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"Extremely successful visit!" - The Honorable
Dato' Seri Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, Prime
Minister of Malaysia



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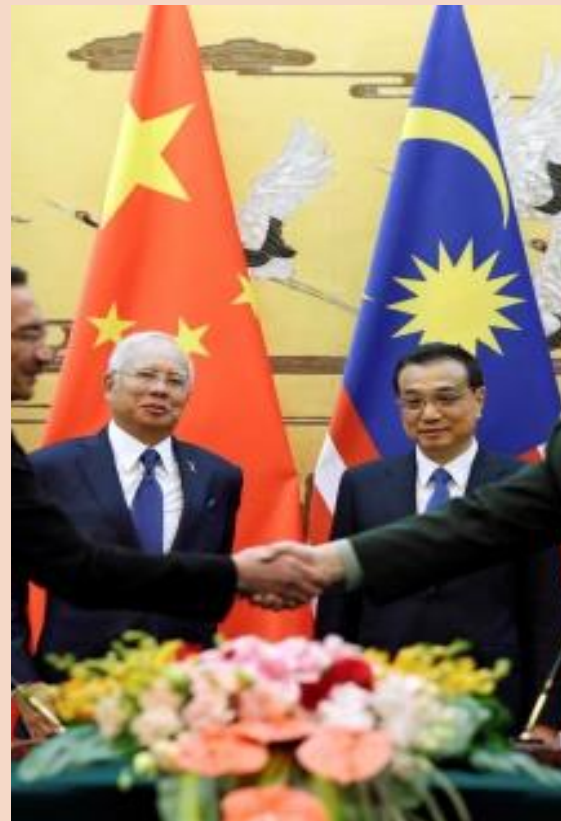
“Malaysia-China Bilateral Relations has entered a New High!”

YAB Dato' Seri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak



The Honorable Dato' Seri Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia inspecting the Guard of Honour with H.E. Premier Li Keqiang

The Honorable Dato' Seri Mohd Najib bin Tun Abdul Razak undertook an Official Visit to the People's Republic of China from 31 October to 5 November 2016. The Hon. Prime Minister was accompanied by 9 Cabinet Ministers, several Chief Ministers as well as more than 140 Government Officials and business delegates.



During the visit, 9 G2G and 25 B2B Memorandum of Understandings/Agreements were signed.

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Snapshots during the Official Visit

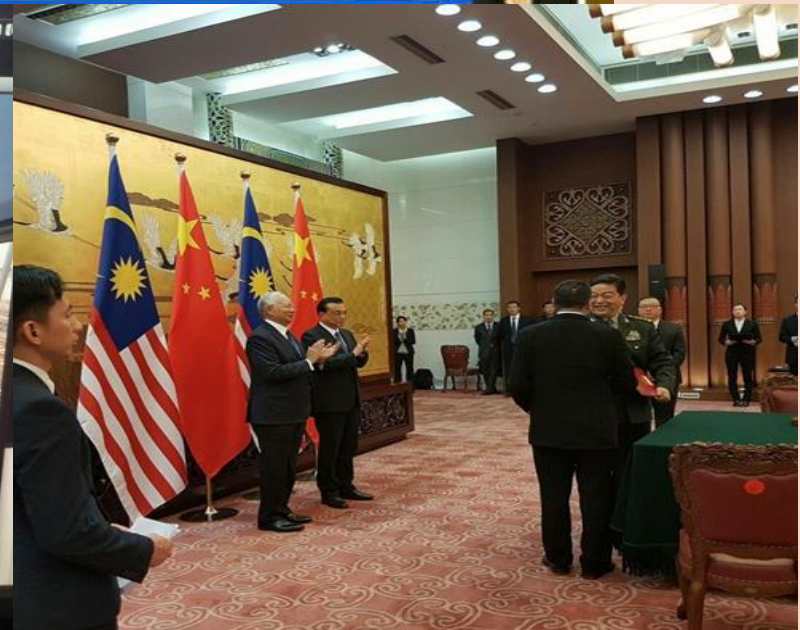


One for the album

PM Najib with Cabinet Ministers, Chief Ministers and the Ambassador of Malaysia to China



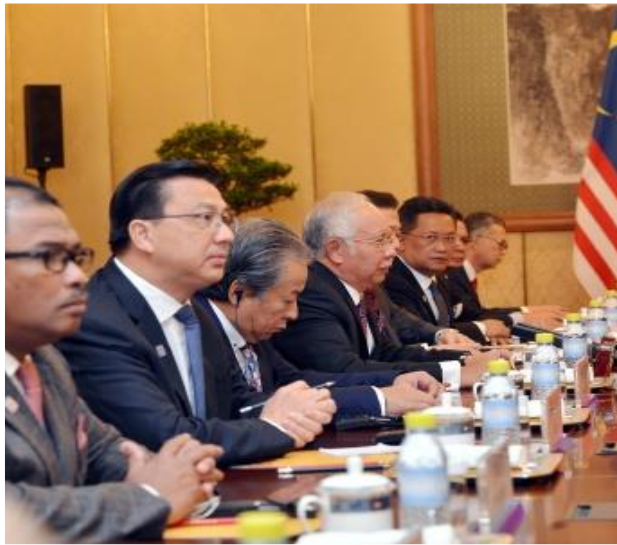
A ride on board the Beijing-Tianjin high speed train



