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AMBASSADOR'S GREETINGS

My sincere greetings to my colleagues, all Malaysians, Timorese and Friends of Malaysia.

On an official and personal note, I am both humbled and honoured to introduce myself as the newly appointed Ambassador of Malaysia to Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. I arrived on 28 January 2016 in Dili, Timor-Leste with my husband Rasli Earnest Sanmugam. We moved here after my assignment in Chennai, South India.

I was very impressed with the beautiful and scenic Timor-Leste. The sea, the green nature and the very friendly Timorese have given me the assurance for an exciting tour of duty in Timor-Leste.

I am very happy to note about the high regards, gratitude and respect the local Timorese have towards Malaysia for the continuous support in their efforts to build this new country. The Timorese people are loving, humble, simple-hearted, and have an optimistic outlook.

Malaysia and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste enjoy a warm and cordial bilateral relationship. My focus will be to continue to explore new potentials for further bilateral collaborative efforts between the two countries.

The relationship continues to be further enhanced by Malaysia's continued commitment to assist Timor-Leste in its nation building efforts. Malaysia's assistance is substantially provided through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Program (MTCP) and the Malaysian Defence Cooperation Program (MDCP). These programs extend capacity building assistance in various fields such as human resources, finance, health, agriculture, security and defence, among others.

Timor-Leste continues to look at Malaysia as an example and desires to emulate the success achieved in promoting political stability, economic prosperity and good governance.

I would strive to further expand the friendly and firm bilateral relation between both countries on all key bilateral issues, opportunities for Malaysia in trade and investments, and in all other areas of mutual interest. I also look forward to enhance further this friendly relationship, together with the Malaysian citizens present in this country. I also wish to build new friendship between the people of Timor-Leste and Malaysia during my tenure in Timor-Leste.

I wish to highlight that the Embassy is updating information on the registered Malaysians living in Timor-Leste and advise all Malaysians who have not done so, to register with the embassy.

I look forward to meet and interact with all of you during my stay in Timor-Leste.

Thank you.

CHITRA DEVI RAMIAH
Ambassador of Malaysia

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE OF MALAYSIA TO TIMOR LESTE



On 28th January 2016, the newly appointed Ambassador-designate of Malaysia to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, Her Excellency Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah and her husband, Mr. Rasli Earnest Sanmugam had arrived in Dili. Mrs. Chitra and her husband were received by Chargé 'd Affaires a.i. of Royal Brunei Embassy, En. Hilmy Hj. Zainal representing the ASEAN Diplomatic corps in Dili and En. Khairul Nazri

Mohamad Taib, Chargé 'd Affaires a.i. of Malawakil Dili and En. Nizam Mohamad Ramli, Second Secretary (Administration), Puan Norhawati Ismail, Office Secretary and spouses of Home Based Staff (HBS) and Local Resident Staff (LRS) of Malawakil Dili.

WELCOMING DINNER FOR H.E AMBASSADOR MRS. CHITRA

Timor Lodge Resort, Dili – Jan 31 : The Head of Chancery (HOC), En. Khairul Nazri Mohamad Taib hosted a Welcoming Dinner for H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah. The event was attended by H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Chitra and her husband as well as Hj. Mohamad Nizam Ramli, Second Secretary (Admin) and family, Pn. Norhawati Ismail, Office Secretary and family. Guest were treated with Malay Cuisine such as Ayam Lemak Cili Api, Sayuran Campur, Ikan Kembung Goreng and Malay desserts. During the event, H.E. Ambassador was given a tour of the HBS's residences.



FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

HOUSEWARMING HI-TEA HOSTED BY PUAN NORHAWATI ISMAIL

On 6th February Puan Norhawati Ismail, Office Secretary hosted house warming Hi-tea at her new residence in Timor Lodge. The event was held at 5.00pm and ended at 7.00pm. In attendance with Ambassador Mrs. Chitra and Mr. Rasli, were En. Khairul Nazri Mohamad Taib - Head of Chancery and Tn. Hj. Mohamad Nizam Ramli - Second Secretary (Admin) and their family members. The guest enjoyed the delicious authentic Malaysian dishes prepared by Puan Norhawati namely *Mee Kari*, *Sagu Gula Melaka* and *Tapai*



FAREWELL HI-TEA FOR MALAYSIAN HELICOPTER SERVICES



On 14th February 2016, Sunday evening, the Head of Chancery hosted Hi-Tea with the attendance of Malaysian Helicopter Services (MHS) team. The purpose of this event was to bid farewell for the second last batch of MHS pilots and technical staffs that will complete their services in Dili. MHS's contract with Timor Gap will expire on 17 March 2016. This event was held to coincide with Head of Chancery's moving into his new house. The event started at 5.00 p.m. and concluded at 7.00 p.m. The function was also attended by Tn. Hj. Mohamad Nizam Ramli, Second Secretary (Admin) and family, Pn. Norhawati Ismail, Office Secretary of Malaysian Embassy with her family. Guests were served with Malaysian delicacies such as *lontong*, fried noodles, cakes and traditional Malay desserts i.e. Green Gluttonies Rice Cake (Pulut Seri Kaya).

