this goal is not without its challenges.

The working visit of the delegation ended on 27 April 2016.

Courtesy Call by the Ambassador of Indonesia to the Republic of Azerbaijan

On 12 May 2016, the Ambassador of Malaysia received a courtesy call by H.E. Drs. H. Husnan Bey Fananie, Ambassador Plenipotentiary and Extraordinary of Indonesia to the Republic of Azerbaijan. H.E. Drs. H. Husnan Bey Fananie handed his credentials to the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Ilham Aliyev on 3 May 2016. H.E. Dato' Roslan Abdul Rahman congratulated the newly appointed Ambassador and welcomed him to Azerbaijan. The Ambassadors discussed on issues of common interest.



H.E. AMBASSADOR GAVE A LECTURE AT KHAZAR UNIVERSITY

The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman has been invited by Dr Mukhtar Hajizada, Head of Political

Science and International Relations Department of Khazar University to give a lecture at the University. On 20 May 2016, the Ambassador gave a lecture to the students of Khazar University on Malaysia's foreign policy.

H.E. Ambassador started his lecture by giving information on governmental structure of

Malaysia and provided a detailed background on Malaysia's foreign policy in the wider neighbourhoods and briefed the students about the cooperation with both the Association of

Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation. The seminar continued with Q&A session. The Ambassador answered to the questions of the students and had a discussion on the topic.

After the seminar lasting for 2 hours, H.E. had a meeting with Dr Hassan Niknafs, the President of the Khazar University. During the meeting both sides talked about the cooperation between the two countries in

the field of education. Dr Hassan expressed his interest in cooperating with Malaysian Universities.



COURTESY CALL ON H.E. AMBASSADOR BY MR. MUHAMMAD NABIL JAN AL JEFFRI GP2 RACE DRIVER AND MALAYSIAN YOUTH ICON



On 15 June 2016, the Ambassador of Malaysia in Baku, received a courtesy call on him by the Malaysian Youth Icon, Muhammad Nabil Jan Al Jefri. He was accompanied by his father, Jan Al Jefri and also Personal Manager, Dato Sayed Alfeizal Sayed Ahmad.

Muhammad Nabil, age 22 represents Malaysia in the GP2 support race at the side line of the European Formula 1 in Baku from 17 - 19 June 2016.

The Ambassador wishes him and his team all the best in the upcoming races and is confident that his involvement in motorsports will further put Malaysia on the World Map and also make us proud to be Malaysian.



