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History

Early days, Malaysia had an Honorary Consulate in Khartoum, the Republic of Sudan since 1996, and Mr. Mahmoud Abdul-Rahim Ahmed was the honorary consul from 1996- 1999.

The Embassy was officially established on 30 September 1999. It first operate from the Grand Holiday Villa Hotel, Khartoum before moving to its office building situated at Street 3, Al-Amarat in 2000. In 2013, the Embassy then moved to its present location at Buri, Garden City, Khartoum

Malaysia is committed to enhancing the existing friendly relations between the two countries, on a unique and special ground, based on the principles of equality, mutual respect and cooperation in every field.

The current Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of The Sudan is His Excellency Mustafa Hj. Mansor. He presented his Letters of Credence to President Omar Hassan Ahmed Al-Bashir on 26 April 2015.



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NEW YEAR GATHERING



1 January 2016.

The Gathering which was a jumpstart for the year 2016 was a friendly get together attended amongst others by Malaysians who are working in various sectors in Sudan such as Petronas, Malaysian businessmen with their families and students at the Malaysian Ambassador's Residence.



Visit to UNAMID CAMP

2 March 2016.

Ambassador Mustafa visited UNAMID CAMP Super in AL-Fashir in Darfur State to present the UN medal to the Malaysian Police.

Mabrook to the Malaysian Police contingent whose presence made us proud.



INFORMAL GATHERING OF MALAYSIANS AT THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA

10 March 2016.

An informal gathering of Malaysians working in various sectors in Sudan such as Petronas, the Dhal Group Sudan, businessmen and student representative was held on 10 March 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the establishment of a Social and recreation club to be named as Malaysia Club Sudan. Given that there are many Malaysians working and studying in Sudan, the establishment of such a club is timely. Members of the meeting agreed that such a club would be beneficial and serve the following purpose:

- To promote closer liaison among members of the Malaysian community in Sudan;
- To assist in the development of the Malaysian business interests in Sudan; and
- To act as a networking platform for business/social/cultural interaction among Malaysian with the International community in Sudan and in particular, with the Sudanese community itself.

The establishment of the club would certainly be an impetus to bring fellow Malaysians working in Sudan closer as well as to promote Malaysia's interest in Sudan.



VISIT TO THE MALAYSIAN STUDENTS' HOSTEL

17 March 2016.

The Malaysian Students' Association House in Riyadh area, Khartoum received two sets of table top computers and printer for the use of the students. The house is occupied by 40 Malaysian male students who are currently pursuing their studies in various fields of studies at universities within Khartoum.

His Excellency in his remarks highlighted that the presence of such facility would assist the students in completing their respective assignments as well as to ease their burden to obtain proper printing providers. He also advised the students to maintain the said equipment for the well-being of all and to concentrate on their main purpose in Khartoum which is to complete their study with distinctions. They were also urged to work together with the Embassy to assist in the promotion of good and friendly relations between Malaysia and Sudan

FAMILY SPORT DAY



14 May 2016

The Embassy of Malaysia with PETRONAS–Sudan organized Family Sport Day



VISIT TO SUDAN VISION NEWSPAPER

20 March 2016.

Ambassador Mustafa visited ***Sudan Vision*** newspaper, a Sudanese daily in English language which covers domestic, regional, international news, business, sports, editorials, commentaries and feature stories. Sudan Vision caters mainly to the expatriat community as well as the diplomatic corps based in Sudan as well as a number of other clients. It is also available online.

The visit was well received by Mr. Muawad Mustafa Rashid, the Editor-in-Chief and Mr Alula Berhe Kidani from Sudan Vision. There was an exchange of views between His Excellency and Mr. Muawad concerning the good bilateral relations that exist between Malaysia and Sudan. Cognisant of such good relations, Mr Muawad indicated that Sudan Vision could be a platform to further enhance and promote the bilateral relations between both countries.



