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## FOREWORD BY THE CONSUL GENERAL OF MALAYSIA, HO CHI MINH CITY



I am happy to present the first edition of “Malaysia in Ho Chi Minh City” – the biannual newsletter of the Consulate General of Malaysia. I hope the newsletter will be an interesting as well as a useful snapshot of activities to promote our country undertaken by the Consulate as well as Malaysians in Ho Chi Minh City.

Ho Chi Minh City has been a friendly second home to Malaysian professionals, business owners and managers, as well as their family. The warm people of Ho Chi Minh City are our friends, colleagues and partners. To our Vietnamese friends, we welcome you to visit Malaysia and share some of its natural beauty, warmth and hospitality.

**SOFIAN AKMAL ABD. KARIM**

## ABOUT THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF MALAYSIA, HO CHI MINH CITY

The Consulate General is a consular post of Malaysia in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

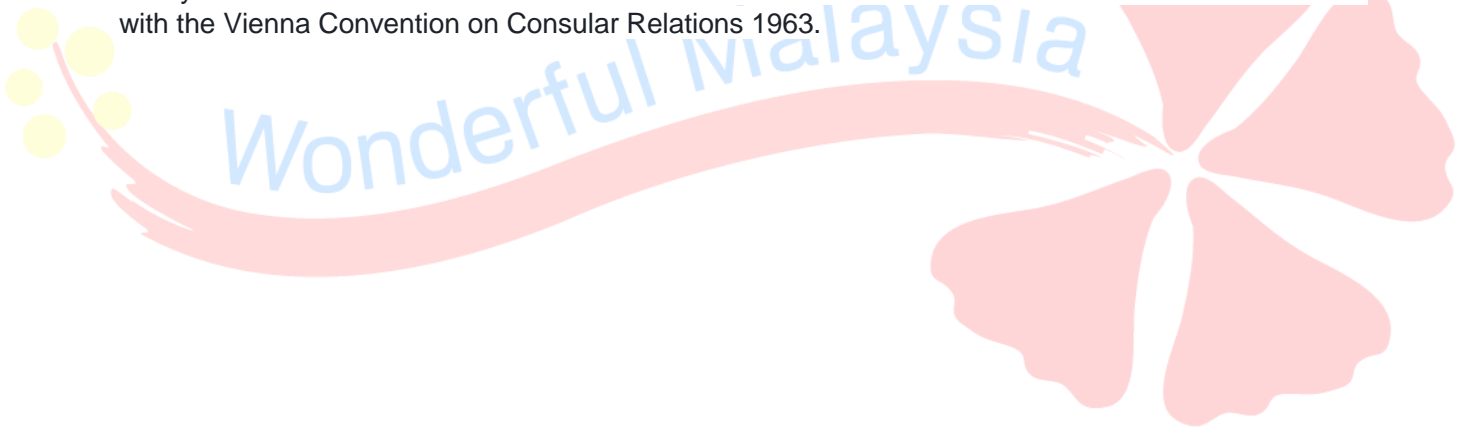
Malaysia first established a consular post in Ho Chi Minh City at the level of Consulate in March 1991, and the post was upgraded to a Consulate General in 1992.

The Consulate General is located at Me Linh Point Tower, No. 2 Ngo Duc Ke Street, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City.

The Consulate General's area of responsibility or consular district includes the province of Da Nang and provinces to the south of Da Nang. Provinces and areas to the north of Da Nang falls under the jurisdiction of the Embassy of Malaysia in Hanoi.

There are 5 officials from 3 Malaysian agencies under the Consulate General. The agencies are Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia; Education Malaysia, Ministry of Education and the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE). Tourism Malaysia has an office under the Consulate General with a Director based in Hanoi.

Among others, the Consulate General's functions include furthering the commercial, economic, cultural and bilateral links between Malaysia and Vietnam; protecting the interests of Malaysians and Malaysian businesses within the limits of international law and other consular functions in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963.



# HIGHLIGHT OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS (JANUARY – JUNE 2016)



## 1. MALINDO AIR INAUGURAL FLIGHT FROM KUALA LUMPUR TO HO CHI MINH CITY

Malindo Air's inaugural flight OD 561 landed safely at Ho Chi Minh City's Tan Son Nhat International Airport in the afternoon of 29 January 2016. The Consul General, Vice Consul Zahirudin Abdul Wahid and Malindo Air staff greeted passengers on board the flight. Speaking to Malaysian media, the Consul General said the flight would enhance connectivity between Kuala Lumpur and HCMC. This could contribute towards integration as a single ASEAN Community.



## 2. STUDY VISIT BY UiTM MBA STUDENTS

The Consulate received MBA students & academic staff from UiTM Kuantan on 5 February 2016. The students are in HCMC for a study visit. The students had a dialogue with the Consul General and Mr. Faizal Izany, Consul (Trade) on topics including the roles & functions of the Consulate & MATRADE, as well as on issues concerning trade, business & investments between Malaysia and Vietnam. We wish the students all the best with their studies.



