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EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA, AVENIDA DE PORTUGAL
DILI, TIMOR-LESTE

SALAM MENYAMBUUT BULAN RAMADAN

Our sincere greetings to all our Muslim colleagues to welcome the month of Ramadan and observing the fasting month. We look forward to the auspicious month of fasting, gathering with Malaysians for breaking of fast and prayers.

The Malaysian Embassy in Dili will still carry out its functions and duties in the normal schedule and will be open to public at the normal working hours of 9am till 5pm from Monday to Friday.

Thank you.

Malawakil Dili

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PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIAL LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE H.E. MR. TAUR MATAN RUAK BY H.E. AMB. MRS. CHITRA DEVI RAMIAH



On 12 April 2016, the newly appointed Ambassador of Malaysia to Timor-Leste H.E. Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah presented the Credential Letter to the President of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste H.E. Mr. Taur Matan Ruak at the Presidential Palace, Aitarak Laran, Dili, Timor-Leste.

The President expressed DRTL's deep appreciation for Malaysia's continuous support and contribution to DRTL from the time of their independence. He specifically mentioned that Malaysia was the first country to step forward during their hour of need.

In attendance during the audience with the President were the Vice Minister of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MFAC) and the President's Vice Chief of Staff on the Timor side. The credential ceremony was also attended by Ambassador's spouse Mr. Rasli Earnest Sanmugam, Head of Chancery Embassy of Malaysia En. Khairul Nazri Mohamad Taib and Second Secretary Embassy of Malaysia En. Mohamad Nizam Ramli.

The ceremony was conducted in the Portuguese language and translated in English. H.E. Amb. was escorted by The Protocol for the Military Salutation. National Anthems of both countries were played and after which, the Commander in-Charge invited Ambassador to inspect the Guard of Honour.



**HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF FIVE UNITS OF MILITARY VEHICLES
BY Y.BHG. DATUK IR. MOHD NASSER BIN ISRAIL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF GLOBAL COMMITTED SDN BHD (WESTSTAR GROUP) MALAYSIA TO
MINISTER OF DEFENCE H.E. MR. CIRILIO CRISTOVÃO
AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE TIMOR-LESTE
ON 12 APRIL 2016**



On 12th April 2016 after the presentation of credential letter to the President of Republic Democratic of Timor-Leste, H.E. Amb. Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah witnessed the ceremony of handing over of five units of military vehicles from Malaysia by Chief Executive Officer of Global Komited Sdn Bhd (Weststar Group) Y.Bhg. Datuk Ir. Mohd Nasser bin Israil to the Minister of Defence of Timor-Leste H.E. Mr. Cirilio Cristovain. The ceremony took place at the Ministry of Defence Timor-Leste. After the official handing over of the vehicles by Malaysia, the Minister of Defence H.E. Mr. Cirilio Cristovain handed over the vehicles to the Chief of Staff of Defence H.E. Lieutenant Lere Anan Timur.

COURTESY CALL BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF GLOBAL COMMITTED SDN BHD (WESTSTAR GROUP)

On 11 March 2016 - The Chief Executive Officer of Global Committed Sdn. Bhd. (Weststar Group) Y.Bhg. Datuk Ir. Mohd Nasser bin Israil, En. Salman Al Mujahid from Internal Business Group, Business Development of Sapura Secured Technologies and Mr. Loo Teck Lim Director of Dragon Company paid a courtesy call on H.E. Amb. Chitra Devi Ramiah at the Embassy.

Weststar Group has been providing Military vehicles to the Defence Ministry of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (DRTL) since 2014.

This year another five vehicles will be delivered to the Ministry of Defence on 12 April 2016.



MONTH OF MAY HIGHLIGHTS

BRIEFING SESSION ON NATIONAL SERVICE 2.0

ON 12 MAY 2016 AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, AITARAK LARAN,
DILI, TIMOR-LESTE

On 12 May 2016, H.E. Amb. Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah presented the briefing on National Service Training Programme 2.0 *Program Latihan Khidmat Negara (PLKN)* at the Presidential Palace, Aitarak Laran, Dili, Timor-Leste on the invitation by the President's office to learn more about the National Service conducted by Malaysia for youth development.



The objective of the briefing session was to explore possibilities of collaborating with Malaysia on designing a suitable and structured training program for the youth in the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (DRTL).

The National Youth Policy of DRTL recognises young people as resources for socio-economic transformation within the society. Through the National Youth Policy, DRTL has a vision for the youth to achieve their potential as healthy, educated and ethical citizens and as leaders who are proud to be Timorese.

The half day briefing session was attended by the Chief of the Military, Colonel Jose da Costa, Chief of Staff, Mr. Rui Gomez, senior officials, advisors in defence policy and staff members of the President of DRTL besides the media covering the session held at the Presidential Palace.



