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From the Head of Mission's Diary



Mr. Amarjit Singh Sarjit Singh, *Chargé d' Affaires* called on Hon Chris Mushohwe, Minister of Information, Media and Broadcasting Services/Executive Director, Zimbabwe Presidential Scholarship Fund on 11 May 2016 at the latter's office.



Mr. Amarjit Singh Sarjit Singh, *Chargé d' Affaires* was a guest during a live radio interview at Star FM Radio Station on 13 May 2016 with DJ Mox aka Shingai Mokina, on the subject of Higher Education in Malaysia.



Mr. Amarjit Singh Sarjit Singh, Mr Amarjit Sarjit Singh, Acting High Commissioner of Malaysia to Zambia called on H.E. Ambassador Chalwe Lombe, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Zambia on 21 March 2016 at the latter's office



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THE BACKGROUND OF ASEAN

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration) by the Founding Fathers of ASEAN, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Brunei Darussalam then joined on 7 January 1984, Viet Nam on 28 July 1995, Lao PDR and Myanmar on 23 July 1997, and Cambodia on 30 April 1999, making up what is today the ten Member States of ASEAN.

AIMS AND PURPOSES

As set out in the ASEAN Declaration, the aims and purposes of ASEAN are:

1. To accelerate the economic growth, social progress and cultural development in the region through joint endeavours in the spirit of equality and partnership in order to strengthen the foundation for a prosperous and peaceful community of Southeast Asian Nations;
2. To promote regional peace and stability through abiding respect for justice and the rule of law in the relationship among countries of the region and adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter;
3. To promote active collaboration and mutual assistance on matters of common interest in the economic, social, cultural, technical, scientific and administrative fields;
4. To provide assistance to each other in the form of training and research facilities in the educational, professional, technical and administrative spheres;

UPCOMING IN MALAYSIA:

International Conference on Blue Ocean Strategy (NBOS) (16-18 August 2016)
<http://icbos.com.my>

CAPAM 2016 Biennial Conference (18-20 August 2016)
<https://www.capam.org>

XXXIV SCAR Biennial Meetings Including the 2016 Open Science Conference (20-20 August 2016)
<http://scar2016.com/>

ANNOUNCEMENT

Malaysians residing, working or studying in Zimbabwe, Zambia, Malawi, Mauritius, Seychelles or Comoros are highly encouraged to register themselves with the Embassy. Registering yourself with the Embassy is useful as it would enable the Embassy to get in touch with you during emergencies. Registration can be done in person, by phone or e-mail. For a proper registration, Malaysians are encouraged to register using a prescribed registration form which can be obtained by emailing the Embassy.



International Conference on Blue Ocean Strategy from 16-18 August 2016. Around the world, people's demands and expectations of government continue to rise. Meeting those demands is made all the more difficult in a challenging global economic environment. This is why governments need to transform and find new ways to deliver strong economic growth and enhance the services they provide. How can governments transform and become more creative and innovative? Approximately 3,000 participants from around the world are expected to attend the conference, including national leaders from Commonwealth member countries, ASEAN nations, and members of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

5. To collaborate more effectively for the greater utilisation of their agriculture and industries, the expansion of their trade, including the study of the problems of international commodity trade, the improvement of their transportation and communications facilities and the raising of the living standards of their peoples;
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7. To promote Southeast Asian studies; and
8. To maintain close and beneficial cooperation with existing international and regional organisations with similar aims and purposes, and explore all avenues for even closer cooperation among themselves.

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES

In their relations with one another, the ASEAN Member States have adopted the following fundamental principles, as contained in the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) of 1976:

1. Mutual respect for the independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, and national identity of all nations;
2. The right of every State to lead its national existence free from external interference, subversion or coercion;
3. Non-interference in the internal affairs of one another;
4. Settlement of differences or disputes by peaceful manner;
5. Renunciation of the threat or use of force; and
6. Effective cooperation among themselves.

ASEAN COMMUNITY

The ASEAN Vision 2020, adopted by the ASEAN Leaders on the 30th Anniversary of ASEAN, agreed on a shared vision of ASEAN as a concert of Southeast Asian nations, outward looking, living in peace, stability and prosperity, bonded together in partnership in dynamic development and in a community of caring societies. At the 9th ASEAN Summit in 2003, the ASEAN Leaders resolved that an ASEAN Community shall be established.