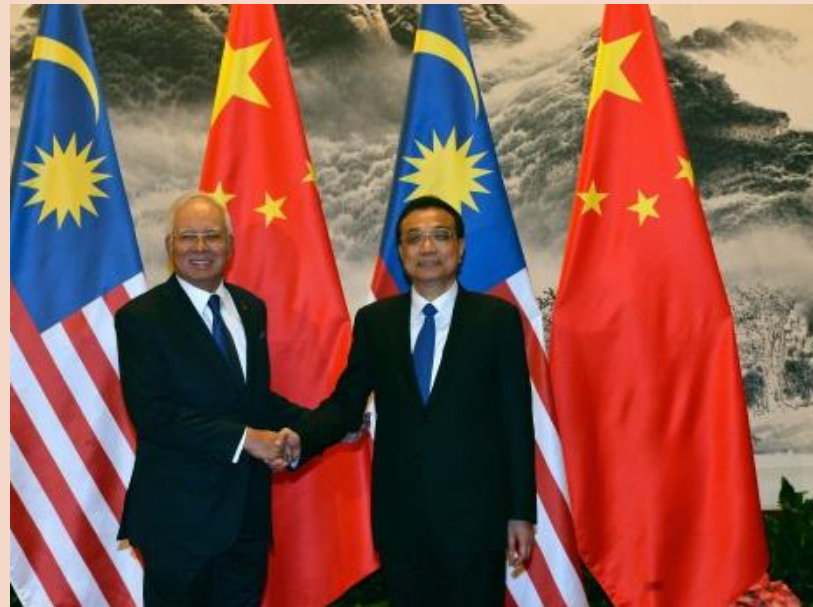
Witnessing the MoU Signing Ceremony

Snapshots during the Official Visit

Clockwise from top left



PM Najib leading the Malaysia-China Delegation Meeting; an evening with Malaysian Diaspora in Beijing; with Premier Li Keqiang; and appointing Mr. Jack Ma, Executive Chairman of Alibaba Group as Malaysia's Digital Economy Advisor



What the papers said...

China set to invest more in Malaysia, says Najib

BEIJING: Economic and trade relations between Malaysia and China has grown from strength to strength, and the latter's investments in the country are set to expand further, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said last year, China invested US\$2 billion (RM8.4 billion) in Malaysia and expects the figure to increase based on the uptrend in investments over the past five years.

"China was Malaysia's largest trading partner in 2015, a position maintained since 2009. Total bilateral trade in 2015 was US\$100 billion," he said at the Round Table Meeting with 30 Chinese Captains of Industry here yesterday.

The event was organised by the International Trade and Industry Ministry (Miti) and the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) and also present was Minister, Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed.

Najib is on a six-day official visit to China from Monday and during his stay, Malaysian and Chinese companies will sign more than 10 agreements, involving among others, investments in port construction,

gas pipe laying and water desalination plants, e-commerce, solar panel manufacturing and construction.

Putrajaya and Beijing will also sign the Framework Financing Agreement and Engineering, Procurement, Construction Contract for the US\$13.10 billion (RM55 billion) East Coast Railway Line (ECRL) project yesterday.

The ECRL is set to be China's single largest investment in Malaysia.

Najib, who is also Finance Minister said the growing economic and trade relations between Malaysia and China has been encouraged by the healthy and close political and business exchanges at the highest levels.

He said Malaysian companies, such as the IOI Group, Parkson, and KLK, have also considerably expanded their operations in China.

"We share China's view that the best way to face the ongoing global economic headwinds is to increase cooperation, and create mutually beneficial and sustainable growth through trade and investments," he added.

Najib said as China increasingly engaged with friends and neigh-

bours, through the Go Abroad strategy, the One Belt One Road initiative and multilateral agreements such as the ASEAN-China Free Trade Agreement, Malaysia has also benefited from China's prominence on the world stage.

He said the Malaysian economy remains stable and on a positive trajectory, with the Gross Domestic Product growth projected to be 4 to 4.5 per cent this year, and up to five per cent in 2017.

"With our strong economic fundamentals, Malaysia continues to be a very attractive destination for foreign direct investments (FDI)," he added.

Najib said in the first half of 2016, approved FDI has already reached 83.3 per cent of the total approved for the whole of last year.

He said with Malaysia's highly diversified economy, strong manufacturing foundation, developed infrastructure and connectivity, proactive government policies alongside a sound legal system, there is enormous potential for further cooperation with China.