GATHERING WITH MALAYSIA TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP) ALUMNI OF DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE (DRTL) ON 13 MAY 2016

A gathering with the MTCP Timor-Leste Alumni was hosted by H.E. Amb. Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah on 13 May 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia, Avenida de Portugal, Dili, Timor-Leste. The meeting with the MTCP Timor-Leste Alumni is one of the Outreach Programme under the Malaysia Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP). The Embassy had established MTCP Alumni of Timor-Leste in 2013.

The objective of the gathering was to enhance further the good cooperation and friendly relations between the MTCP Alumni and the Embassy. The Timor-Leste MTCP Alumni and the Embassy have implemented several Social Responsibility programme since 2014. Another activity has been planned for this year will be implemented by early June 2016 with the support and cooperation of the Timor-Leste MTCP Alumni using the allocation provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Malaysia.

Many officials from various state institution in Timor-Leste such as the Ministry of Commerce Industry and Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Ministry of Finance including Customs and Tax Departments, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, National Police, Fire and rescue department, have had officials and staff who have undergone training in Malaysia under the MTCP program for various courses. Some of the course conducted includes public administration, crisis management, diplomatic training course, police and security, airport management, microfinance, community health, construction and agriculture and so on. The courses were of the duration of two weeks, one month and six months.

The gathering was attended by 50 guest comprising MTCP Alumni Members, Timorese, Malaysian business circles, local media representatives, Indonesians and Bruneians partnering in investments with Malaysians in Timor-Leste and friends of Malaysia.



THE MARITIME INSTITUTE OF MALAYSIA (MIMA) ATTENDING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND THE LAW OF THE SEA



On 19 May 2016, a delegation led by Cik. Jalila Abdul Jalil—Senior Researcher from Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA) and En. Ariff Abdullah - Researcher and Deputy Head of Corporate Communication attended the International Conference on Maritime Boundaries and the Law of the Sea in Dili, Timor-Leste. Cik. Jalila Abdul Jalil, presented a paper during the third session of the Panel Discussion – Regional Perspectives on Maritime Boundaries; Case Study: The Timor Sea. Her paper titled “The Significance of A Single Maritime Boundary”.

The Conference was organized by the Commission of Delimitation of Maritime Boundary Office (MBO) which brought experts from around the world to discuss the role of international law, arbitration and conciliation in the area of maritime boundaries. This Conference was attended by members of Government, members of Parliament, Diplomats, NGOs, Civil Society representatives, international scholars, policy makers, veterans and students.

H.E. Amb Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah accompanied the delegation during this Conference and was present during the presentation led by Malaysian delegation at the Dili Convention centre.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF PERWAKILAN DILI

On 26 May 2016, PERWAKILAN Meeting was held at Restaurant Bakso Padang Tembak, Timor Plaza, Dili. This quarterly meeting was chaired by H.E Amb. Chitra Ramiah and attended by Perwakilan members namely Puan Marsytah Shaari, Puan Zurainah Nordin and Puan Norhawati Ismail to discuss upcoming activities.

The PERWAKILAN Members also planned the activities and program for the second quarter of 2016. Special programs for the Ramadan month was planned. Potluck Iftar hosted by HBS at their respective houses and Iftar with Malaysians community at Embassy was planned besides planning for activities such as Moreh, Teraweeh and Baca Yassin.



JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

COURTESY CALL BY THE GENERAL MANAGER OF JURUTERA PERUNDINGAN ZAABA

The newly appointed General Manager of Jurutera Perundingan Zaaba from Malaysia En. Mohamad Azham Mamek accompanied by En. Muhammad Hafiz Zakaria and Pn. Norlina Mohd Salleh paid a courtesy call on H.E. Amb. Mrs. Chitra Devi Ramiah at the Embassy of Malaysia, Dili, Timor-Leste on 2 June 2016.

Jurutera Perundingan Zaaba (JPZ) is the project consultant company to Waskita Karya, the main contractor of the Suai Airport. The Malaysian contractor JPZ is currently managing the construction of the Suai Airport. The project is scheduled to be completed by first quarter of 2017.



HOC SON'S BIRTHDAY PARTY 4.6.2016



On 4 June 2016, En. Khairul Nazri, Head of Chancery hosted a birthday party for his son, Luqman Alhakim at the Timor Lodge. The birthday party was to celebrate Luqman's 6th birthday. It was a very cheerful afternoon with children playing and swimming in the pool.

The guests were served with a variety of food such as Bihun Soup, Spaghetti Bolognese, Curry puffs, cakes, mixed fruits cocktails.

The Malaysian food were prepared by Luqman's mother Pn. Marsytah Shaari and by Pn. Zuraina, spouse of Second Secretary and Pn. Norhawati, Office Secretary. The party started at 4.30 p.m. and ended at 7.30 p.m.