ASEAN CHARTER

The ASEAN Charter serves as a firm foundation in achieving the ASEAN Community by providing legal status and institutional framework for ASEAN. It also codifies ASEAN norms, rules and values; sets clear targets for ASEAN; and presents accountability and compliance.

The ASEAN Charter entered into force on 15 December 2008. A gathering of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers was held at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta to mark this very historic occasion for ASEAN.

With the entry into force of the ASEAN Charter, ASEAN will henceforth operate under a new legal framework and establish a number of new organs to boost its community-building process.

In effect, the ASEAN Charter has become a legally binding agreement among the 10 ASEAN Member States.



Malaysia/Indonesia (ASEAN) vs MFA Zimbabwe Soccer Match on 12 March 2016



Malaysia Tops Healthcare Travel Awards For Second Consecutive Year

Malaysian healthcare travel industry proves its mettle yet again with its second consecutive sweep of awards at the IMTJ Medical Travel Awards 2016, hosted by the International Medical Travel Journal (IMTJ) in Madrid. Malaysia Healthcare leads the pack with winning the prestigious “Health and Medical Tourism: Destination of the Year”.

The win marks the second consecutive year Malaysia Healthcare is recognized as a healthcare travel destination of excellence, having won the “Medical Travel Destination of the Year” title at the same awards in 2015.

It was a big evening for Malaysia Healthcare, winning almost half of the awards given out, including 4 highly commended awards:

Health and Medical Tourism (Destination of the Year, Malaysia) - *International Hospital, Sunway Medical Centre*

International Hospital (Highly Commended) - *Gleneagles Kuala Lumpur*

International Dental Clinic - *Imperial Dental Specialist Centre*

International Cosmetic Surgery Clinic - *Beverly Wilshire Medical Centre*

Medical Travel Agency of the Year (Highly Commended) - *Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC)*

International Fertility Clinic - *TMC Fertility Centre*

Best Quality Initiative (Highly Commended) - *Imperial Dental Specialist Centre*

Best Marketing Initiative - *Gleneagles Kuala Lumpur*

Excellence in Customer Service (Highly Commended) - *Imperial Dental Specialist Centre*

“IMTJ is pleased to confer these awards on MHTC and Malaysian private hospitals, in recognition of the healthcare services they provide, par excellence, to health seekers all around the world. Malaysia Healthcare is, without a doubt, a rising force in the world of global healthcare,” commented Keith Pollard, Chief Editor of IMTJ and the CEO of Intuition Communications Ltd, IMTJ’s parent company.

Malaysia’s success at the awards comes quick on the heels of MHTC’s recent win at the 2016 Asia Pacific Healthcare & Tourism Awards Gala, hosted by Frost & Sullivan and Global Health Travel in Bangkok on the 18th of May, where the Council was conferred “2016 Frost & Sullivan Asia Pacific Travel Council of the Year – Medical Tourism”.

As a coordinating agency, Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council strives to facilitate the focused development of the healthcare travel sector in Malaysia, which includes building strategic public-private partnerships domestically and abroad, in a bid to create increasingly easier access to Malaysian healthcare for international patients.

The award proves further testament to the agency’s success at building bridges within international healthcare travel, adding to its long list of accolades, which “Best Country in the World for Healthcare” by International Living’s Annual Global Retirement Index 2014-2016 and “Public Private Partnership Medical Travel Destination of the Year” at the 8th Annual World Medical Tourism & Global Healthcare Congress.

The IMTJ Medical Travel Awards 2016, organised by the International Medical Travel Journal (IMTJ), embraces many of the themes that challenge healthcare providers across the world – insurance, accreditation, marketing and promotion, quality, patient safety, levels



Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) 2016 Biennial Conference 18-20 August 2016 under the theme “Innovation: A Public Service Imperative”. CAPAM’s President, Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa, Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia demonstrated leadership and commitment in offering to support the event in Malaysia for a second time. Political leaders, international experts and eminent practitioners will once again convene to share knowledge, discover best practices and expand networks with public service colleagues from around the globe. The conference programme includes the presentation of highly coveted awards in the public sector – the CAPAM International Innovations Awards (IIA) and the Gordon Draper Award for career excellence in public administration and management. As an added benefit, the 2016 Biennial Conference will be co-located with the 6th Commonwealth Ministers of Public Service Forum and the International Blue Ocean Strategy Conference, providing ample opportunities for stimulating interactions.

of care and experience in treating international patients. It seeks to encourage the continued provision of excellence in healthcare services delivered and for the industry to maintain a high reputation where patient expectations are consistently met.

