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From the Embassy's Desk

Welcome to the New Ambassador of Malaysia to Ukraine



We are delighted to announce that H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi has assumed the post of the Ambassador of Malaysia to Ukraine on 13 April 2016 and presented his Letters of Credence to the Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko on 14 June 2016.

During the conversation with President Poroshenko at the Credentials ceremony, Datuk Ayauf Bachi gave his assurance that he would make all effort to further deepen and widen the current state of Malaysia-Ukraine bilateral relations. In addition, he expressed confidence that Ukraine would continue to move forward progressively under President Poroshenko's able stewardship.



President Poroshenko, in turn, highlighted the importance that Ukraine attaches to its bilateral relations with Malaysia. He believed that both countries have a lot of potential and resources to be explored with a view to enhancing bilateral cooperation. President Poroshenko further recalled the tragic incident of the downing of MH17 in 2014 wherein the Embassy of Malaysia in Kiev was the first diplomatic mission that he had visited to convey his condolences and sympathy. He also recorded appreciation for Malaysia's support to Ukraine's successful bid as the Non-Permanent Member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) 2016-2017.



H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi is a long serving diplomat with 30 years of experience in the public service. Prior to his assignment to Ukraine, H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi was the Ambassador of Malaysia to Peru from 2011 to January 2016. A fluent Mandarin speaker, H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi had served twice in China, as the Malaysian Trade Commissioner from 1994 to 1999 and as the Malaysian Consul General in Kunming from 2004 to 2008. Throughout the course of a diplomatic career, His Excellency Datuk Ayauf Bachi held senior positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the Undersecretary of Consular Division and Deputy Chief of Protocol. His Excellency Datuk Ayauf Bachi is the fourth Ambassador of Malaysia to Ukraine.

The breadth and depth of H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi's experience in political, trade and consular issues will undoubtedly contribute to the next phase of bilateral relations between Malaysia and Ukraine with a view to enhancing current cooperation and tapping into new areas of cooperation, for the mutual benefits of our peoples.





Datuk Ayauf Bachi and Director-General for Asia Pacific Region, MFA Ukraine



Datuk Ayauf Bachi and Deputy Foreign Minister, MFA



Datuk Ayauf Bachi and Chief of Protocol, MFA Ukraine



Datuk Ayauf Bachi received a courtesy call by Al-Fadil Al-Sheikh Ahmed Tamim, Mufti of Ukraine.

Embassy's Activities

The Embassy of Malaysia in Kyiv organized several outreach programmes in the second quarter of 2016 including hosting visits of Ukrainian students and meeting with Malaysian community in Kyiv.

A group of 28 students from the Kyiv P. Tychyny School No 191 visited the Embassy on 4 April 2016. In addition, the Student Society on Politics and Diplomacy comprising undergraduate and graduate students of various notable universities in Kyiv visited the Embassy of Malaysia in Kyiv on 20 April 2016. Both of these visits were aimed to raise awareness about Malaysia's culture and traditions as well as diplomatic initiatives.







Group Photography

Meanwhile, on 18 May 2016, H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi hosted a dinner for the Malaysian community in Kyiv, providing a fitting avenue for Malaysians residing in Kyiv to be acquainted with the newly-arrived Ambassador of Malaysia. The meet and greet was part of the Embassy's continued effort to strengthen esprit de corps and inclusiveness amongst fellow Malaysians in Kyiv.

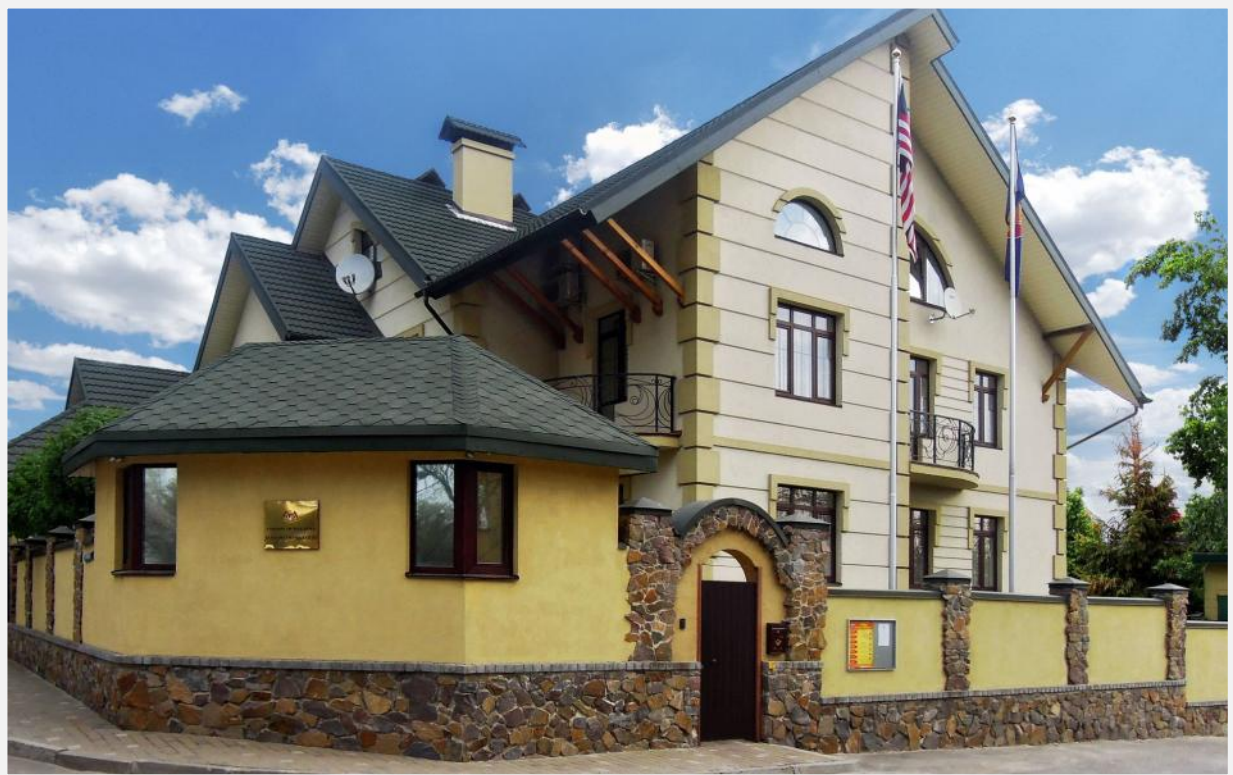


Pro-Tem ASEAN Committee in Kyiv Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the pro tem ASEAN Committee in Kyiv (ACK) was held on 13 May 2016. Ambassadors of Indonesia and Malaysia to Ukraine participated in the meeting which was chaired by the Ambassador of Vietnam. The meeting had agreed to establish a formal ASEAN Committee comprising the three ASEAN Ambassadors with a view to further promote the awareness of ASEAN in Ukraine. In addition, the meeting proposed several programmes to be undertaken by the ASEAN Embassies in 2016.

Following the pro tem ACK meeting, a friendly bowling game amongst the staff and families of the Embassies of Indonesia, Malaysia and Vietnam were held to welcome the Ambassador of Malaysia as well as to bid farewell to the departing Ambassador of Indonesia.





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