



throughout the second half of 2016 – National Day Reception, Eid Al Adha Celebration, Hari Sukan Negara and the International Charity Bazaar 2016. All of these activities The success of these events was attributed to the sheer commitment, combined effort and great teamwork of fellow staff of the Embassy.

These activities besides the aim of strengthening the bilateral relations and finding opportunities to enhance trade relations by engaging and exchange views with the business community, are also skewed towards reaching out and engaging with the students and Malaysian community.

The New Year will not be without challenges. Mission is looking forward to further strengthen the existing relationship with both Malaysians and the Diplomatic Corps as we embark on another new year.

On a personal note, as I would be retiring at the end of the year, after concluding my 34 years of service to the government, I would like to take this opportunity to seek for forgiveness should I have hurt anyone through words or actions. Maaf Zahir Batin.

Selamat tinggal dan Selamat Tahun Baru.

With best wishes for 2017,

*Dato' Syed Sultan Idris  
Ambassador of Malaysia to Ireland*

### Message from the Ambassador

Greetings from Dublin!

On behalf of the Embassy of Malaysia in Ireland, I wish to extend to all readers in Ireland and all over the world a Happy New Year 2017.

As we usher in the New Year, let me recap some of the activities that the Embassy had organised and participated

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# National Day Reception

Dublin, 16 September 2016 – HE Dato’ Syed Sultan Idris, hosted the National Day reception at Rumah Malaysia. The event was attended by more than 150 fellow Malaysians, Malaysian Students, Diplomatic Corps and the international community.



After the Ambassador’s speech, the reception continues with piano recital of the Malaysian National Anthem, Negaraku and Irish National Anthem, Amhrán na bhFiann by Dato’ Mokhzani Ismail, Music Director of the Radio Television Malaysia (RTM), followed by Pulut Kuning cutting ceremony. The Pulut Kuning was specially prepared and decorated to resemble the Malaysian Flag.



Guests were then treated to splendour of Malaysian delicacies including nasi briyani with beef casserole and honey-flavoured chicken, pulut kuning with rendang, curry puffs, and an array of sweet desserts prepared by the Residence and staff of the Embassy.



*Clockwise from topleft: Pulut kuning cutting; HE Ambassador giving speech; HE Ambassador with representatives of the Malaysian students at Rumah Malaysia; Piano Recital by Dato’ Mokhzani; signing of Guest Book.*





## EID AL ADHA CELEBRATION

**Dublin, 17 September 2016** - HE Dato' Syed Sultan Idris, Ambassador of Malaysia to Ireland attended the Eid Al Adha Celebration organised by Kelab Umno Dublin at the Malaysia Hall, Dublin. The event began

with the congregational recitation of Surah Yasin and Zuhur prayer.

**Top:** HE Ambassador together with students reciting Surah Yasin;  
**Right:** Distribution of qurbani meat.

**Most Right:** Malaysians gathering for the celebration.



HE Dato' Syed Sultan afterwards distributed 200kgs of qurbani meat from the sacrifice of one cow and 13 sheep to than 150 households. The event ended with a small feast of beef soup and lamb curry served to all guests during lunch.



## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FREIGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION 55<sup>TH</sup> WORLD CONGRESS 2016 (FIATA)

**Dublin, 4-7 October 2016** – Members of the Freight Forwarders Association around the globe gathered for a one week congress at the Dublin Convention Center.

The Malaysian Delegation was led by YB Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Transport Malaysia. The Delegation consisted of officials from the Ministry of Transport (MOT), headed by YBhg. Datuk Seri Saripuddin Kasim, Secretary General of MOT, Malaysia External Trade Development Cooperation (MATRADE) and members of the Federation of Malaysian Freight Forwarders (FMFF).

At the sidelines of FIATA, YB Minister of Transport received Mr. Zhao Huxiang, President of FIATA who is also the Vice President of China Merchants Group (CMG) and Mr. Tom Thornton, President of the Irish International Freight Association (IIFA).



YB Minister of Transport also witnessed the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between DNExport Sdn Bhd (Malaysia), Gets Asia Pte Ltd (Singapore) and Tiffa Edi Services Company Limited (Thailand) on Logistics Information Connectivity. The MoU would serve as a platform to create a working group to study the technical, financial and organisation aspects in relation to connectivity with Malaysia National Logistics System.



This year's congress saw a big delegation from Malaysia of more than 70 officials, as Malaysia will be hosting FIATA 2017 in Kuala Lumpur.

**Top:** YB Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Transport, HE Ambassador and the Malaysian Delegation;  
**Right:** HE Ambassador and YBhg. Datuk Seri Saripuddin Kasim, Secretary General of MOT at the Malaysian booth during FIATA 2016.



## NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2016

**Dublin, 8 October 2016** – The Embassy of Malaysia joined Malaysians all over the world in celebrating the National Sports Day. Despite the grey and cold weather, the Embassy's staff and their families together with Malaysians in Dublin enthusiastically participated in a Zumba session led by a fellow Malaysian, Ms. Lina. The event was wrapped up with an afterwards potluck-brunch.

## INTERNATIONAL CHARITY BAZAAR 2016



**Dublin, 20 November 2016** – PERWAKILAN Dublin, chaired by YBhg. Datin Zarinah Hussin, participated in the International Charity Bazaar, Dublin at the Industries Hall, Royal Society Dublin. This annual event is organised by the Diplomatic Corps, and puts together the best each country has to offer! There were food, music, art and crafts from around the world and all nationalities united for a single cause: supporting registered Charities in Ireland.

PERWAKILAN Dublin had raised €500 for this good cause through selling of tickets and Malaysian delicacies such as Nasi Minyak, Nasi Lemak and Meehoon Goreng as well as Malaysian crafts and batik.

