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## From the Embassy's Desk

### **A Milestone in Malaysia-Ukraine Bilateral Relations**

H.E. Petro Pereshenko, President of Ukraine undertook an official visit to Malaysia – the maiden visit by a Ukrainian President, on 3-5 August 2016.

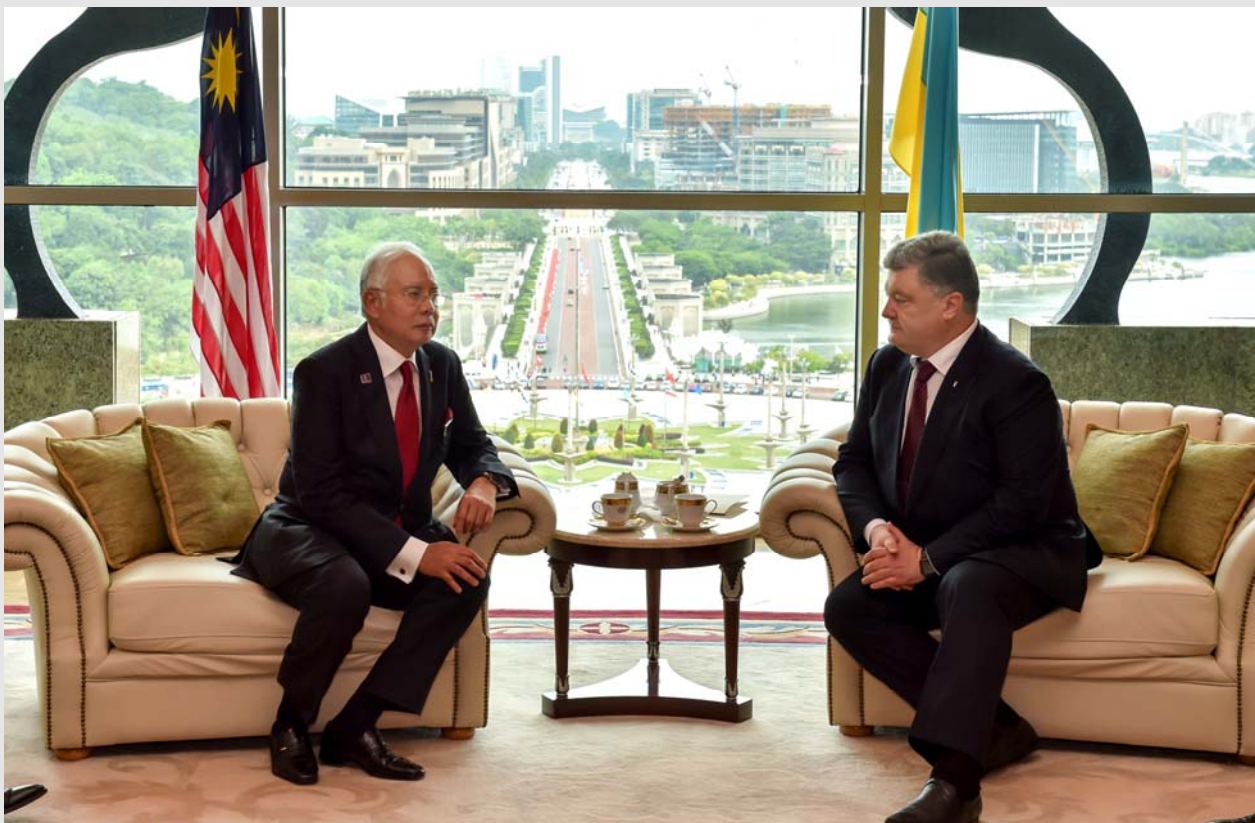
President Poroshenko who was accorded the official welcoming ceremony, had a bilateral meeting with YAB Prime Minister Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak. The meeting allowed both leaders to take stock of bilateral relations as well as explore other possible areas of collaboration. Both leaders also witnessed the signing of three bilateral agreements namely the Agreement for the Avoidance on Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion in respect to Taxes on Income and Capital Gains; Treaty on Extradition; and Treaty of Mutual Legal Assistance in Civil and Criminal Matters. These agreements aimed at further promoting cooperation between the two countries.

