

Ambassador's Message



Dear Readers,

2016 has been an eventful year for the Embassy of Malaysia in Brazil (MW Brasilia). Global and regional challenges, especially the economic slowdown, have impacted countries in the world, including Malaysia and Brazil.

Be that as it may, MW Brasilia remains unperturbed and steadfast in our commitment to deliver the best services to Malaysians in Brazil. MW Brasilia will also continue to safeguard, promote and advance the positive image and interests of Malaysia in Brazil. Towards this end, MW Brasilia will continue to actively engage the Brazilian public and private sectors, either individually or collectively with ASEAN or other regional groupings within the diplomatic community in Brazil such as the Asia-Oceania, Arab League and African groups.

As Chairman of the ASEAN Committee in Brasilia (ACB) from 1 July - 31 December 2016, MW Brasilia spearheads the ACB programmes in engaging essential Brazilian personalities in the government, Congress and private sector, to advance and raise ASEAN's visibility in Brazil with the aim to raise awareness about the

tremendous market opportunities available in the ASEAN region to Brazilian policy makers, traders and investors.

Despite the limited resources, MW Brasilia has implemented programmes in promoting Malaysia as a travel and business destinations through the Malaysian Food Showcase for the Brazilian media and the Asia-Oceania Ladies Association Gastronomic Festival. The responses received from those promotional activities have been very positive in terms of raising awareness and creating opportunities for potential tourist arrivals to Malaysia and exports of Malaysian foodstuff to Brazil in the future. MW Brasilia is determined to continue increasing Malaysia's visibility in Brazil through various programmes in 2017 with the support and assistance from the relevant Malaysian industry players in the future.

Last but not least, we at the Embassy of Malaysia in Brasilia wish everyone: **Feliz Ano Novo 2017!** (Happy New 2017!).

Sincerely,

Datuk Rahimi Harun

Inside this issue

- ◆ Ambassador's Message (1)
- ◆ Malaysian Food Showcase (2)
- ◆ Asia-Oceania Gastronomic Festival (3)
- ◆ National Sports Day 2016 (4)
- ◆ ASEAN Committee in Brasilia (ACB) (5)
- ◆ ACB Bowling Tournament (7)
- ◆ 2016 Rio Olympics & Paralympics (8)
- ◆ Registration of Malaysian citizens abroad (9)
- ◆ Contact details of the Embassy (10)

Brazilian media hosted at Malaysian Food Showcase

On 20 December 2016, the Malaysian Embassy organized a Malaysian Food Showcase in Brasilia for the Brazilian media at *Rumah Malaysia*. The event was part of the media diplomacy activities to promote Malaysia as a tourism and business destination among Brazilians.

With the theme “*The Flavors of Unity in Diversity*”, the event showcased Malaysia’s “classic” dishes such as the *Nasi Lemak*, *Ayam Masak Rempah*, *Sambal Cili Udang*, Chicken Satay, *Kuah Kacang*, *Nasi Impit*, *Cekodok* and *Dodol*. There was also a demonstration on the preparation of Malaysia’s iconic drink the *Teh Tarik*.

During the event, the media were shown a video presentation on Malaysia. The media also had a Q&A session with Ambassador on various topics on Malaysia. The Embassy distributed tourism and business prospectus to the media.



Read more here:

<http://embassybrasil.com.br/site/gastronomia-multietnica-da-rota-dos-sabores/>

Malaysian Embassy promotes Malaysia at Asia-Oceania Ladies Association Gastronomic Festival

The Malaysian Embassy participated in the inaugural AOLA Gastronomic Festival that was held on 1 October 2016 at the *Cota Mil Iate Clube* (military club) in Lago Sul, Brasilia.

The event saw the participation of 14 Missions from Asia and Pacific regions. The event showcased an array of products such as food from the Asia and Pacific regions, handicraft and t-shirts.