Ramadan International Iftar

16 June 2016

Embassy of Malaysia was invited to participate in the International Iftar ceremony with the theme ***Ramadan in my Country*** which was organized by the Council for International People's Friendship. Each country was requested to prepare a number of their local foods for the Iftar party.

Around 300 guests from the local Sudanese community and diplomats were invited.



MALAYSIA SUDAN STUDENTS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)



12 April 2016.

The Ambassador attended the Malaysia Sudan Students Association AGM on 9 April 2016. It was held at the Malaysian Student's Association House at Riyadh area in Khartoum. His Excellency was accompanied by the Embassy's officials and officials from PETRONAS Sudan.

His Excellency in his opening remarks had congratulated the work and efforts undertaken by the current committee for the term 2015/2016. He also highlighted that those nominated to the committee for the term 206/2017 would need to follow-up on the work of the previous committee as well as further improve the work of the association, in particular issues concerning Malaysian students studying in Sudan.

At the margins of the AGM, a dialogue session with the students were held. The purpose of the session was to engage the problems faced by the Malaysian students studying in Sudan. Among the problems voiced by the students were hike in tuition fees by certain universities in Sudan, procedures for usage of the facilities at the Embassy, rising cost of rental for accommodation, recognition of universities in Sudan by Malaysian (through Malaysian Qualification Agency) as well as other related issues. In response, His Excellency informed that he would take-up the concerns raised with the respective authority in Sudan and in Malaysia.

The Malaysian students were delighted and appreciative of the attendance of His Excellency, officials of the Embassy and PETRONAS representatives at the AGM.



PARADE OF FRIENDSHIP AND BROTHERHOOD AMONG PEOPLES

9 April 2016.

The Embassy as well as Malaysians based in Sudan joined the ***Parade of Friendship and Brotherhood Among Peoples*** on 9 April 2016. The parade was organised by the Friendship Council of the Republic of Sudan.

The parade was participated by majority of foreign mission and international organisations as well expatriates based in the Republic of Sudan. The parade was led by His Excellency Hassabu Mohamed Abdalrahman, Vice President of the Republic of Sudan. The parade started at Murgen and ended at Friendship Hall. A number of foreign missions took the opportunity to showcase their respective traditional performance during the event.

The Malaysian group was well received by many Sudanese who cheered and waved when the Malaysian delegation passed through. This is a sign that Malaysia is well recognised and a showcase/performances from Malaysian could be featured at next year's parade. Such an event is a good opportunity to promote Malaysia to the Sudanese and expatriates.



RECEPTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS MAJESTY THE YANG DIPERTUAN AGONG'S BIRTHDAY



2 June 2016

A reception in conjunction with His Majesty, the Yang Di-Pertuan Agong's birthday was hosted by Ambassador Mustafa on Saturday, 2 June 2016. Although simple some prominent figures in Sudan (Mr. Mahmoud Abdelrahim Ahmed, former Honorary Consul of Malaysia; Mr. Ibrahim al-Sanousi, General Secretary of the Popular Congress Party), Malaysia Technical Cooperation (MTCP) alumni members, Malaysian businessmen, Petronas Sudan senior management and Malaysian students.

An array of Malaysian cuisine and dishes were prepared for the reception. The event presented an opportunity for networking among the prominent Sudanese, businessmen and fellow Malaysians that attended.

The Malaysians in Sudan wish to express their best wishes to SPB Yang Di-Pertuan Agong on His Majesty's birthday.



High Level Visit

24 February 2016.

The Ambassador accompanied by YBhg. Dato' Dr. Ahmad Jailani bin Muhamed Yunus, Deputy Secretary-General (Development) of Ministry of Rural and Regional Development made a one day visit to the Gezira State on invitation of the Governor of Gezira. Briefing was given on the project and development of the Gezira agricultural scheme. The possibility of sharing Malaysia experience and expertise in the field of agriculture was also discussed.





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