WORKING VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA SABAH (UMS) TO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE (DRTL), 16 TO 18 FEBRUARY 2016

On 16 to 18 February 2016, University Malaysia Sabah (UMS) was on a working visit to Dili, Timor-Leste, led by YBhg. Datuk Yusof Yacob, member of the Board of Directors of UMS and accompanied by five (5) Deans of various faculties.

On Wednesday, 17 February 2016, the UMS delegation accompanied by Ambassador and Head of Chancery paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr. Alfredo Pires, the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources. During this visit YBhg. Datuk Yusof announced about presenting to H.E. Minister Mr. Alfredo Pires an Honorary Master's Degree in Petroleum as an appreciation for the continuous collaboration with UMS for the student exchange program.



The current batch of 15 Timorese students will be completing their program in UMS and will be placed on a technical attachment programs for six (6) months in O&G companies.

UMS had presented the offer letters for another 20 new students from Timor-Leste for the second intake. The students were met by the UMS delegation after the Courtesy Call on Minister Mr. Alfredo Pires. Minister Mr. Alfredo Pires presented the offer letter to the 20 Timorese students.

On 17 February 2016 the UMS delegation paid a Courtesy Call on H.E. Mr. Abel da Costa Freitas



Ximenes, Vice Minister of Education of Timor-Leste. The objective of UMS meeting with Vice Minister Abel was to offer programs to suit the local needs of the Timorese, especially in English language courses for lecturers and teachers. UMS also offered two (2) one (1) year Post Doctorate Grants to two Timorese.

On Thursday, 18 February 2016, a Courtesy Call was paid on H.E. Mr. Kay Rala Xanana Gusmao, the Minister of Planning and Strategic Investment.



Second Meeting of the Ministers of Commerce of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries and The First Global Economic Forum of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries

Timor-Leste had hosted two very important events in the month of February 2016. The two programs were the Second (2nd) Meeting of the Ministers of Commerce of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP) on 24 February 2016 and the First (1st) Global Economic Forum of the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) on 25-27 February 2016. The First Global Economic Forum of CPLP is one of the main initiatives of the organization's rotating presidency, currently held by Timor-Leste. Participation by H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah and En. Khairul Nazri Mohamad Taib - Head of Chancery (HOC) during the Opening Ceremony of the First Global Economic Forum of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) in Timor-Leste on 25 February 2016.



MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

PROGRAM MENDAMPINGI RAKYAT MALAYSIA

On 5 March 2016, The Embassy of Malaysia organised a get together Hi-Tea reception with the Malaysian Community residing in Timor-Leste under the *Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia (PMRM)*. About 94 Malaysians namely Malaysian Helicopter Services (MHS), JPZ Consultant Company (Malaysian Contractor building the airport in Suai), Malaysian businessmen as well as close friends of the Malaysian Embassy attended this program. The main purpose of this program was for the newly appointed Malaysian Ambassador to host Malaysians in Dili, Timor-Leste and to foster friendship and networking among all Malaysians in Timor-Leste. The program began with opening a speech by Ambassador Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah, reciting doa' by Head of Chancery and guests were treated to a variety of Malaysian dishes namely *Bihun Goreng*, *kari pap*, *kuih kaswi*, *kuih bakar*, *kuih lapis*, Spaghetti Bolognese, *Keropok Ikan* and mixed fruits. The event was full of joy and fun as many of the Malaysian had for the first time made acquaintance with one another.



FAREWELL DINNER HOSTED BY MALAYSIAN HELICOPTER SERVICES (MHS)



H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah and her husband, Mr Rasli had the honour to attend the Farewell Dinner Ceremony of Malaysia Helicopter Services (MHS) on 8 March. The dinner took place at the Ocean view Restaurant and was attended by the Home Based Staff and their family members.