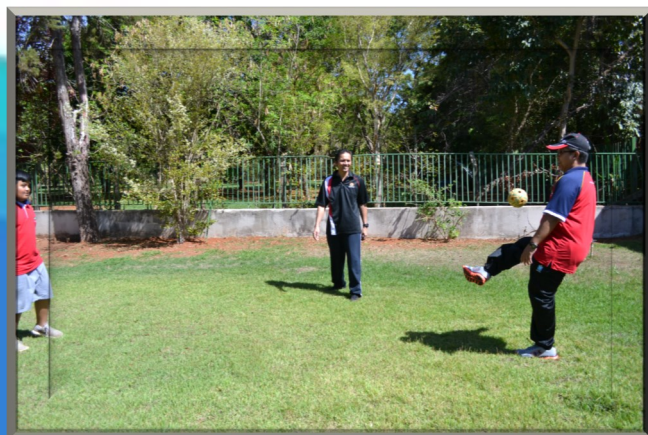
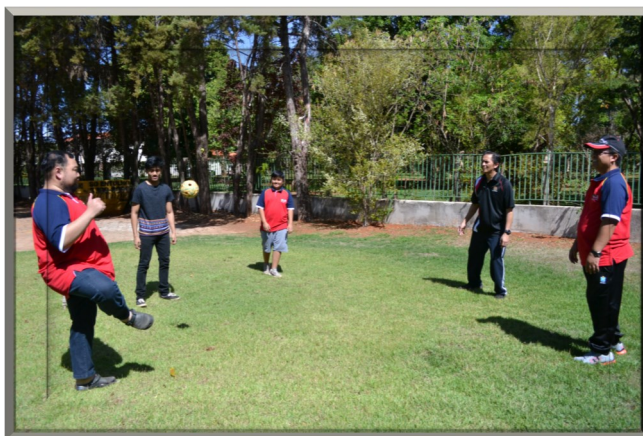
The Malaysian Embassy booth offered a variety of traditional handicraft including *pua kumbu*, fridge magnets, t-shirts, traditional necklaces, handwoven rattan purses and pouches. The Embassy also distributed tourism brochures as part of the effort of promoting Malaysia as a tourism destination.



Malaysian Embassy participated in the National Sports Day 2016

On 8 October 2016, the staff and families members of the Malaysia Embassy gathered at Rumah Malaysia to participate in sports activities in conjunction with the National Sports Day. The morning kicked off at 7.00 a.m. with a short welcome remarks by Ambassador Datuk Rahimi followed by a warm up session.

This year, the Embassy organized a badminton game and *sepak takraw*, a combination of modern and classic sports. The activities ended by 12.00 noon with refreshments.

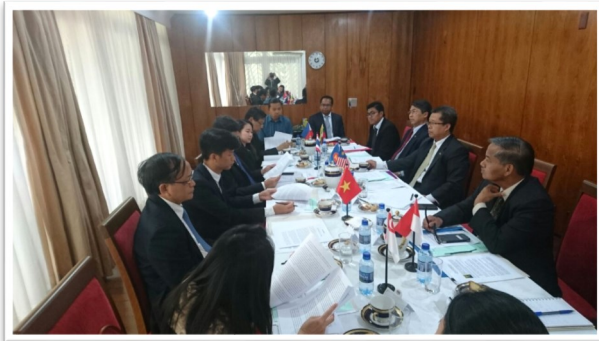


Malaysia Assumes Chairmanship of ASEAN Committee in Brasília (ACB)

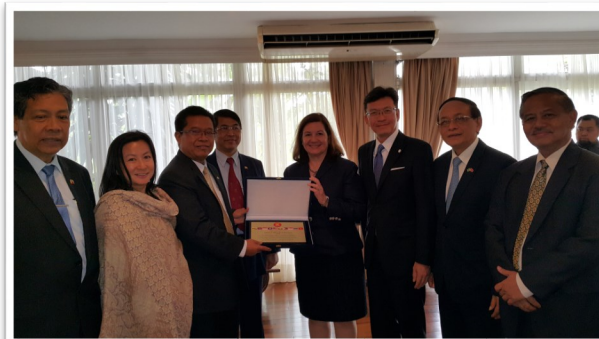


H.E. Datuk Rahimi Harun assumed the Chairmanship of ACB for the term July-December 2016 from Ambassador of Indonesia (January-June 2016). Ambassador Rahimi took over the duties of leading and coordinating the projects and activities of the ACB towards further strengthening the ASEAN-Brazil relations.