## 3. STUDY VISIT BY UPM STUDENTS

Students from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) visited Education Malaysia for a dialogue with the Consul General and Consul (Education), on issues including Malaysia-Vietnam bilateral relations, education, culture & leadership. We are always happy to interact with a group of smart & inquisitive young people. The Consulate wishes all of them the very best in their studies.

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## 4. MEETING WITH PRINCE OF WALES ISLAND INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, 13 APRIL 2016

The Consul General and Consul (Education) met with Dr Nasser Noor & Ms Elysia Ong from Prince of Wales Island International School, Penang (POWIS). Malaysia is positioning itself to be a regional education hub, and the Consulate holds dialogue as well as cooperate with providers of world class education including POWIS to achieve this goal.



## 5. MEETING WITH TAN CHONG GROUP, 12 MAY 2016

The Consul General met with Dato' Hardev Singh, Mr. Tan Ghim Meng & Mr. Choong Kok Peng from Tan Chong Group. The Consulate General and Tan Chong exchanged views on doing business in Vietnam and other issues of mutual interest. The meeting was a good opportunity for the Consulate General to network with Malaysian businesses.



## 6. ENGAGEMENT & DIALOGUE WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN HO CHI MINH CITY, 18 MAY 2016

The Consulate General holds engagement with Malaysian businesses and entrepreneurs to provide space and opportunity for dialogue as well as exchange of views. The engagement also provides a good opportunity for the Consulate General to network with Malaysian businesses and entrepreneurs. With the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community, Malaysian businesses are actively exploring opportunities and new markets, including in Vietnam.



The Consul General and MATRADE participated in the opening ceremony of the Food Ingredients Vietnam 2016 event held in SECC on 18 May 2016

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## 7. MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PUTRAJAYA TRADE MISSION TO HO CHI MINH CITY, 25 MAY 2016

Malay Chamber of Commerce, Putrajaya (Dewan Perniagaan Melayu Malaysia - DPMM Putrajaya) was in Ho Chi Minh City to explore business opportunities and network with local entrepreneurs. The delegation was headed by Dato' Haji Mohamad Alayuddin, President of DPMM Putrajaya. The Consulate General and MATRADE HCMC were happy to jointly host a meeting between DPMM Putrajaya & local businesses. We wish DPMM Putrajaya



## 8. VISIT BY PARTI GERAKAN RAKYAT MALAYSIA, 26 MAY 2016

A delegation from Malaysian People's Movement Party (Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia - Gerakan) visited the Consulate General and had a dialogue with the Consul General. The delegation was led by Datuk A. Kohilan Pillay, Gerakan Vice President (and former Deputy Foreign Minister of Malaysia) and Mr. Tan Keng Liang, Gerakan National Youth Chief. Gerakan and the Consul General exchanges views on a range of topics including Malaysia-Vietnam bilateral relations, and the role of Wisma Putra and the Consulate General in promoting relations between the two countries. We would like to thank the delegation for visiting the Consulate General and wish them all the best.

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## 9. AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA'S WORKING VISIT TO HO CHI MINH CITY, 30 MAY - 1 JUNE 2016

H.E. Mohd Zamruni Khalid and Mdm. Arfah Nadiah were in Ho Chi Minh City on 30 May - 1 June. The Ambassador had meetings and dialogue with the Chairman of the People's Committee; the Deputy Director General of ERD; Malaysia Business Chamber Vietnam; the Consulate General and travel operators and media. The Ambassador and Mdm Arfah Nadiah were also on board the flight to Kuala Lumpur.



Welcoming lunch jointly hosted by the Consulate General and MBC - Meeting Malaysians in HCMC



Mr. Nguyen Thanh Phong, Chairman of the People's Committee of HCMC - The Ambassador exchanging memento with the Chairman

## 10. LABUAN IBFC ASEAN ROADSHOW 2016, HO CHI MINH CITY, 2 JUNE 2016

Labuan International Business and Financial Centre, Malaysia (IBFC) was in Ho Chi Minh City to promote its services.



The delegation was headed by Dato' Mohammed Azlan Hashim, Chairman of Labuan IBFC Incorporated Sdn Bhd; Datuk Ahmad Hizzad Baharuddin, Director General of LFSA and Mr. Daniel Mah Abdullah, Deputy DG of LFSA. In his remarks at the welcoming ceremony, the Consul General acknowledged Labuan IBFC's efforts in forging closer regional business and finance links through its ASEAN Roadshow.



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## 11. DIALOGUE WITH THE PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE OF BINH DUONG PROVINCE, 17 JUNE 2016

Malaysian businesses in Binh Duong and the Consulate General participated in an annual dialogue with the province's leaders and heads of department. It was a good opportunity to raise and discuss issues faced by Malaysian companies. At the dialogue, the Consul General asked Binh Duong authorities to facilitate Malaysian companies and investments. The Consul General looks forward to work closely with Binh Duong's authorities to address issues and concerns faced by Malaysian companies that may arise in the future.



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