***Go Nabil...!!! Godspeed...!!!
Malaysia boleh...!!!***

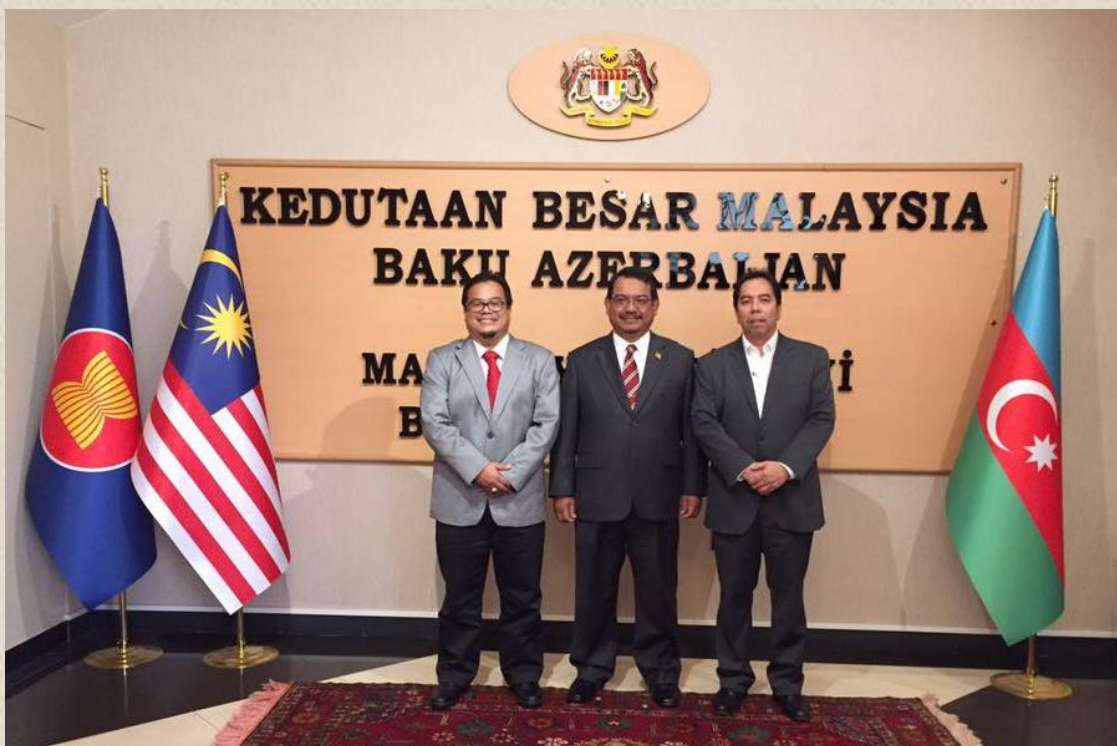


COURTESY CALL BY PETRONAS, AZERBAIJAN

On 23 June 2016, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman received a courtesy call on him by the incoming country head of Petronas in Azerbaijan H.E. Hanafi Bin Talib and the current country head H.E. Zainal Abidin Zainudin. They were

accompanied by Petronas' officers Mr Dzulkarnain Azaman and Mr Ramzi Kadri.

The sides discussed on issues of common interest.



MEETING AT THE BAKU HIGHER OIL SCHOOL (BHOS)



Upon the invitation of Mr Elmar Gasimov, Rector of the Baku Higher Oil School H.E. Dato Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan visited the campus of the Baku Higher Oil School on 23 June 2016.

BHOS have cooperation with several oil companies operating in Azerbaijan and since the Malaysian National Oil Company, PETRONAS has started to operate in Baku, Mr Gasimov expressed his wish for some form of cooperation.

H.E. Ambassador stressed that collaboration of PETRONAS and Malaysian Universities would be beneficial for both countries. The Universities can collaborate in terms of students and teachers exchange etc.

The meeting lasted for an hour in a very friendly and cordial manner. The two sides discussed the fields of cooperation and agreed to foster exchange of information and experience.

EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

ASEAN SPORTS AND FAMILY DAY IN BAKU



Embassy of Malaysia in Baku organized “ASEAN Sports and Family Day in Baku” on 15 May 2016. The purpose of the event is to foster close friendship relations among ASEAN member countries. Opening the event, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Roslan Abdul Rahman underlined the significance of holding such events among ASEAN member countries.



The Ambassador of Indonesia to the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Drs. H. Husnan Bey Fananie was among the special guests.

The diplomats and their families as well as other guests from ASEAN member countries (Indonesia, Singapore) participated in a range of sport and folk games. Among the activities included were Volleyball, football and games for children. Guests then were invited to savour dishes.



The winners were awarded with medals



For the first time in its history Azerbaijan has hosted Formula 1 Grand Prix of Europe. F1 took place in the capital city of Azerbaijan, Baku. The event started on June 17, 2016 and ended on June 19, 2016.



Thousands of people witnessed in Azerbaijan a quite spectacular opening ceremony followed by a hugely enjoyable race, where speeds on track exceeded the 360 km/h mark, confirming Baku City Circuit as the fastest street circuit in the world!

The Mercedes AMG Petronas driver, Nico Rosberg won the Formula 1 Grand Prix of Europe in Baku, Azerbaijan.



The Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of Azerbaijan, H.E. Dato' Roslan Tan Sri Abdul Rahman had a chance to meet with a F1 winner, Nico Rosberg together with Petronas's President and other guests.



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