

# NEWSLETTER

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## SEMINAR ‘BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN MALAYSIA’

3 March 2016



The Embassy of Malaysia in collaboration with the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (HCCI) co-organised a Seminar “Business Opportunities in Malaysia” on 3 March 2016 at the HCCI Conference Hall. Amb. Datuk Mohamad Sadik delivered a welcoming address to the audience comprising of Hungarian Businessmen and Consultants. Several other speakers also spoke at the seminar including Amb. Atilla Kalli, Ambassador of Hungary to Malaysia and Mdm. Nor Aida Wasir, MATRADE Representative based in Warsaw. The Representative of the Hungarian

National Trading House (NTH) also spoke on the services that NTC provides in Malaysia. It was a hugely successful event which had attracted about 65 Hungarian business communities on the business potentials in Malaysia.



## VISIT BY THE MALAYSIAN QUALIFICATIONS AGENCY (MQA) TO BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

**23-25 March 2016**

A delegation from the Malaysian Qualifications Agency (MQA) visited Hungary on 23-25 March 2016. The delegation comprised of Professor Dr. Hazman Shah, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of MQA and Mr. Soo Sit Chuan, Senior Director for Policy and Expertise Development.

The purpose of the visit was to initiate discussion with the relevant authorities in Hungary on the mutual recognition of higher education qualifications and future cooperation in the field of Higher Education between Hungary and Malaysia. During the visit, the MQA delegation met with Dr. Laszlo Palkovics, Minister of State for Higher Education, Ministry of Human Capacities.

They also held series of meetings with the relevant Hungarian authorities dealing with accreditation issues including Hungarian Accreditation Committee (HAC) and Hungarian Educational Authority (HEA).



## SEMINAR ON “ASEAN COMMUNITY – DEEPENING INTEGRATION BRINGS EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE AND GROWTH”

31 March 2016

The Embassy participated in a seminar entitled “ASEAN Community: Deepening Integration Brings Expanding Opportunities for Trade and Growth”, co-organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) and the Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT) of Hungary on 31 March 2016. The seminar was held at IFAT which had attracted the interest of more than 100 attendees mostly from among the Hungarian business community and some academicians, civil servants, travel and tour operators and media representatives.

H.E. Datuk Mohamad Sadik in his capacity as the representative of Malaysia as the previous chair of ASEAN delivered an opening speech and spoke on the achievements made under Malaysia’s Chairmanship. The former ASEAN Secretary-General, Dr Surin Pitsuwan also delivered an address focusing on the rationale for European countries to look further towards the ASEAN region for investment and trade opportunities, leveraging on the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015.

The other speakers of the day are also the Ambassador of Lao PDR accredited to Hungary (with residence in Vienna) in his capacity as representative of Lao PDR as the current chair of ASEAN spoke on the ASEAN priority areas under the Laotian Chairmanship for 2016. Amb. Mr. Szilvester Bus, Deputy State Secretary in charge of the “Opening to the South” of MFAT, Hungary delivered an opening remark followed by the presentations from the economic officers/trade representatives of the several ASEAN member states.





## VISIT TO HUNGARY NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY

13 May 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia as Chair of the ASEAN Budapest Community (ABC) coordinated the visit by the ASEAN Ambassadors in Budapest to the Hungarian National News Agency (MTI) on 13 May 2016. The aim of the visit is to explore potential cooperation between the media houses (print, online and electronic and radio channel) in Hungary and the National News Agency in the respective ASEAN countries. It is envisaged that the visit would help bridge linkages between BERNAMA and MTI towards enhance Malaysia's and ASEAN's profile in Hungary and the Central and Eastern European region. It is also hoped that the visit would open the door for greater cooperation between the MTI and the ASEAN Embassies in Budapest in the years ahead.



## VISIT TO BÁCS-KISKUN COUNTY +

17 May 2016



At the invitation of Mr. József Gaál, President of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, H.E. Amb. Datuk Sadik visited the Kecskemét University at the Bács-Kiskun County. Amb. Datuk Sadik was accompanied by the Head of Chancery, En. Ahmad Irshad Razib. On hand to welcome them was the Deputy Mayor of the County and Prof. József Berács, Dean of the Faculty of Vehicle Engineering of the Kecskemét University and several other Heads of Department of the university.

