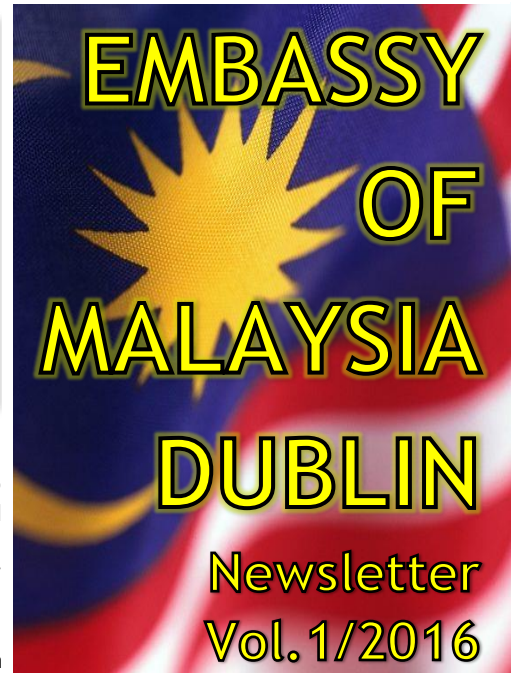




Fáilte or welcome to the first edition of the e-newsletter from the Embassy of Malaysia in Dublin, Ireland. Through this newsletter, we would be able to share and disseminate relevant information to the readers on a range of issues, from the latest policies of the Government, consular matters and procedures, activities organized by the Embassy as well as tourism and social and cultural matters. We hope we could add more contents in this newsletter in the future and would welcome any contributions from interested individuals. In the meantime, thank you and happy reading!

Editorial Team



Greetings From The Ambassador



His Excellency Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris, Ambassador of Malaysia to Ireland.

I would like to congratulate the Editorial Team for coming up with the first edition of this e-newsletter. The idea to produce this e-newsletter should be commended as part of the government's effort to reach out to the Malaysian diaspora overseas through dissemination of information including Government's policies and initiatives, as well as activities designed to bring closer the Malaysian diaspora particularly in Dublin closer to the Embassy. There is a big Malaysian community in Ireland including government-sponsored and private students, as well as those who are working in all over Ireland. Malaysia's relations with Ireland go a long way especially in the field of education, even before the official diplomatic relations was established in 1974, and continue to flourish until today. Many Malaysians have decided to stay in Ireland to work after completing their studies and make Ireland their second home. Through this newsletter we will have another avenue for the Malaysians in Ireland to keep abreast on the latest development in the country and the activities of the Embassy. Once again, I express my sincere thanks to the Editorial Team and I wish you happy reading.

PREVIOUS AMBASSADORS TO IRELAND

- i. Dato' Ali Abdullah (2001 - 2005);
- ii. Dato' Siddiq Firdause Haji Mohd Ali (2005 - 2007);
- iii. Raja Dato' Nazrin Aznam (2008 - 2010); and
- iv. Dato' Ramli Naam (2011 - 2014).

BRIEF BACKGROUND

His Excellency Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris became the Ambassador to Ireland since 1 August 2014. He presented his Letters of Credence to the President of Ireland, Michael D Higgins on 16 September 2014.



Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris and Datin Zarinah Hussin with President Higgins and spouse, and Foreign Minister Charlie Flanagan.

Visit by Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary to the Government (KSN) to Dublin, 22 January 2016



Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary to the Government (KSN) undertook a one-day working visit to Dublin on Friday 22 January 2016. The objective of the meeting was to meet with his Irish counterpart, Mr Martin Fraser and meet with the Government-sponsored students in Dublin. Tan Sri KSN was received by Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris and officials from the Embassy. Later, Tan Sri KSN hosted a Hi-Tea Session with the students in Rumah Malaysia.



Education Relations with Ireland

There are more than 1500 Malaysian students doing their undergraduate and post-graduate studies in Ireland. Majority of the students are government-sponsored studying in various fields from medicine to accounting and finance, computer science and engineering. The students are mostly situated in Dublin, as well as in other major cities in Ireland including Cork and Galway.

Apart from Wisma Putra officials, the Embassy in Dublin also includes officials from the agencies of Education Malaysia (EM) and MARA. The officials from the agencies are mainly responsible for education matters focusing on Malaysia's relations in the education sector with Ireland as well as taking care of the welfare of the Malaysian students.

INTERACTION WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY

ALLTECH AMBASSADOR'S DINNER, DUBLIN CONVENTION CENTER, 4 FEBRUARY 2016

Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris and Datin Zarinah Hussin with other guests at the Alltech Ambassador's Dinner held in Dublin Convention Center on 4 February 2016. Alltech is a biotech company with a focus on agriculture and farming. The company also has a presence in Malaysia.



ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND (RCSI) CHARTER DAY DINNER, 13 FEBRUARY 2016

Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris and Datin Zarinah Hussin attended the RCSI Charter Day Dinner to commemorate the Royal Charter of the College which was granted in 11 February 1784 by King George III. This year the Charter Day Dinner saw the college bestowing the Honorary Fellowship, the highest award from the college, to the President of Ireland, Mr Michael D. Higgins. Past recipients of the award included Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa as well as Tan Sri Datuk Dr Ismail Merican, the former Director General of Health Malaysia who received the award in 2008.