Several activities were carried out during Malaysia's chairmanship including courtesy calls on government officials and industry players, bowling tournament and farewell luncheon for outgoing Vietnamese Ambassador. ACB comprises of 7 ASEAN Missions, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.



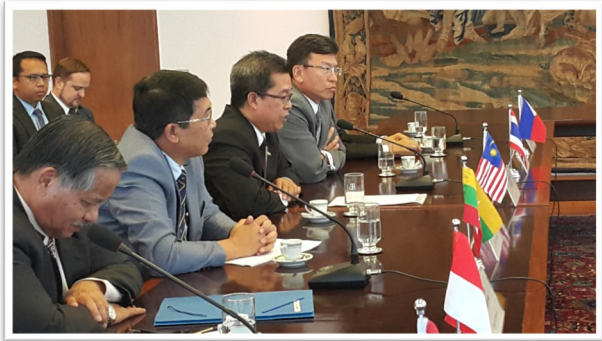
Two of the three ACB Heads of Mission meetings chaired by Ambassador Datuk Rahimi at Rumah Malaysia during Malaysia's Chairmanship from July to December 2016.



4 Oct. 2016—Ambassador Maria Viotti, Undersecretary General for Asia and Pacific, Ministry of External Relations of Brazil (MRE) attended a luncheon hosted by Ambassador Datuk Rahimi at Rumah Malaysia in Brasilia.



27 Oct. 2016—Ambassador Datuk Rahimi led the ACB Heads of Mission delegation for a courtesy call and discussion with Mr. Carlos Eduardo Abijaodi, Director of Industrial Development, National Confederation of Industry of Brazil (CNI).



10 Oct. 2016—Ambassador Datuk Rahimi lead the ACB Heads of Mission for a courtesy call and discussion with Ambassador Marcos Bezerra Abbot Galvão, Secretary General of the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil.



4 Oct. 2016—Ambassador Datuk Rahimi headed the ACB Heads of Mission for a courtesy call on Federal Deputy Pedro Vilela, Chairman of the Commission on External Relations and National Defense (CREDN), Chamber of Deputies of Brazil at the Brazilian Congress.



18 Oct. 2016—Ambassador Datuk Rahimi led the ACB Head of Mission delegation for a courtesy call on H.E. Aloysio Nunes, Chairman of the Senate Committee of the Commission on External Relations and National Defense (CREDN) at the Brazilian Senate.



13 Dec. 2016—Ambassador Datuk Rahimi hosted a farewell luncheon for Ambassador Nguyen Van Kien, Ambassador of Vietnam to Brazil, who ended his tour and return to Vietnam on 20 December 2016.

ASEAN Sports and Family Day

On 3 December 2016, the ACB organized a bowling tournament at Strike Bowling Center in Brasilia. The tournament was part of the activities for ACB Sports and Family Day.



Listen up everybody!
Amb. Datuk Rahimi
welcoming everyone
to the event

One for the album:
ACB Heads of Mission
and representatives of
posing for the camera
prior to the event



High hopes:
Bowlers from the
Malaysian Embassy all
geared up to play, but
first we pose for a
photo!