The awards ceremony was hosted in conjunction with the IMTJ Medical Travel Summit in Madrid on May 24-26, 2016.

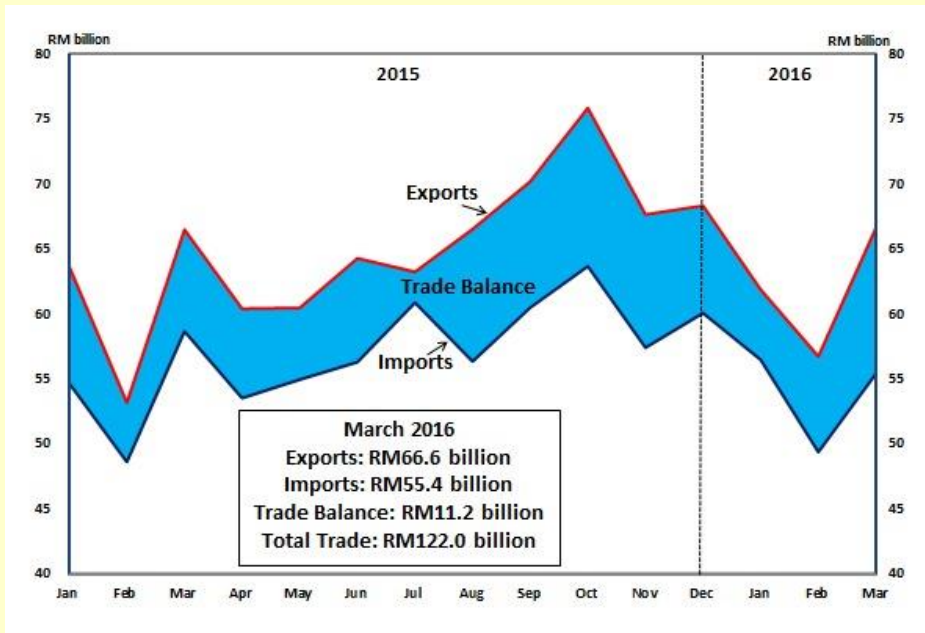
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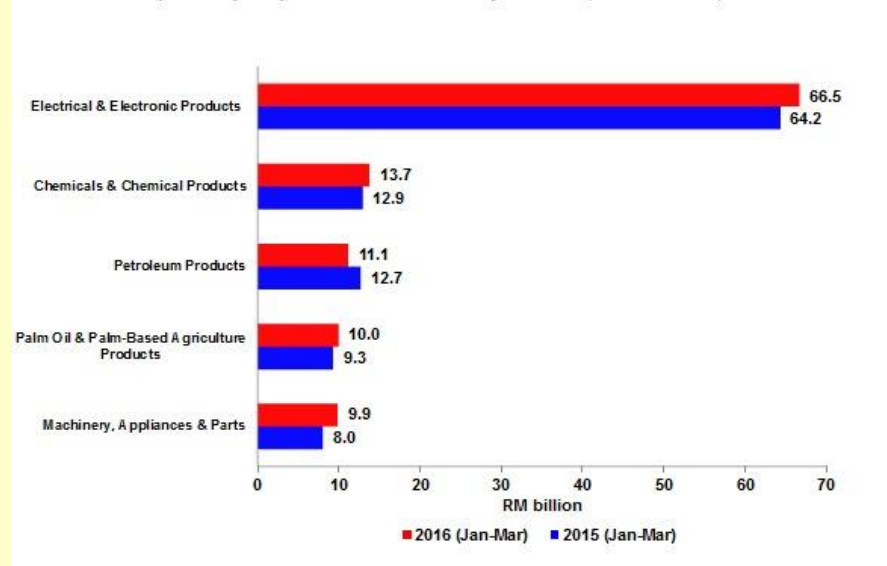


XXXIV SCAR Biennial Meetings Including the 2016 Open Science Conference from 20-30 August 2016 . The Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) is an inter-disciplinary committee of the International Council for Science (ICSU). SCAR is charged with initiating, developing and coordinating high quality international scientific research in the Antarctic region, and on the role of the Antarctic region in the Earth system. The scientific business of SCAR is conducted by its Standing Scientific Groups which represent the scientific disciplines active in Antarctic research and report to SCAR.