President Higgins in his speech flagged out that RCSI is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of Penang Medical College (PMC) this year. PMC was established in 1996 with collaboration between the Penang State Government, RCSI as well as the University College Dublin (UCD) to address the shortage of doctors in Malaysia. He lauded the cooperation between Ireland and Malaysia which has benefited both countries in producing highly qualified doctors. The President also took the opportunity to inform the audience that the Perdana University in Putrajaya, in which RCSI has a similar program with PMC, will have the first graduation of its medical students in June this year. This would mark another milestone for the college in the international education cooperation.

Top: Ambassador with President Higgins

Right: Ambassador and Datin Zarinah with Minister for Health, Leo Varadkar.



MEETINGS WITH THE HEADS OF AGENCIES ACCREDITED TO DUBLIN, 1 MARCH 2016

Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris held a meeting with all the Heads of Agencies accredited to Ireland on Tuesday 1 March 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia, Dublin. All Heads of Agencies who are accredited to Ireland were present including Encik Abdul Rahim Ahmad, Director MARA Dublin. They were Associate Professor Dr. Zainal Abidin Sanusi, Director Education Malaysia (EM) UK and Eire; Encik Khairul

Nizam Moonier, MATRADE; Puan Wahida Abd Rahman, MIDA; Encik Arzi Fareen Faizal, JPA and Encik Junus Suhid, Tourism Malaysia (TM). In attendance were Counsellor Azhan Mohamed Yasin, Education Attaché (EM) Encik Norazilee Abd Aziz, Third Secretary (Finance and Admin.) Puan Umme Kalthsum Abd Sani and Ms Isabel Oliviera, Marketing Officer, Tourism Malaysia Dublin. The Heads of Agencies were hosted to lunch after the meeting by the Ambassador at Rumah Malaysia.



WORKING VISIT TO DUNDALK, 22 APRIL 2016



AMBASSADOR DATO' SYED SULTAN IDRIS WITH PRESIDENT OF DKIT, ANN CAMPBELL

per cent in their studies but at the same time to take the opportunity to interact with others and learn the local culture. The students were very happy for the opportunity to meet with the Ambassador and to exchange views with him.



Visit Dundalk Muslim Community

Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris also took the opportunity to pay a visit to the Muslim community in Dundalk which totals to around 500 Muslims. A site tour to the mosque under construction was also undertaken which was followed by a luncheon hosted by the community.



Visit to DkIT

Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris undertook a one-day working visit to Dundalk on Friday 22 April, 2016. Dundalk is situated in County Louth, an hour's drive from Dublin. In Dundalk Ambassador visited the Institute of Technology (DkIT). Ambassador was given a briefing on the background of the institute by its President, Ms Ann Campbell. Ambassador also had the opportunity to meet with more than 150 Malaysian students studying at the Institute. Ambassador in his speech called on the students to give their 100



Hari Raya Aidilfitri Reception Hosted By The Embassy, 6 July 2016



The Embassy organised the Hari Raya Aidilfitri Celebration at the Malaysia Hall, Dublin on 6 July 2016. The event was hosted by Ambassador Dato' Syed Sultan Idris and was attended by some 150 Malaysians mainly residing in Dublin as well as some guest from the local and international community. The event started with Takbir Raya followed by the Aidilfitri Prayer. Guests were served with several Malaysian delicacies like Nasi Minyak, Ayam Masak Merah, Nasi Impit with Kuah Kacang and desserts. The event was a success in gathering Malaysians from various background to interact with each other and the Embassy officials.



Ambassador's Diary and Photo Gallery

JAN – FEB 2016



New Year Greetings with Diplomatic Corp.



Tahlil for Malaysian who passed away in Dublin.



Dinner at LemonGrass Restaurant.

MARCH - APRIL 16



Visiting a Malaysian in Hospital, Galway.



With Malaysian students at RCSI Cultural Nite.



Dinner with Imams and Muslim community leaders in Ireland.

MAY – JULY 2016



Call by Ambassador of Thailand and delegation from Thai MFA.



Dinner hosted by President, University College Dublin (UCD).



Dinner with Presidents and CEOs of Irish tertiary institutions.

Registration of Malaysian in Ireland

Malaysian citizens in Ireland are encouraged to register their contact details with the Malaysian Embassy in Dublin. The contact details are important for the Embassy to keep in touch with Malaysians here in Ireland for any announcements / updates / invitations. Most importantly the contact details would assist the Embassy in contacting and/or locating Malaysians in case of any emergencies or eventualities. Malaysians travelling to Ireland for business or pleasure are also encouraged to register.

Those who wish to register could come personally to the Embassy and fill up a registration form or you may send a letter or email providing relevant information such as latest contact numbers, resident address, e-mail address etc. Please contact the Embassy for more information.

Embassy operation hours as below:

Consular Section: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
(Monday– Thursday)

Admin Office: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm,
2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
(Monday– Friday)

* Office will be closed on Saturday,
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