*High spirited bowlers
having a good time...
while others are fully
focused on the games.*



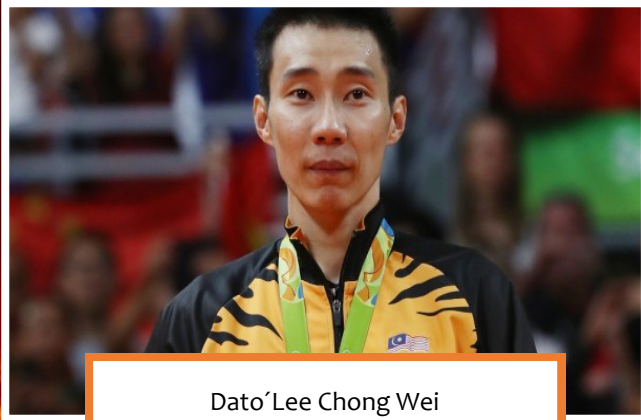
Rio2016



Rio2016
JOGOS PARALÍMPICOS

BEM FEITO, MALÁSIA!

Well done, Malaysia!



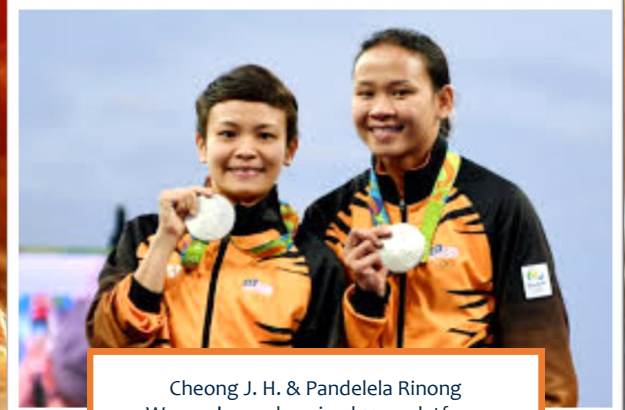
Dato' Lee Chong Wei
Silver—Men's Single (Badminton)



Chan Peng Soon & Goh Liu Ying
Silver—Mixed Double (Badminton)



Goh V Shem & Tan Wee Kiong
Silver—Men's Double (Badminton)



Cheong J. H. & Pandeleda Rinong
Women's synchronized 10 m platform
(Diving)



Azizulhasni Awang
Bronze—Men's Keirin (Cycling)



Paralympics Athletes
3 golds and 1 bronze

Thank you to the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia for providing the endless support during the preparation and throughout the games. *Muito Obrigada!* (Thank you very much)

REGISTRATION OF MALAYSIAN CITIZENS ABROAD

Have you registered with the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia? If you have not, here is how you do it.

LONG-TERM STAY



If you are a Malaysian citizen, living/residing in Brazil/Guyana/Suriname for a long period (i.e. study, employment, married to a local citizen, permanent resident, etc.), you are encouraged to register at the nearest Malaysian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate General of Malaysia as stipulated in item 6 of the Malaysian Passport that reads: “A Malaysian citizen residing abroad must register his/her name and latest address at the Malaysian Embassy/High Commission or Consulate Office”.

You can now register online using the **E-Consular Application** (www.kln.gov.my/web/guest/home), under “Online Services”. Please use your MyKAD number for identification). You also can download the registration form here: http://www.kln.gov.my/web/bra_brasilia/malaysian_reg. Submit the form to the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia by mail, fax or email.

SHORT-TERM STAY



If you are visiting Brazil/Guyana/Suriname for a short time (i.e. tourism, meetings, conferences and exchange programmes) you are advised to **notify the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia by email or fax before you travel to Brazil/Guyana/Suriname**. Provide information of your accommodation, local organizer/host, contacts, duration of stay, itinerary, list of other accompanying travelers, persons to contact in case of emergency. You may also leave copies of your itinerary, passport data page and visas with family or friends, so you can be contacted in case of an emergency.

NOTE

It is important that the Malaysian Embassy knows how to contact you in an emergency and to help your family and friends get in touch with you in an emergency.

DID YOU KNOW?

