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Meeting with the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela, 10 February 2016



His Excellency Dato' Mahinder Singh called on His Excellency Mr. Xoan Noya, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs for Asia, Middle East and Oceania at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on 10 February 2016 to review on the status of several proposals raised during YB Foreign Minister's visit to Caracas in August 2015. Both sides considered cooperation in the cultural sector as one way of increasing greater understanding between the two countries.

The First Charitable Gastronomic Fair 2016 in Caracas, Venezuela



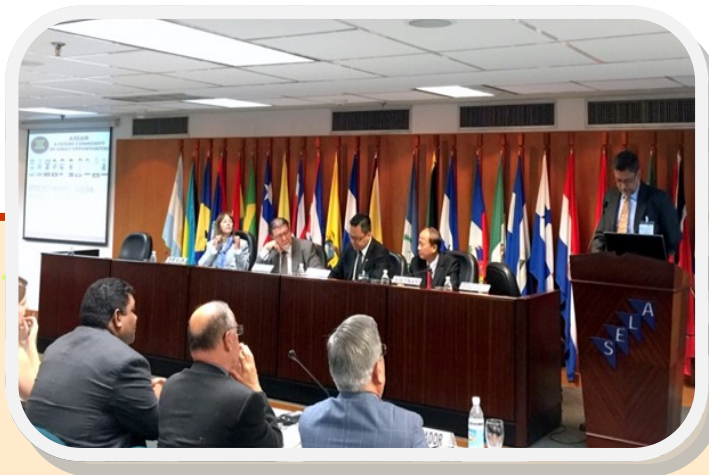
The First Charitable Gastronomic Fair 2016 was held at the Plaza Alfredo Sadel in Las Mercedes, Caracas on 13 March 2016. The one-day event took place from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm and participated by several other countries and organisa-

tions. The Embassy of Malaysia was involved in selling Malaysian food such as Roti Canai and fried noodles. Meanwhile, promotional materials such as posters and pamphlets on Malaysia were distributed to the visitors, in the effort to pro-

mote Malaysia as one of the famous tourist destinations. The proceeds from the participation at this fair will be channelled to different charity organisations in Venezuela through the Diplomatic Ladies Association (ADD).



SEMINAR ON ASEAN AND THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA)



An ASEAN seminar was held at the Permanent Secretariat of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA) in Caracas on 16 March 2016. The one-day event was held together with the Regional Meeting on Relations between Latin America and the Caribbean and ASEAN. It was attended by approximately 65 participants from the 27 member states of SELA, foreign embassies accredited to Venezuela, regional cooperation/organisations and the University of Simon Bolivar, Caracas.

Apart from the promotion on the establishment of the ASEAN Community, the event was held to look at opportunities on the development of greater economic relations between Latin America and the Caribbean and ASEAN. The event served as a good platform for the participants to share their knowledge, experiences and expertise particularly on the opportunities and challenges facing the two regions.

MALAYSIAN PIANIST

MS. CLAUDIA YANG RENDERS AN EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE IN VENEZUELA

Ms. Claudia Yang, a renowned Malaysian-born pianist gave an exhilarating performance for the first time at the National Center of Social Action for Music in Caracas, Venezuela on 10 April 2016. Claudia performed superbly on the piano and shared her expertise with the interpretation of the Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No.1 in B flat minor, by Piotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. The Simon Bolivar Orchestra of Venezuela under the baton of maestro Diego Matheuz accompanied Claudia which also included the best orchestral creation of Sergei Rachmaninoff, Symphony No. 2 Glinka. During her visit to Caracas, Claudia also visited promising local musical schools under the programme called “Venezuelan Sistema” and gave masterclasses to a number of promising young Venezuelan pianists. Without doubt, her efforts contributed towards the enhancement of cultural cooperation between Malaysia and Venezuela.



Meeting with the President of El Universal

His Excellency Dato' Mahinder Singh met with Mr. Jesus Abreu, President of El Universal on 10 May 2016 at the Headquarters of El Universal in Caracas, Venezuela. El Universal is one of the leading daily news agencies in Venezuela. During the meeting, Mr. Abreu conveyed that El Universal would like to establish closer linkages with countries from Asia including Malaysia. Dato' Mahinder took the opportunity to provide a perspective of Malaysia's success in economic development including the ongoing Economic Transformation Programme (ETP). He also highlighted on the integration process in ASEAN and its achievements thus far. Mr. Abreu expressed his desire and willingness to assist the Embassy to provide greater coverage on Malaysia's economic success which could be shared with the people of Venezuela. The meeting was to establish an active engagement with the local media and help share Malaysia's experiences in economic development.



MEETING REPRESENTATIVES OF DIVING RESORTS AND DIVING INSTRUCTORS IN VENEZUELA

Dato' Mahinder Singh met a group of 24 representatives of Diving Resorts and Diving Instructors in Venezuela on 10 May 2016 at the VIP Hotel in Altamira, Caracas. Representatives from the various diving resorts/diving schools in Venezuela were meeting to look at prospects to broaden their linkages with similar diving entities in Asia. Dato' Mahinder informed the group that Malaysia offers a number of excellent diving sites including the world famous island of Sipadan. The group had the opportunity to view the table book on Sipadan and tourist brochures on Malaysian islands and beaches.



