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The Consulate General of Malaysia in Dubai, UAE



Burj Al-Arab



Burj Khalifa



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THE CONSULATE NEWS

ARRIVAL OF NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF MALAYSIA, DUBAI



The new Consul General of Malaysia to Dubai, UAE, Mr. Yubazlan Haji Yusof arrived at post on 26 January 2016. He succeeded H.E. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin who has served in Dubai since 2010.

Mr. Yubazlan is a very experienced diplomat and served in two Malaysian missions before being posted to Dubai, UAE. He served at the Embassy of Malaysia in Lima, Peru and Embassy of Malaysia in Belgrade, Serbia prior coming to Dubai.

He is married with four children.

ARAB HEALTH DUBAI 2016



Arab Health is a 4 day event being held from 25th January to the 28th January 2016 at the Dubai International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. This event showcases product from Medical & Pharmaceutical industry.

Around 14 Malaysian pharmaceutical and medical companies participated in the event. H.E. Yubazlan Haji Yusof, Consul General of Malaysia to Dubai, UAE visited the exhibition.

MATRADE Malaysia is coordinating the said event and hoped in the future more companies from Malaysia could partake in such exhibition.

CALL ON ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MFA – DUBAI OFFICE



The newly arrived Consul General of Malaysia to Dubai, UAE, and H.E. Yubazlan Haji Yusof made a call on the Acting Director General of MFA - Dubai Office, H.E. Rashid Mattar Al Siri on 2 February 2016. Original copy of the Letter of Credence has been submitted to the MFA - Dubai Office and soon arrangement to present it to the Ruler of Dubai will be arranged.

During the call, both gentlemen expressed their hopes to further strengthen the relation and also to enhance bilateral trade.

H.E. Rashid Mattar Al Siri also praised the previous Consul General for his excellent cooperation with the Dubai Government.

INTER-AGENCY MEETING NO.1/2016



H.E. Yubazlan Yusof met all Heads of Malaysian Agencies in Dubai on 3 February 2016 at the Inter-Agency Meeting No.1/2016. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce with all officers and to know about the plan and direction of agencies in 2016.

All agencies presented their tasks and goals for 2016. Several issues related to house, instruction from KL on fee reduction and etc. were discussed in general.

The meeting will be held once every two months.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND DISCUSSION ON CURRENT ISSUES PROGRAMME WITH MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY



The Consulate General of Malaysia, Dubai in collaboration with all government agencies, Perwakilan and MY-UAE organized a Public Diplomacy and Discussion on Current Issues Programme with Malaysia Community at Rumah Malaysia on 18 February 2016. This event was attended by more than 200 Malaysians residing in Dubai. Also present during the programme were representatives from all Government agencies and members of Perwakilan Dubai.

Explanations on current issues that are often played by the local and international media on Malaysia were given by HE Consul General. The event also gave opportunity for all government agencies based in Dubai to further discuss issues regarding SPKM informally. Based on the feedbacks received, the program was considered a success and it managed to embed the spirit of patriotism among Malaysians.

MEETING WITH MY-UAE

On 3 February 2016, H.E. Yubazlan Haji Yusof agreed to meet with MY-UAE committee members to further discuss on several key issues. Among those issues were lack of participation from Malaysians residing in UAE in MY-UAE programmes, lack of membership and few minor issues.

The main thing discussed were to increase participation from Malaysians and to enhance cooperation between Malaysians in Dubai.

Total number of Malaysians residing in the Dubai and Northern Emirates are 3500 - 3800. Out of this number, only 1500 Malaysians are registered.



THE ADDRESS DOWNTOWN FIRE INCIDENT



On 31 December 2015, a towering fire engulfed the Address Downtown Hotel which is situated next to the Burj Khalifa. The place was earlier crowded with foreigners to watch fireworks from Burj Khalifa which was just adjacent to the building.

The fire started at around 9.30pm and 16 foreign nationals suffered minor injuries. Few Malaysians that were on holiday were also affected due to the incident. Almost all of them lost their travel documents due to the fire.

The Consulate stepped up the effort by contacting the hotel management to get details and issued Emergency Certificate to those affected. More than 20 Emergency Certificates were issued to Malaysians since 2 January 2016.

FRIENDLY GOLF TOURNAMENT BETWEEN TEAM SAS AND TMF

A friendly golf tournament between Team Sultan Ahmad Shah vs. Team Malaysian Falcons were held on 24 March 2016 at the Jumeirah Golf Estates.

Team SAS was led by YAM Tengku Muda Pahang while Team Malaysian Falcons were led by TYT Dato' Ambassador Ahmad Anwar Adnan.



This is the second time a golf friendly tournament was held under the patronage of HRH Sultan of Pahang in Dubai. The first time it was held in year 2001 at Dubai Creek Golf and Country Club.

GULFOOD 2016 INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION

Reaching its 21st edition, the Gulf Food 2016 has witnessed the participation as many as 80 Malaysian companies, showcasing the variety of Halal food and beverages under the coordination of the national trade promotion agency of Malaysia, MATRADE. Among the F&B products promoted include confectionery, snacks, beverages, ready to eat meals, nutritional meals, palm oil based products, chocolate products and frozen foods, among others.



The UAE remains Malaysia's principal export market for processed foods (excluding palm oil and beverages) among the Gulf countries, worth US\$156.18 million worth of processed foods, followed by Saudi Arabia with over US\$85 million.

**THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF MALAYSIA IN DUBAI, UAE IS OPEN
FROM SUNDAY TO THURSDAY BETWEEN 0830 hrs AND 1530 hrs**

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ACTIVITIES



Friendly Golf Tournament between Team SAS and TMF in Dubai, March 2016



Networking Session from NCCIM delegation, April 2016



Meeting HRH Crown Prince Pahang with Lulu Management, April 2016



Malaysian community attended special prayers function at MATRADE Hall on 17 June 2016



Bazaar Ramadhan 2016



MOU Signing between Royal Bird Nest (M) and Dubai



Working Visit by YB Deputy Minister of Finance, March 2016



Transit YB Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, May 2016



Team Kembara Musafir Umrah, June 2016

ARTICLE ON MALAYSIA



Muslim population: Approx. 60%

One of the top-most halal friendly destinations in the world, **Halal holidays** in Malaysia are truly a unique experience for Muslim tourists visiting this South-east Asian country. Malaysia presents a great fusion of gastronomy, impeccable hospitality, and a multicultural/multi-ethnic population. The country's incomparable cultural and historic heritage, as well as its expertise in Halal hospitality, make it a traveller's delight. Besides, Malaysia's stunning island resorts and lush green tropical landscapes make it one of the most beloved **halal-friendly destinations for holidays**.

Places to visit in Malaysia: Malaysia boasts of a rich cultural heritage, from wonderful cuisines to a huge variety of annual festivals, to traditional architecture, rural crafts, and abundant natural beauty. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysian Borneo, Penang, Taman Negara, Cameron Highlands, Malacca, and Langkawi are some of the major attractions of Malaysia.

NEW HBS

1	H.E. Yubazlan Yusof	Consul General
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OUTGOING HBS

1	H.E. Dato' Ahmad Fadil Shamsuddin	Consul General
2	Mr. Sukri Abu Bakar	Consul MIDA