Other highlights of the visit were President Poroshenko's keynote address at the Business Luncheon co-organised by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (NCCIM) and the official dinner hosted by YAB Prime Minister. In addition, President Poroshenko had the opportunity to visit the

Petronas Twin Towers and the Malaysia Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT).

President Poroshenko's visit has been fruitful in promoting cooperation between the Malaysia and Ukraine including opening new perspectives for cooperative endeavours and elevating bilateral relations to a new height. Malaysia and Ukraine, both experiencing important periods of development, also share common interests in promoting prosperity and security which is exhibited in their concurrent non-permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

The Embassy of Malaysia in Kyiv will be working closely with the relevant stakeholders to ensure that concerted efforts to expand and explore potential areas of cooperation become an important feature in the enhancement of bilateral relations between Malaysia and Ukraine.











Some news articles reported in Ukrainian media on President Petro Poroshenko's visit to Malaysia.



Prime Minister of Malaysia Najib Razak says that Ukraine and Malaysia can develop mutual cooperation in many spheres, in particular in the sphere of privatization of Ukrainian companies.

Prime Minister of Malaysia Najib Razak said this at a news conference, held in the scope of Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko's visit to Malaysia.

"I'm sure that this visit will deepen relations between Malaysia and Ukraine. I hope our peoples will use the possibilities of the both countries," the prime minister said.

Razak stressed that Ukraine is an attractive state for foreign investors, including the Malaysian investors.

"We also discussed the participation of Malaysian companies in privatization. President Poroshenko would like to do this for his country. And we agreed that there are all possibilities for this," he said.

According to the Malaysian prime minister, the Malaysians can participate in Ukrainian projects that concern railways, sea port management, energy companies, as well as housing and municipal complexes.

## Poroshenko to go to Malaysia on first official visit, make state visit to Indonesia

Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko will go on his first official visit to Malaysia this week; he is also scheduled to make a state visit to Indonesia, according to the presidential administration.

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Poroshenko will visit Malaysia and Indonesia / Photo from UNIAN

The visit to Malaysia is slated for August 3-5, 2016, the administration's press service said.

"The agenda of the first visit in the history of bilateral relations of the two countries provides for the meetings with Prime Minister of Malaysia Najib Razak and other representatives of Malaysian leadership," the press service said.

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The Ukrainian president will be visiting Indonesia on August 5-7, and is scheduled to meet with President of Indonesia Joko Widodo, Speaker of the People's Representative Council Ade Komarudin and the Head of Yogyakarta Sultanate.

Business forums will be held as part of these two visits. The parties are scheduled to sign a series of bilateral documents aimed at the enhancement of cooperation.

## Embassy's Activities

The third quarter of the year was an eventful period for the Embassy of Malaysia in Kyiv. The Embassy hosted two flag-raising ceremonies in conjunction with the National Day of Malaysia and ASEAN Day, respectively.





On the sports front, the staff of the Embassy participated in the 10th Spartakiada (sporting competition) for diplomatic corps organised by the Ministry of Youth and Sport of Ukraine in four categories of games namely paintball, chess, mini-golf and bowling, as well as the Family Bowling organised by the ASEAN Embassies in Kyiv.



In addition, H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi, Ambassador of Malaysia to Ukraine hosted an ASEAN meeting at Rumah Malaysia on 27 July 2016 to discuss the proposed programmes to be organised by ASEAN Embassies this year.



Meanwhile, on 26 September 2016, H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi made a presentation entitled “Doing Business in Malaysia” at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (UCCI) to update the Ukrainian businesses about the business climate in Malaysia.



H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi also gave an interview with UA TV Channel which could be viewed online (in Russian) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRYWX4bPLYI&app=desktop>

In the interview which was featured in the “Touchpoints” programme and aired by UA TV Channel on 13 August 2016, H.E. Datuk Ayauf Bachi shared his perspectives on various topics namely Malaysia’s experience as a multiracial and multicultural country, and the current challenges faced by Malaysia in the spheres of economy, environment and security. He further spoke about the bilateral relations between Malaysia and Ukraine including the potential to promote bilateral tourism industry to the nationals of both countries as well as the similarities and differences of Malaysian and Ukrainian food.





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