To date, 80 Malaysian citizens in Brazil, Guyana and Suriname have registered with the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia. ***Don't wait. Register now. It is free of charge!***

INFORMATION

TRAVEL CHECKLIST

- Malaysian citizens do not need visa for tourist trips to **Brazil and Suriname of up to 90 days and to Guyana of up to 60 days.****
 - Your passport must be valid. Many countries require travelers to have **at least 6 months validity on their passports** beyond their planned duration of stay. If your passport expires in 6 months or less you need to renew it immediately.
 - Ensure your passport is not about to run out of pages for visas and/or entry/exit stamps.
 - If you are traveling to Brazil/Guyana/Suriname for a short period (tourism), please notify the Malaysian Embassy in Brasilia of your presence in by sending your contact details (contact numbers, local address and contact person) via email. You may also leave copies of your itinerary, passport data page and visas with family or friends, so you can be contacted in case of an emergency.
 - **All Malaysians are required to take Yellow Fever vaccination before travelling to South & Central America (including Brazil, Guyana and Suriname).** If a person has never been immunized for Yellow Fever, it is advised to get the vaccine at **least 10 days prior to travelling.** Carry the International Immunization Card for proof of the Yellow Fever vaccination.
- Effective 22 June 2016, booster doses or re-vaccination for Yellow Fever will no longer be required. One dose of the Yellow Fever Vaccine will be valid for travel regardless of when the vaccine was given. You are encouraged to take other vaccinations as well. Consult your doctor on this matter.*
- **Scan your identification documents (i.e. passport, IC) and email them to yourself.** Should you lose your identification document, you have a copy to enable you to apply for an Emergency Certificate (a travelling document issued by the Malaysian Embassy to enable you to return to Malaysia).
 - While in a foreign country you are subject to its laws. Look up information about the places you plan to visit, as well as travel warnings, travel alerts and local practices and customs.
 - **Keep the contact details of the Embassy with you at all times.**
 - If you need other traveling tips to Brazil/Guyana/Suriname please contact the Malaysian Embassy or the respective Embassies in Kuala Lumpur (Brazil), New Delhi (Guyana) and Jakarta (Suriname).
- * The information on visa requirements stated here is intended as a guide only. For more accurate and latest information on visa, please contact the respective Embassies.

CONTACT US

Address:

Embassy of Malaysia
SHIS QI 05, Chácara 62,
Lago Sul, CEP: 71516-906,
Brasília, Brazil

Office hours:

9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
(Monday-Friday)
Public holidays (closed)

Consular Service:

9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
(Monday-Friday)
(Appointments are necessary for consular services)

Telephone:

+55.61.3248 5008 (office)
+55.61.99944 0741
(consular)

Fax:

+55.61.3248 6307

Email:

mwbrasil@terra.com.br
mwbrasil@kln.gov.my

Website:

www.kln.gov.my/web/bra_brasilia/home

Address:

Malaysia External Trade
Development Corporation
(MATRADE, São Paulo)
771, Alameda Santos,
Suite 72, 7th Floor, 01419-
001 São Paulo, Brazil

Telephone:

Tel: +55.11.3285 2966

Fax:

Fax: +55.11.3289 1595

Email:

saopaulo@matrade.gov.my

Contact Person:

Mr. Choong Wan Sern
Trade Commissioner

2017 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

1. Carnival	27-28 Feb.
2. Good Friday	14 Apr.
3. Tiradentes Day	21 Apr.
4. Labour Day	01 May
5. Corpus Christi	15 June
6. Hari Raya Aidil Fitri (Puasa)*	26 June
7. National Day of Malaysia	31 Aug.
8. Hari Raya Aidil Adha (Qurban)*	01 Sept.
9. Independence Day of Brazil	07 Sept.
10. Awal Muharam (Maal Hijrah)	21 Sept.
11. Our Lady of Aparecida Day	12 Oct.
12. All Souls Day	02 Nov.
13. Proclamation of the Republic	15 Nov.
14. Evangelical Day	30 Nov.
15. Maulidur Rasul	01 Dec.
16. Christmas	25 Dec.

*subject to change
The Embassy will be closed on public holidays