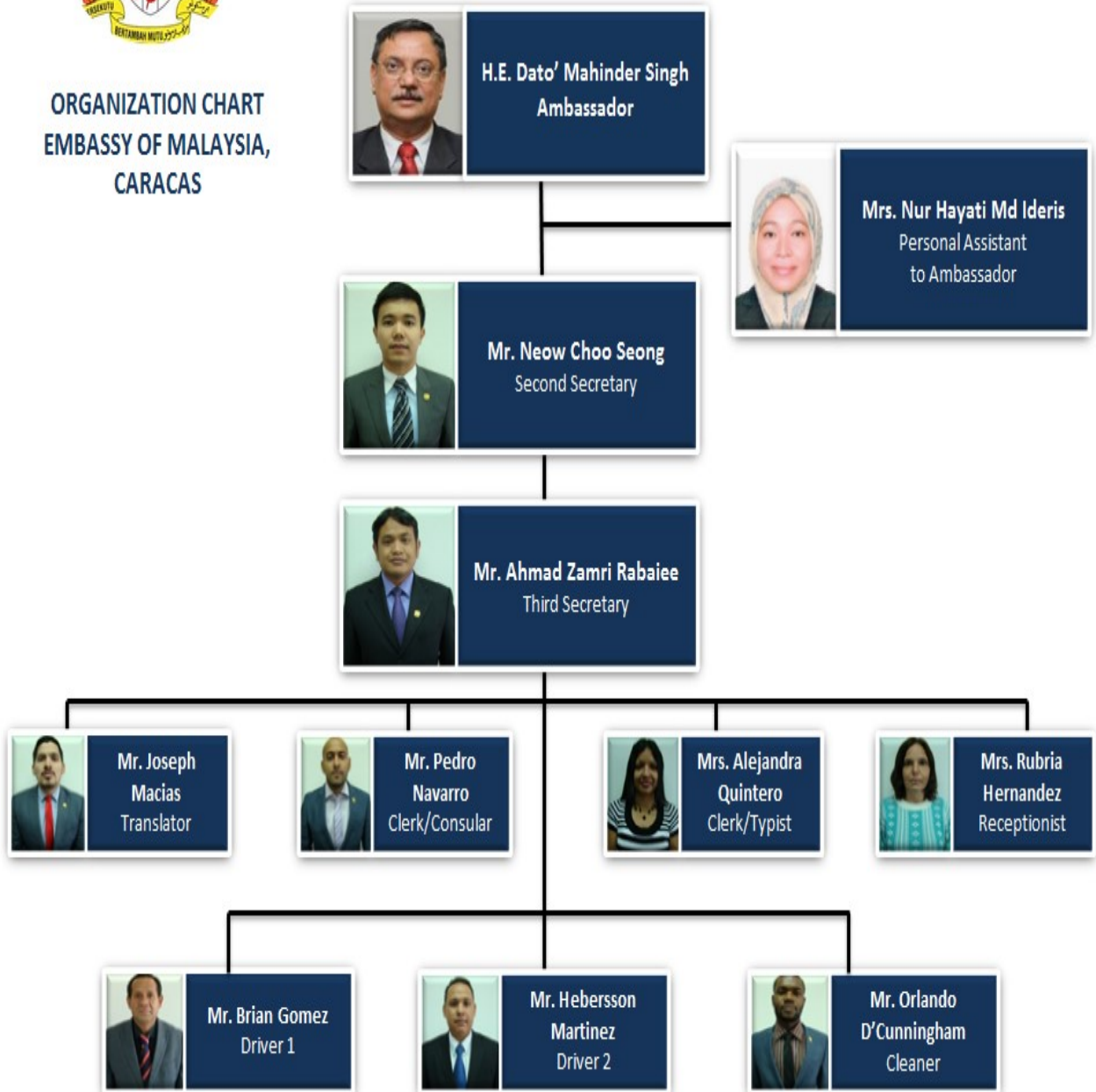
GRAND DIPLOMATIC BAZAAR KERMESSE ORGANISED BY THE DIPLOMATIC LADIES ASSOCIATION (ADD)

The Embassy of Malaysia participated in the annual Grand Diplomatic Bazaar Kemesse held at the Convention Centre of Eurobuilding Hotel on 5 June 2016. This event organised by the Diplomatic Ladies Association (ADD) involved participation by various embassies and organisations. The Malaysian stall sold Malaysian batik and handicrafts, Malaysian food such as laksa Sarawak, fried bihun, kuih ketayap as well as si-rap selasih at reasonable prices. The proceeds from the participation at this annual bazaar will be channelled to different charity organisations in Venezuela through the ADD.





**ORGANIZATION CHART
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**EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA, CARACAS
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA
PUBLIC HOLIDAY 2016**

NO.	PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	DATE	DAY	COUNTRY
1.	New Year	1 January	Friday	Malaysia / Venezuela
2.	Chinese New Year Carnival	8 & 9 February	Monday & Tuesday	Malaysia / Venezuela
3.	Public Holidays announced by the Venezuelan Government	21, 22 & 23 March	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	Venezuela
4.	Holy Week (<i>Semana Santa</i>)	24 & 25 March	Thursday & Friday	Venezuela
5.	Labor Day	1 May	Friday	Malaysia / Venezuela
6.	Birthday of SPB Yang di Pertuan Agong***	6 June	Saturday	Malaysia
7.	Independence Day of Venezuela	5 July	Tuesday	Venezuela
8.	Hari Raya Aidilfitri*	6 & 7 July	Wednesday & Thursday	Malaysia
9.	National Day of Malaysia	31 August	Wednesday	Malaysia
10.	Hari Raya Aidiladha*	12 September	Monday	Malaysia
11.	Malaysia Day	16 September	Friday	Malaysia
12.	Birthday of Prophet Muhammad (Maulidur Rasul)	12 Disember	Monday	Malaysia
13.	Christmas	25 December	Sunday	Malaysia / Venezuela