MTCP OUTREACH PROGRAM ORGANIZED BY EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA AND MTCP ALUMNI TIMOR-LESTE AT ESCOLA INFANTIL NICOLAO LOBATO HALIBUR, TERELAU, ULMERA, BAZARTETE, LIQUICA, TIMOR-LESTE



On 5 June 2016 The Embassy of Malaysia and MTCP Alumni Timor-Leste carried out the MTCP outreach program at a Kindergarten - Escola Infantil Nicolau Lobato Halibur, Terelau, (EINLH) at Ulmera, Administrative Post of Bazartete in the Municipal of Liquiça Timor-Leste.

The Embassy together with the MTCP Alumni of Timor-Leste has provided some education equipment to the kindergarten. **An allocation of RM6300 provided under** the MTCP Programme and an additional personal contribution of RM1000 from H.E. Ambassador and HBS was spent to provide the basic needs of the newly built Kindergarten. H.E. Ambassador had distributed 30 chairs and 30 tables, 2 cupboards, 4 black boards, 300 pieces of exercise books, pencils, toys, drinks and a stove. Over 100 children between the ages of 4 to 6 were present during the event.

This Kindergarten was established by Madam Maria Madalena Kasian, a Veteran fighter who fought for the liberation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste from Indonesia and the founder of EINLH Ulmera. The school offers free education to 98 students.

Madam Madalena Kasian was very appreciative of the contribution to the kindergarten and community at that remote location from the Embassy of Malaysia.



COURTESY CALLS AT THE EMBASSY



Mr. Jose Baptista Neves, CRA paid a Courtesy Call on H.E. Amb. Chitra Devi Ramiah on 9th June 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia Dili, Timor-Leste to introduce his international legal practices and advisory services in Dili. CRA is the one and only legal firm operating in Dili currently.

OFFICIAL VISIT FROM BIMP - EAGA BUSINESS COUNCIL

On 7 June 2016 En. Nordin Ening, BIMP—EAGA Business Council Vice President from Sabah, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Amb. Chitra Devi Ramiah at the Embassy of Malaysia Dili, Timor-Leste after attending a two days International Seminar on Doing Business in Timor-Leste.



CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY MONTH OF RAMADAN WITH MALAYSIANS IN DILI, TIMOR-LESTE



On 6 June, all HBS and their families were invited to Tuan Haji Mahamad Nizam's residence for Iftar Ramadan and Solat Taraweeh. Guests were served with a variety of Malaysian dishes prepared by Pn. Zurainah. The bubur lambuk specially prepared for the breakfast was very delicious.



Pn. Norhawati Ismail, Office Secretary hosted Iftar and Solat Taraweeh at her residence in Timor Lodge on 11 June 2016. The event was held at 6.30pm and ended at 9.00pm with attendance of H.E. Amb. Mrs. Chitra, Mr. Rasli, 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 Pn. Norhawati.



On Wednesday, 13 June 2016, En. Khairul Nazri bin Mohamad Taib, HOC hosted Iftar and Solat Taraweeh at his residence with the Malaysian community as well as HBS and their families. The breaking of fast started at 6.30 p.m. with dates, variety of desserts and drinks. After performing the Solat Maghrib the guests were served with dinner prepared by Pn. Marsyiah Shaari namely Nasi Kerabu (yellow turmeric rice), with coconut flaked fish (kerisik sambal ikan), mixture of herbs & vegetable (ulam), coconut sauce (sambal tumis kelapa) and fried chicken. The Solat Isya' was performed and continued with Solat Taraweeh.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY MONTH OF RAMADHAN IN DILI, TIMOR LESTE

On 19 Ramadan 1437 Hijri corresponding to 24 June 2016, the Embassy of Malaysia organized Iftar for Malaysians and other Muslim friends in Dili. The programme included breaking of fast, Maghrib prayer, dinner, Isyak prayer and followed by Taraweeh and Witr prayers and ended with "Moreh" (a popular practice in Malaysia where refreshments were served after the Teraweeh). The event was attended by Malaysians working and living in Timor Leste, some of whom were experiencing fasting in Dili for the first time. For the breaking of fast, the guests were feted to a dinner buffet that included a variety of savouries and desserts for Moreh prepared by PERWAKILAN. Guests also performed the Maghrib, Isha' and Tarawih prayers led by the Head of Chancery - En. Khairul Nazri bin Mohamad Taib. About 50 Malaysians attended and the guest were mainly from JPZ Consultant (Malaysian project consultant for the construction of the Suai airport project), General Manager and Staff of Air Timor, Timmas Sri Makmur Mining, Lda, as well as colleagues from the Brunei and Indonesian Embassy besides all other friends of Malaysia in Timor.

The Iftar program was also attended by six members of the Jemaah Tabligh of Petaling Mosque who were visiting Timor-Leste to meet the local Muslims and to have closer ties with them during the month of Ramadan.

The event was held in a very moderate and humble manner hosted personally by all HBS and their families.

