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*We are pleased to bring you our newsletter edition 1/2016 which highlights major events undertaken by the Embassy of Malaysia in Bangkok from January to June 2016. We hope you will enjoy reading this publication!*

### TONGSUN MOSQUE QATAM AL-QURAN CEREMONY



Tongsun Mosque, one of the oldest mosques in Bangkok (estimated 400 years old), organised the Qatam (Completion) Al-Quran Ceremony on 10 January 2016. The event was officiated by a former Minister of Interior of Thailand, and H.E. Dato' Nazirah Hussain, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand was invited to deliver the opening speech. Ambassador's participation was part of the Embassy of Malaysia's public diplomacy and Friends of Malaysia's initiative, to forge closer ties with the local community in Thailand.

### ASEAN MUSIC FESTIVAL 2016



H.E. Dato' Nazirah Hussain, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand attended the Opening Ceremony of the ASEAN Music Festival "Switch on ASEAN – Beats Beyond Borders" on 29 January 2016, hosted by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.

### THE FUND RAISING FOR HUMANITARIAN NETWORKING OF SHEIKHUL ISLAM OF THAILAND



Sheikhul Islam of Thailand held a fund raising event in Songkhla on 31 January 2016. H.E. Dato' Nazirah Hussain, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand was invited to deliver a speech on the "Role of Muslim Women in Giving for Humanity" at the event.

### BANGKOK HALAL 2016



H.E. Dato' Nazirah Hussain, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand attended the Opening Ceremony of Bangkok Halal 2016 exhibition in Hua Mak on 12 February 2016, organised by the Government of Thailand. Thailand is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> among exporters of Halal food to OIC member countries, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in ASEAN after Malaysia and Indonesia.

### COBRA GOLD 2016 EVACUATION EXERCISE



Home Based Staff of the Embassy of Malaysia participated in the 'Non-Combatant Evacuation (NEO)' exercise during the 16<sup>th</sup> Cobra Gold at U-Tapao Naval Air Base, Rayong on 17 February 2016. Malaysia was granted full participating country status in the Cobra Gold Exercises this year, the biggest military exercise in Asia Pacific.

### 14<sup>TH</sup> ASIA COOPERATION DIALOGUE (ACD) MINISTERIAL MEETING



The Hon. Dato' Sri Anifah Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia attended the 14<sup>th</sup> ACD Ministerial Meeting in Bangkok on 10 March 2016, chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. The Meeting was held under the theme "ACD – The Way Forward" with the focus on formulating common vision for ACD, as well as ways and means to further expand cooperation in the future.

### ASEAN WEEK 2016



Celebration of 'ASEAN Week 2016' hosted by the King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL), Thailand on 23 March 2016. H.E. Dato' Nazirah Hussain, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand was invited as guest of honour and delivered a speech on "Education Development in ASEAN".

### LAUNCHING OF THE ASEAN CENTRE FOR MILITARY MEDICINE (ACMM)



The Government of Thailand launched the ASEAN Centre for Military Medicine (ACMM) at the Royal Thai Army Medical Department, Bangkok on 7 April 2016. The officiating ceremony was presided by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Thailand, with the presence of all the ASEAN Heads of Mission in Bangkok.

### ASEAN CULTURAL EXPO 2016



The Embassy of Malaysia participated in the 'ASEAN Kitchen' during the ASEAN Cultural Expo 2016 in Sanam Luang Field, Bangkok from 20 to 24 April 2016. The event was held in conjunction with the 234<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bangkok as the Capital of Thailand. The food was prepared by the Embassy's staff and Galleria Hotel, Bangkok.

### GRAND OPENING CEREMONY OF HIDAYAH CONDOTEL IN KRABI



H.E. Dato' Nazirah Hussain, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand officiated the Hidayah Condotel in Krabi on 7 May 2016, on behalf of the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. Krabi is a famous tourist destination in Thailand for Muslim tourists from around the world.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KELAB MALAYSIA-THAILAND (KMT) 2016**



The KMT AGM 2016 was held at the Embassy of Malaysia, Bangkok on 10 May 2016. H.E. Dato' Nazirah Hussain, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand delivered the opening speech at the event. The AGM elected Mr. Ten Voon Teng of the Uni Royal International Co. Ltd. as the new President of KMT for the term 2016/2017.

### **MALAYSIAN-THAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (MTCC)'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016**



The MTCC AGM 2016 was held at Eastin Grand Hotel, Bangkok on 12 May 2016. H.E. Dato' Nazirah Hussain, Ambassador of Malaysia to Thailand attended the MTCC Board of Directors Meeting. The AGM re-elected Mr. Yeap Swee Chuan, President and CEO of AAPICO Hitech PCL as the Chairman of MTCC for the term 2016/2017.

### **MAJLIS SILATURRAHIM 2016 BY EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA**



The Embassy of Malaysia hosted the 'Majlis Silaturahmi 2016' under the MTCP Alumni Development Fund (ADF) Programme at Embassy of Malaysia on 20 May 2016. A total of 250 local guests attended the programme, comprising MTCP alumni participants, senior government officials, community leaders, student leaders, as well as Malaysians in Bangkok.

### **IFTAR DINNER 2016 BY EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA**



The Embassy of Malaysia hosted an 'Iftar Dinner 2016' on 12 June 2016 for Home Based Staff, Locally Recruited Staff, Malaysians in Bangkok, as well as a group of orphans from a local orphanage in Bangkok at the Embassy of Malaysia.