Malaysia Trade Performance



Exports by Major Products, January- March (2015 & 2016)



Source: Malaysia Investment Development Authority (MIDA)
 Website: www.mida.gov.my /FB: www.facebook.com/OfficialMIDA



No visit to Malaysia is complete without Penang – “Pearl of the Orient” - Penang. Needless to say, Penang (where every Ahmad, Ah Chong and Muthu speaks English) is hot and sunny throughout the year. Generally, Malaysia enjoys a peculiar type of four seasons, namely hot, rainy, very hot and very wet! This piece will mainly focus two aspects, the beach hotels and my favourite aspect, food!

The beach hotels along the Batu Ferringhi stretch are among the best in this part of the world (Rasa Sayang, Golden Sands, Park Royal, Hard Rock, just to name a few), although I would not recommend swimming at the beach! Aside from plush rooms, scenic views (be it sea view or mountain view) and ample facilities, these hotels (and indeed most hotels in Penang) are well known for their remarkable customer service (which some time ago was referred to as ‘service with a smile’). To me, the greatest asset of these hotels is their ‘software’ in the persons of their service-minded staff.



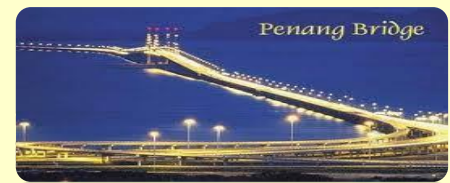
In Malaysia, we believe that the way to a person’s heart is through the stomach. For your information the favourite pass time of Malaysians is indeed eating. For those of you who can already visualise yourself in BatuFerringhi, you can be assured that Penang’s culinary delights in the form of *Satay, *MeeMamak, *Char Koay Teow, *Pasembor, *Hokkien Mee, *Mee Jawa and *Chee CheongFun are strategically located a short walk away from the above hotels in the form of Long Beach Cafe and I Love You Café (actually food courts). But mind you, these two joints open for dinner only. The short walk back to your hotel will surely be a challenge as you manoeuvre your way through the many stalls and bargains of the night market occupying the walkway.

I would be doing my beloved home state a great injustice if I did not highlight *Nasi Kandar, the best of which is available at several joints in Georgetown, which is a 30-minute drive downtown and is a UNESCO World Heritage site. For dessert, check out the famous *Teochew Cendol and *Ais Kacang on Penang Road. If your appetite and sense of adventure consumes you, New World Park Foodcourt in the city offers to fill you up all day long.

Penang is also home to many historical relics and is also a shopping paradise (including in Little India). Aside from being home to Southeast Asia’s longest bridge (connecting it to mainland West Malaysia), you will find buildings of unique architecture representative of the many communities living in harmony. By the way, the biggest Lord Murugan (a Hindu diety) Temple outside India is in Penang. I recommend stays of between 10-15 days in Penang. From KLIA it takes a 45 minutes connection to Penang on Malaysia Airlines at almost hourly intervals. Alternatively, Penang is a four and half hour drive from Kuala Lumpur on our North-South Expressway (including on the Aeroline and Nice Express luxury coaches). Penang’s International Airport too receives direct flights from Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia and China just to name a few.

And if you have more days to spend, Penang also has state of the art medical facilities (including for wellness and screening). You may wish to take a cruise on board luxury ocean liners or just the overnight ‘cruise to nowhere’. Alternatively, consider the scuba diving haven and wildlife sanctuaries in the state of Sabah (in East Malaysia @ Borneo) or visit the world-renowned Niah Caves in Miri and the Cultural Village in Kuching, both in the state of Sarawak (also East Malaysia). And the good news is you can reach these places directly from Penang on 2-3 hour flights. What a combination of east and west Malaysia! So, who says you can’t do many things during one trip?