The visit gave a meaningful insight on the potential collaborations between Malaysian University and the Kecskemét University. Kecskemét University uniquely blends classroom and industrial training for a degree in mechanical engineering and automation. The university is closely associated with several locally-based MNCS where most students undertook their on the job training for graduation.

## + CHILDREN'S DAY FESTIVAL 30 MAY 2016



The Embassy participated in the annual Children's Day Festival on Sunday, 29 May 2016. This is the second year that the Embassy took part in this fun-filled event under the Patronage of the Speaker of Hungarian Parliament Mr. László Kövér. A record of more than 50 thousand people throng the fair including locals and regional visitors. Our booth displayed Malaysia's diverse multicultural society and tourism landscape. Brochures on Tourism and Trade

and Investment opportunities in Malaysia were also distributed. Educational games were organised for children and parents sampled Malaysia's sweet delicacies with teh tarik. Amb. Datuk Sadik presented a memento to Mr. Kover who stopped over to visit our booth. The event opportune the Embassy's continuous effort to further increase Malaysia's visibility and awareness in Hungary and the region.



## IFTAR

16 June 2016

H.E. Ambassador Datuk Mohamad Sadik bin Kethergany celebrated an Iftar with the Ambassadors from the OIC member countries on Thursday, 16 June 2016 at his official residence. Guests include a representative from the media, several Imams and the management team from three Masjids in Budapest.



The HBS's and family members, Malaysian expatriate, students and friends of Malaysia were also present. After a brief breaking of fast with dates and Malaysian kuih-muih, the guests performed their Solat Maghrib thereafter were treated to sumptuous Malaysian and International delicacies including Lamb Beriani, Chicken Tandoori, Grilled Salmon, Turkish Salad, homemade Humus and Papadoms. Many stayed on to enjoy the cool evening breeze sipping Cappuccino and Café Latte from a freshly brewed Brazilian coffee while enjoying the beautiful Buda hill top scenery.



## + CONSULAR INFORMATION: REGISTRATION

Malaysians living abroad are encouraged to register themselves at the nearest Malaysian Mission. This is a requirement and is clearly stated in the Malaysian International Passport. Malaysians who fail to register would face the risk of having their nationality revoked under Article 25(2) of the Federal Constitution.

Registering yourself would enable the Embassy to get in touch with you during emergencies or to inform on activities such as the Merdeka Celebration.

Registration can be done by calling upon the Embassy or alternately request for the registration form via telephone, letter or email and send in the duly filled form by post to be registered.

For short visits, it is sufficient to register by telephone or email. Information required is as follows:

*Name:*

*Passport Number:*

*Current address in the country:*

*Date of arrival:*

*Expected date of departure:*

### Registration of Malaysians in Hungary, Macedonia and Slovenia

Malaysians in Hungary, Macedonia and Slovenia are advised to register or update their registration data by filling in the form and either mail it to the Embassy postal address or email it to us.

## TRENDING: MALAYSIA, THE PREFERRED DESTINATION FOR WORLD-CLASS HEALTHCARE



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Blessed with abundance of beaches, islands and rainforests, Malaysia has long been known as a popular holiday destination.

In recent years, Malaysia has emerged as a popular destination for **healthcare travel**.

Healthcare travel or healthcare tourism defines the travel of people to another country for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment in that country. In 2015, Malaysia recorded over 850,000 healthcare travelers.

Among the most sought-after treatments are cardiology, orthopaedics, in-vitro fertilisation (IVF), neurology, oncology, dentistry, cosmetic surgery and health screenings.

Malaysia's popularity as a healthcare travel destination is attributed to its world-class medical facilities available at affordable prices, well-trained medical professionals, widely-used English language, and the support of good infrastructure.

This achievement is substantiated by multiple international awards won by Malaysia, including the "Medical Travel Destination of the Year" title at the International Medical Travel Journal (IMTJ), Medical Travel Awards in 2015.