The Farewell Function was hosted by MHS to welcome the new Ambassador and to bid farewell for their own staff that were leaving after completing their project in Dili, Timor-Leste. Ambassador Chitra congratulated the MHS Team for having successfully completed their contract with Timor Gap, commenting that this project has been a milestone in the Malaysia- Timor-Leste relationship.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PERWAKILAN DILI



The Annual General Meeting of PERWAKILAN Dili was held on 10 March 2016. The meeting was chaired by H.E. Ambassador

Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah and attended by the Malaysian ladies in Dili. In her remarks, Mrs. Chitra thanked all members of PERWAKILAN for their tireless effort and contribution to PERWAKILAN Dili. The meeting started with appointing office-bearers of PERWAKILAN Dili 2016 namely Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and a few honorary members. Among others, the meeting decided on the annual and monthly fee for members. The other issues raised were suggestions on upcoming events and activities.

HI-TEA GATHERING HOSTED BY SECOND SECRETARY



On 13 March Tuan Haji Mohamad Nizam Ramli, Second Secretary of Embassy Malaysia hosted a Hi-Tea gathering at his residence. Special delicacies were served to guest such as *Laksa Penang*, *Rojak Buah*, *Shawarma*, and potluck desserts like *popia sira*, *kuih bingka ubi* and *kuih lapis*. The event was a social gathering among HBS and Families and friends from the Brunei Embassy, Timor Air, and Malaysians among others.

'BANANA LEAF' LUNCHEON HOSTED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR

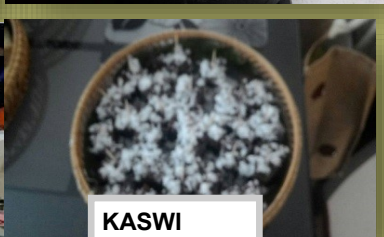


On 19 March 2016, H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah and her husband, Mr. Rasli hosted a luncheon gathering at the Ambassador's Residence. The event was attended by Home Based Staff and family, Malaysian community working in Timor and local friends. The guests were treated to a typical Banana leaf Luncheon consisting of Basmati Rice from Chennai, Masala Chicken Curry, Fish Pollichatu (Kerala style spicy grilled Fish), Cabbage Kottu, traditional Indian Style Vegetables, Omelettes, Dhal and Kerala Fish Pickle, all prepared by H.E Ambassador and Mr. Rasli.



'MALAYSIA KITCHEN'

On 30 March 2016, the Malaysian Ladies Association in Dili (PERWAKILAN) held "Malaysian Kitchen" Food Promotion Activity at the Palm Beach Hotel. The event was attended by 60 local people in Timor Leste. The event was initiated by H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah to introduce and promote Malaysian food among Timorese as well as to promote Malaysia as a tourist destination. Apart from that, the event was organised to welcome Timorese to experience Malaysian food, culture and atmosphere. During the event, guests were served with various famous Malay cuisines such as *Nasi putih*, *Daging Sambal Hijau*, *Ayam Lemak Cili Api*, *Udang Goreng Kunyit*, *Telur Dadar* and *Sayuran campur*. Few desserts were prepared like *kuih kaswi*, *kek pisang* and *dadih* with corn and strawberry flavour.



DILI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



Luqman Alhakim, Mr Khairul Nazri's son was presented an award by the school titled "RISK TAKER". He seeks out and accepts new challenges, makes new discoveries and celebrates his own efforts and achievement and those of his classmates. Way to go Luqman!



Ahmad Aiman Syahidi, Mr, Mohammad Nizam's son was presented an award by the school titled "CARING". He is always demonstrating caring qualities with his classmates in Physical Education. He is also very happy to help students that need support. Well done Aiman!

NASI GORENG KAMPUNG

RECIPE

INGREDIENTS

(Part A)

- ½ medium sized onion
- 1 shallot
- 2 cloves garlic
- 4 birds eye chilli (adjust to own's preference)
- 1 heaped tbsp dried anchovies (ikan bilis)
- 1tbsp cooking oil

(Part B)

- 1 large handful of water convolvulus (kangkung) chopped up.
Can be replaced with choy sum (sawi)

(Part C)

- 2 cups cooked rice
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp salt

Garnishing

- 2 tbsp dried anchovies for garnishing – optional
(tip—dried well so that they can be fried to a crisp)
- Sliced tomato



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Puree everything in (Part A) except oil. If you can't get it smooth, add the oil, stir and blend again. It'll get finer.
2. Heat wok on medium heat. Add oil and if including anchovies, fry anchovies till golden and crispy, drain and dish out.
3. With remaining oil in wok, put in (Part A) and 1 tsp salt and carefully fry it until fragrant.
4. Put in rice and turn the heat on high. Toss until it looks even, push the rice aside.
5. Add in eggs in the center of the wok. Spread the eggs around. Immediately push the rice onto the eggs and toss the rice, making sure the eggs are well cooked and evenly spread up. Fry for a while.
6. Add in the water convolvulus or choy sum. Toss for 5-10 seconds, not too long. Serve this delicious *Nasi goreng kampung* while warm and garnished.