"Malaysia can also be China's gateway for ASEAN and beyond," he told the meeting. - Bernama

New high in China ties

In just one day, Malaysia and China inked an impressive 28 memorandums of understanding (MoUs) for the public and private sectors. Among these are business deals worth a whopping RM144bil. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak said it was the largest number of business MoUs he had witnessed. He also described Malaysia-China ties as hitting a 'new high' following bilateral talks with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang. See Pages 2 & 4 for reports



Impressive welcome: Najib and Li inspecting the guards-of-honour during a welcoming ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing — Reuters



The successful visit by YAB Prime Minister to the People's Republic of China made various headways!

In and around China...Ambassador's Diary



On 28 July 2016, H.E. Dato' Zainuddin Yahya, Ambassador of Malaysia to PRC officiated the RM 270 million Lei Shing Hong Plaza in Shenyang, Liaoning Province. The 13-storey 58,000 meter square LSH Plaza in Shenyang will house a 4-storey Mercedes Benz auto showroom and a 9-storey grade-A office. LSH's auto arm - LSH Auto is the largest Mercedes Benz dealer group in the world with business dealings in China, Republic of Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Australia, Germany and the United Kingdom.



H.E. Dato' Zainuddin Yahya together with YB Datuk Seri Mah Siew Keong, Minister of Plantation Industries and Commodities (MPIC) at the Malaysia-China Palm Oil Trade Fair and Seminar (POTS), and the 5th Palm Oil Health and Nutrition Forum and the International Glove Seminar, Tianjin, August 2016



Meeting with Ms. Wang Chaoxia, President of the Federation for Returned Overseas Chinese of Liaoning Province, July 2016



H.E. Dato' Zainuddin Yahya receiving a memento from Mr. Bing Zhigang, Vice Mayor of Liaoning Province, July 2016

Embassy Activities



Clockwise from top left

The Voice of Malaysia Karaoke Competition; Hari Raya Aidilfitri 2016; Hari Sukan Negara; visit by Jeonsa Football Club Malaysia; Christmas Turkey lunch with China World Hotel; and visit by Pusat Khidmat Ahli Parlimen Kepala Batas

ASEAN Activities



H.E. Dato' Zainuddin Yahya, together with other ASEAN Ambassadors at the Official Launching of the Panzhuhua ASEAN International Trade City, Panzhuhua, Sichuan Province, November 2016



H.E. Dato' Zainuddin Yahya being interviewed by Panzhuhua news station



ASEAN Ambassadors visit Pangang Group Rail & Beam Plant, Panzhuhua, Sichuan Province, November 2016

ANNOUNCEMENT

Malaysia extends the eNTRI Program!

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Public Holidays 2017

No.	Public Holiday	Date
1.	New Year's Day	1 January
2.	Chinese New Year	28-29 January
3.	Tomb Sweeping (Qing Ming) Festival	4 April
4.	Labour Day	1 May
5.	Birthday of SPB Yang di-Pertuan Agong	3 June
6.	Eid Fitr (Hari Raya Puasa)	25-26 June*
7.	National Day of Malaysia	31 August
8.	Eid Adha (Hari Raya Qurban)	1 September
9.	Malaysia Day	16 September
10.	Awal Muharram (Maal Hijrah)	21 September
11.	National Day of P.R. China	1 – 2 October
12.	Mid-Autumn Festival	4 October
13.	Deepavali	18 October
14.	Birthday of Prophet Muhammad S.A.W (Maulidur Rasul)	1 December
15.	Christmas Day	25 December



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CHINA

Adding another tough market to our portfolio, we were appointed by the Public Works Department to be turnkey contractor for a new chancery building of the Embassy of Malaysia in Beijing, being part of the development programme under the Seventh Malaysia Plan. The project spread over a built up area of 1,901.74 sq ft for offices and residences at the third diplomatic enclave of Liangmaqiao, Chao Yang District.

The design was based on the traditional Malay house concept and blended harmoniously with its surrounding while standing out as an architectural icon in Beijing. With the construction of this building, the Malaysian government would save rental and minimize the flow of our currency to China.

The project work began on 15 February 2000 and completed on 21 July 2002. Though we ran into numerous challenges in the form of cultural differences and working environment, awareness of the local requirements, climatic condition and conditions of contract ensured satisfactory completion. There was always a close coordination between the client, architect, engineer and interior designer even prior to



tendering stage to capture design intents and iron out problems that could have been confronted during the course of construction. The project gave our team the opportunity for them to learn and understand the local requirements, especially when dealing with more than 12 authorities, differences in climates and culture, various requirements of the local policies, local people, local suppliers and subcontractors. On top of that, the team were exposed in new construction technologies which benefited the industry locally.

This project also exposed our technical team and local consultants to work in four-season environment, where in a precise planning is needed to ensure the highest productivity at every seasonal condition. For instance, work will be adjourned during extreme winter and to mitigate the delay in the work programme, the team would therefore work 24 hours a day.



Overall, the successful completion of this project not only enhanced Malaysia's reputation in China, but significantly marked the Malaysian contractors' ability to carry out the most challenging overseas projects. The Beijing Construction Safety Committee recognized the project as one of 2000's most well-managed project sites, with special mention for its functionality and aesthetics. On 14 March 2004, the building was complemented by the Ambassador's Official Residence.



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