[* Please google] . Amarjit just enjoys good food and good service. He welcomes enquiries on the subject (ssamar74@hotmail.com)



Learn Basic Malay

English Phrases	Malay Phrases
Good morning!	Selamat Pagi <i>se/la/mat pa/gi</i>
Good evening!	Selamat Petang <i>se/la/mat pe/tang</i>
Welcome!	Selamat Datang <i>se/la/mat da/tang</i>
How are you?	Apa Khabar? <i>a/pa/kha/bar</i>
I'm fine, thanks!	Khabar Baik <i>kha/bar/ ba/ik</i>
Thank you	Terima Kasih <i>tri/ma ka/sih</i>
You're welcome!	Sama-sama <i>sa/ma sa/ma</i>

❖ Destination Zimbabwe

Victoria Falls



Mosikamosikala (meaning "The Smoke That Thunders"), commonly known as Victoria Falls, is one of the most amazing sights in the world: twice as tall as Niagara Falls and several times longer. Although not the highest, the widest or the greatest volume of water, they have the largest sheet of water for any fall in the world and are a sight not to be missed. It took thousands of years of erosion for Victoria Falls to appear as and where it does now. Mosi-oa-Tunya, or "the smoke that thunders" became known to the western world as Victoria Falls only after David Livingstone first set eyes on this astonishing natural wonder in 1855, a heartbeat ago in geological time.

Scottish missionary David Livingstone first heard about Victoria Falls, known as Mosi-oa-Tunya, four years before he arrived there. The area was a sacred site for the Batoka and other local tribes. On 17 November 1855, Chief Sekeletu of the Makololo paddled Livingstone to an island in the Zambezi, known as Goat Island. Although the water was low at the time, Livingstone still felt a "tremor of fear" as he approached the wall of spray. Gazing down into the churning chasm below must have been a heart stopping experience (you can still make your way out to the island, now called Livingstone Island, from the Zambian Side during the dry season). Rumours that a Portuguese man beat him to it have little evidence. Livingstone described what he saw: "No one can imagine the beauty of the view from anything witnessed in England. It had never been seen before by European eyes; but scenes so lovely must have been gazed upon by angels in their flight.



Zambian or Zimbabwean side? The big question is which side to visit: Zambia or Zimbabwe? There are two things to consider, views of the falls and cost. Two thirds of the actual falls lie within the Zambian territory, as does Livingstone Island, from where David Livingstone first famously set eyes on the falls. The water from Victoria Falls dives into a narrow gorge running parallel to the face of the falls, with the spray going high into the air, causing permanent rain, rainbows and the famous "smoke" which is visible from a distance, so, much of the time when you are viewing the falls, you are actually facing them. The gorge where the water exits is the limit on how far you can walk from either side. There is no crossing there. This limits your visibility from the Zambian side, as you can walk about only a quarter of the distance of the face of the falls. Although the view and the waterflow is still impressive, you simply cannot get a perspective on the full width of the falls from the Zambian side. The walk down to below the falls is closed on the Zimbabwean side. You can only walk down on the Zambian side. The footbridge on the Zambian side gives a unique experience, with a permanent torrential rain from the wet season through to August - *wikitravel.org

From the Malaysian Ladies Association' Diary



Children of Malaysian staff/member of Ladies Association of the Embassy participated at Mother Tongue Day organised by the Harare International School (HIS) on 24 February 2016. Various poems, songs, nursery rhymes, and short stories were presented in Bahasa Malaysia by children attired traditional costumes. The Malaysia cartoon, Upin dan Ipin was also screened.



On 9 March 2016 Malaysia House hosted the Diplomatic Spouse Association, Harare gathering in conjunction with the International Women's Day

❖ Personality



Jagoda Gems Ltd in Zambia is owned by Mrs Claire Chan and her Scottish husband Mr Ross Walker. The Jagoda jewellery brand was created in 1991 and has rapidly grown to become one of Africa's largest Tourmaline producers, exporting globally to markets in Asia, Europe and North America. Jogoda is the only Zambian jeweler registered with the International Coloured Gemstones Association. Claire, who hails from the Malaysian state of Sarawak is also the co-founder of START Foundation, a charitable trust dedicated to the generation and promotion of visual arts practice and arts education in Zambia



Hailing from Petaling Jaya, Mrs Christina Arokiasamy Gomm is a Malaysian foreign investor with 21 years of presence in Zimbabwe. She owns and operates Africa Dream Village Travel at the upmarket Sam Levy's Village in Harare together with her husband Otto, a German national who consulted for the Government of Malaysia on energy matters in the 1990s. Among her memorable times in Harare is arranging the logistics for high-level visits from Malaysia. Recently Mrs Gomm was elected as Chair of Association of Zimbabwe Travel Agents (AZTA).