## Presentation on Malaysia's Transformation Programme

**Dublin, 22 November 2015** - HE Dato' Syed Sultan Idris was invited to be a guest speaker of the Society for International Affairs (SOFIA) of Trinity College, Dublin. HE Dato' Syed Sultan had chosen to speak on 'Malaysia's Transformation Programme' for the session and discussed on the reforms undertaken by Malaysia towards its journey in achieving Vision 2020.

The session had invited a broad range of questions from the floor half, mainly on Malaysia's development and policies. It presented a good platform for the students to converse with the Ambassador; sharing of experience and knowledge; and portrayed the good relationship between the students' society and the Embassy of Malaysia.

**Right: HE Ambassador with executive committee members of SOFIA and Embassy officials.**



### LOCALLY RECRUITED STAFF (LRS) EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA, DUBLIN

- Carrie Ann Cham Sook Yin
- Typist/ Admin Assistant Consular)
- Served since 2008
- Hometown: Melaka
- The most cheerful personality at the Embassy



## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR THE AMBASSADOR

**Dublin, 15 December 2016** – A farewell reception was hosted by HE Dato' Syed Sultan Idris for Malaysians and Diplomatic Corps in Ireland at Rumah Malaysia. Over 100 people including Ambassadors, senior diplomats, and distinguished guests from the local community were present at the reception.

HE Dato' Syed Sultan Idris extended his heartfelt appreciation to everyone present at the reception and recalled his happy stay in Ireland.

Finishing his term of office in Dublin of more than two years, HE Dato' Syed Sultan Idris will depart Ireland in late December for his mandatory retirement.



*Archbishop Charles Brown, Dean of Diplomatic Corp presenting a gift to the Ambassador*

## AMBASSADOR'S DIARY AND PHOTO GALLERY



5 October: Hosting Dinner in honour of  
YB Minister of Transport



22 October: Penang Medical College Student  
Association Sports Day



20 November: Malaysia-  
Ireland Games 2016



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## MALAYSIAN TRADITIONAL KUIH RECIPE

### KUIH KERIA | SWEET POTATO DONUT

These sweet potatoes donuts are one of the many delicious 'kuih' found in Malaysia. One can have it anytime of the day, be it as a snack or as a light treat at tea time.

When making 'kuih keria', steam the sweet potatoes and mash them evenly. Leave to cool to room temperature before adding flour to shape into donuts. When preparing the sugar coating, use medium to low heat to cook the syrup until it thickens. As an alternative, just sprinkle some powdered sugar onto 'kuih keria'.

Despite looking like donuts, no baking powder or yeast is used in this recipe yet it remains fluffy and tastes just as amazing.

#### INGREDIENTS:

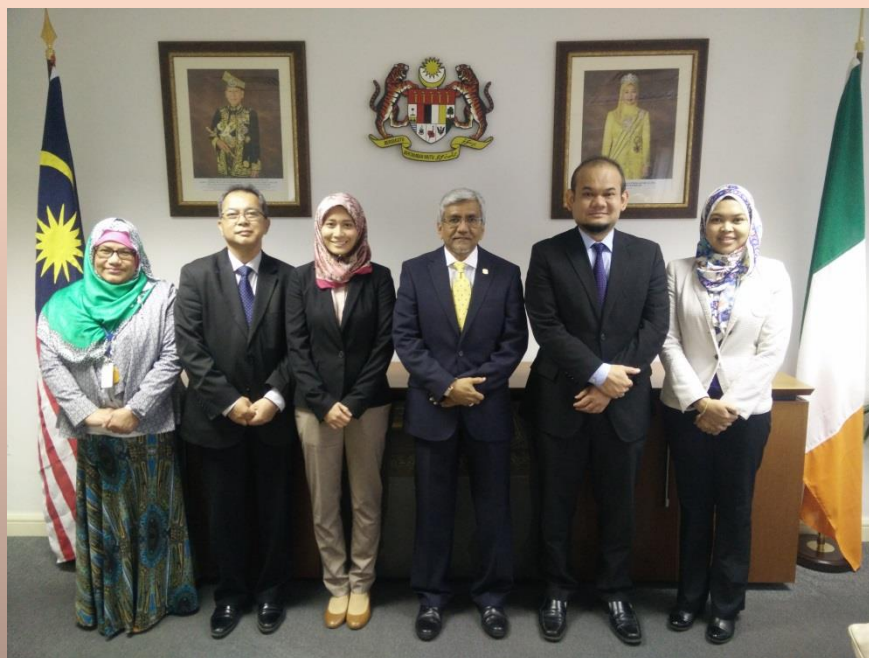
- 200 g sweet potatoes
- 80 g wheat flour
- salt
- 200 g sugar
- 6 tbsp water



#### STEPS TO PREPARE

1. Boil sweet potatoes for 10-15 minutes until soften.
2. Mash potatoes evenly and add a pinch of salt.
3. Allow mashed potatoes to cool to room temperature.
4. Add wheat flour to mashed potatoes and mix well.
5. Shape dough into donuts.
6. Fry donuts until they float. Leave aside to cool.
7. In a clean wok, heat sugar and water at medium heat.
8. Once the mixture caramelized, switch stove off and mix donuts into the syrup.

### HOME BASED STAFF AT THE EMBASSY



**From Left:** Ms. Nor Baiti Abu Bakar (Personal Assistant to the Ambassador); Mr. Abd Rahim Ahmad (First Secretary-MARA); Ms. Siti Noralia Mustaza (Second Secretary/Head of Chancery); HE Dato' Syed Sultan Idris (Ambassador); Mr. Azilee Abd Aziz (Education Attaché); Ms. Ummi Kalthsum Abd Sani (Third Secretary-Consular).

# Registration of Malaysians 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)

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