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ASEAN DAY CELEBRATION

8 AUGUST 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia hosted the ceremony in commemoration with the 49th ASEAN Day celebration on Monday, 8 August 2016. H.E. Amb. Datuk Mohamad Sadik bin Kethergany as the current Chair of the ASEAN Budapest Committee (ABC) said the aim of celebration was to further promote awareness and sense of shared purpose among the ASEAN communities and establish greater understanding about ASEAN among our Hungarian friends. All five ASEAN Heads of Mission residence in Budapest were present in the simple ceremony.



Others included Heads of Mission and representatives of the ASEAN + 3, ASEAN Dialogue Partners, senior officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Local Medias, academia's and research institutions. The Guest of Honour was H.E. Dr. **Lászlo Szábo**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Parliamentary State Secretary who had kindly accepted to grace the momentous occasion. The ceremony began with the raising of the ASEAN Flag accompanied by the rendition of the ASEAN Song followed by a welcoming remarks by H.E. Amb. Datuk Sadik and a reply speech by H.E. Dr. **Lászlo Szábo**. The guests was later served with the ASEAN exotic food contributed by the respective ASEAN Missions in Hungary.

ABASAR VILLAGE DAY

20 AUGUST 2016

In conjunction with Hungary's National Day, the Embassy of Malaysia together with other four ASEAN Embassies resident in Budapest participated in the annual Village Day of Abasár, in the Heves County in Hungary.

Abasár, a small village in the foothills of Matra Mountains, located 60 km east of Budapest, is known for its vast vineyards and array of family-owned wineries.



The event began with a ceremonial mass and blessing of the new bread.

The Mayor of Abasár, Dr. Anikó Benei Lénártné welcomed the ASEAN Ambassadors and expressed her appreciation for the Embassies' support and participation, namely in showcasing their respective traditions and culture to the local populace. All the ASEAN Embassies took the opportunity to showcase their respective delicacies at the designated booths provided by the organiser.

Ambassador Datuk Sadik in his reply speech, acknowledged the similarities between the Hungarian and ASEAN traditions and cultural practices in particular that pertains to harvest festivities. Thus, the event is an opportune platform to appreciate and embrace the differences of cultures and traditions, despite the huge distance that separate Hungary and ASEAN countries.

Later in the day, the ASEAN Ambassadors and the rest of their Embassies' personnels visited Abasár's vineyards, led by the Mayor of Abasár herself.

VISA APPLICATION TO MALAYSIA

Hungarian passport holder does not require a visa to enter Malaysia for tourism purpose for a stay of up to 3 months, provided your passport is valid for more than 6 months upon arrival. For other nationalities or other purposes, more information can be found online at www.imi.gov.my

CONFERENCE ON “DOING BUSINESS WITH THE ASEAN COUNTRIES” BY THE HUNGARIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

14 SEPTEMBER 2016



The Embassy of Malaysia in Budapest and the Malaysian Investment Development Agency (MIDA) Munich office participated in a conference titled “Doing Business with the ASEAN Countries” co-organised by the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the South-East Asia IPR SME Helpdesk on 14 September 2016.

The one-day conference saw the presentations from trade and investment agencies as well as EU Business Networks representing Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam.

The latter part of the conference enabled interested Hungarian businesses to have a one-to-one consultations with the representatives of the trade and investment agencies of the participation countries.

The turnout of the event is testament that there is an increasing interest from the Hungarian business community. The Embassy of Malaysia in Budapest and the Malaysian Investment Development Agency (MIDA) Munich office participated in a conference titled “Doing Business with the ASEAN Countries” co-organised by the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the South-East Asia IPR SME Helpdesk on 14 September 2016.

NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2016 - HARI SUKAN NEGARA 2016

8 OCTOBER 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia in Budapest took the opportunity to celebrate the National Sports Day 2016 (Hari Sukan Negara 2016) on 8th October with an introductory session to CrossFit, in collaboration with Reebok CrossFit Duna gym.

CrossFit is a physical training regime that philosophises on constantly varied, high-intensity functional movements. These movements combine elements of gymnastics, weightlifting and cardio which are basically the core movements in everyday lives.



The session held at Budapest’s infamous recreational spot Margaret Island saw the participation of Embassy officials, locally-recruited Embassy staffs as well as members of the Malaysian community in Budapest comprising of various age groups.

Despite the varying age groups and fitness levels of the participants, the session was perfectly tailored by the two trainers from Reebok CrossFit Duna to make it challenging yet fun for all. Most importantly, all participants realised the importance of being physically active, in line with the spirit of Hari Sukan Negara.



INTRODUCTORY RECEPTION FOR FAMILIARISATION TRIP TO MALAYSIA 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia in collaboration with Tourism Malaysia Frankfurt coordinated a Familiarisation Trip for 9 tour operators from Hungary to visit Malaysia from 11 November – 18 November 2016. One member of the Embassy's locally-recruited staff (LRS) was given the opportunity to join the group.

The visit programme included a two nights' stay in Kuala Lumpur and a three-day tour of Sarawak.

The Embassy hosted a reception to the participants at the Chancery, as an introductory glimpse of Malaysia, on 8 November 2016. Mr. Tamas Sarik from Qatar Airways in Budapest was also in attendance. Qatar Airways had contributed complimentary air tickets to the participants.




At the reception, a short video clip about Malaysia was shown, preceded by a presentation of the air ticket to the LRS. The guests were later served with a sumptuous dish of biryani rice.



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