To find out more about healthcare travel to Malaysia, do visit [www.mhtc.org.my](http://www.mhtc.org.my)



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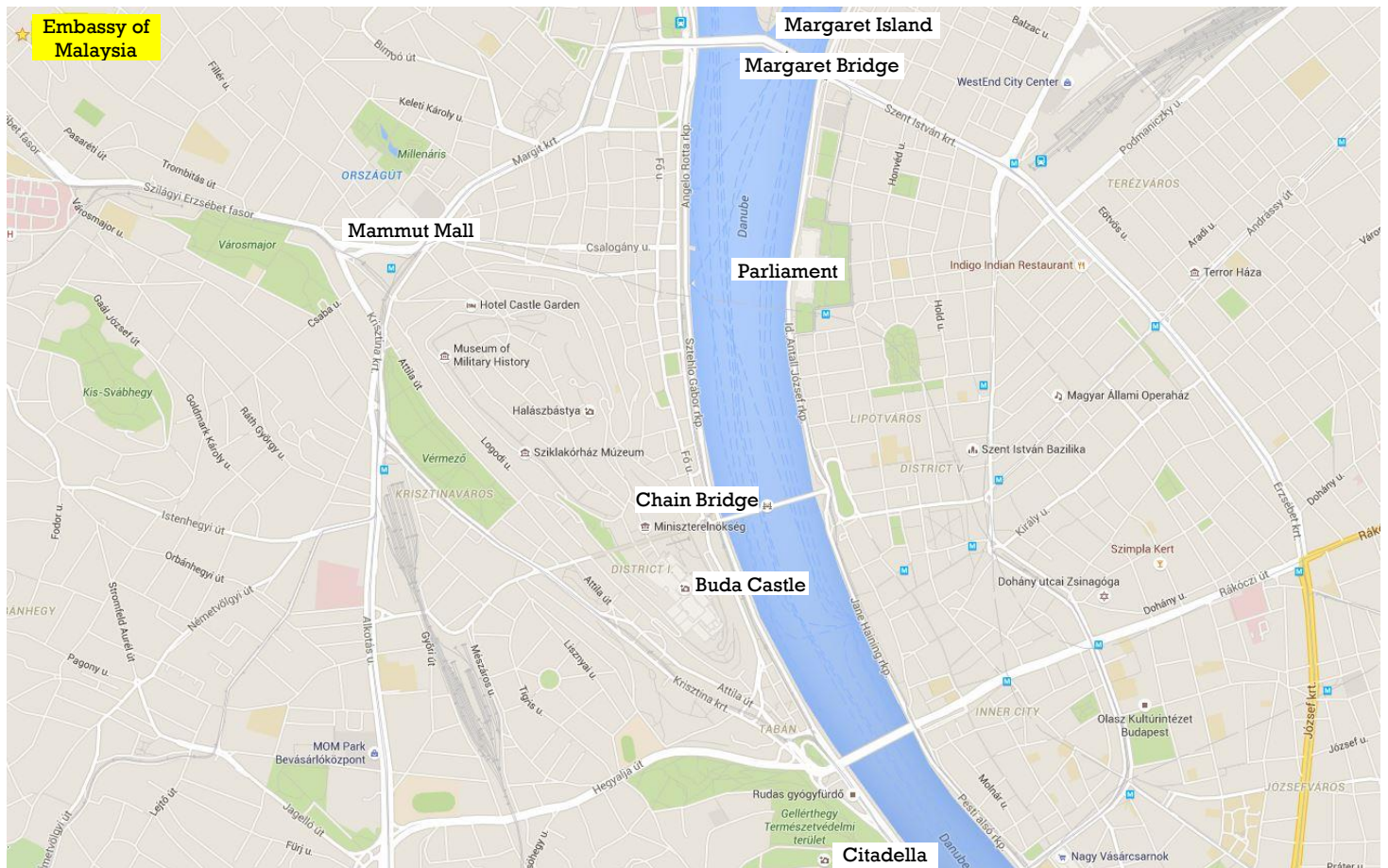
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