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Eid Mubarak from Kuwait!

Assalamualaikum,

On behalf of the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait, I wish to extend my best wishes to all Muslims on the special occasion of Eid-ul-Fitr and a blessed “Salam Aidil Fitri, Maaf Zahir Batin”.



Eid is an occasion not just to celebrate the end of a month-long fasting but also to reflect and to recommit to values of patience, gratitude and compassion.

To Malaysians in Kuwait, please accept my deepest appreciation for your cooperation, participation and generous contribution to our weekly *iftar* at *Rumah Malaysia* during the month of Ramadhan. I sincerely hope that the

gatherings would strengthen our *silaturahmi*.

May Allah accept our deeds.

Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani

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HIGHLIGHTS

DOA SELAMAT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BIRTHDAY OF THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG, 4 JUNE 2016

On 4 June 2016, the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait organised the recital of Yasin and doa selamat in conjunction with the birthday of His Majesty Almu'tasimu Billahi Muhibbuddin Tuanku Al-Haj Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah Ibni Almarhum Sultan Badlishah, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong XIV.



MALAYSIA'S SUCCESS



Y.Bhg Dato' Haji Othman bin Mustapha, (second from left) and Mr. Abdul Khair (second from right) holding their certificates of appreciation.

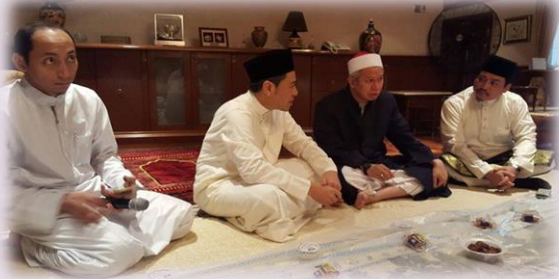
MALAYSIA RECEIVED AWARDS AT THE 7TH KUWAIT INTERNATIONAL PRIZE FOR HOLY QURAN

Malaysian participant, Mr Abdul Khair bin Jalil emerged as the winner for the Recital category during the 7th edition of the Kuwait International Prize for Holy Quran held from 14 till 20 April 2016. He won a prize money worth KD5,000 and a certificate of appreciation.

Malaysia's annual International Al-Quran Recital and Memorization Assembly was also awarded as the "Best Organizing of Al-Quran Programme at the International Level" by the Government of the State Kuwait. YBhg Dato' Haji Othman bin Mustapha, Director-General of the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM) received the award for Malaysia.

Both awards were presented by His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, the Crown Prince of the State of Kuwait during the Closing Ceremony held at Bayan Palace on 20 April 2016.

VISITS FROM MALAYSIA



HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani with the Mufti



Mufti with Malaysian community in Kuwait

VISIT BY YBHG. DATUK DR ZULKIFLI MOHAMAD AL-BAKRI, MUFTI OF FEDERAL TERRITORY ON 23-27 JUNE 2016, AT THE INVITATION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE, ARTS AND LETTERS (NCCAL) OF THE STATE OF KUWAIT

During the visit, the Mufti of Federal Territory fulfilled the invitation by the Ambassador to break fast at the Embassy on 24 June 2016.

During a brief session prior to breaking of fast, the Mufti of Federal Territory imparted Islamic knowledge and practices with the Malaysians present.



IIUM CRESCENT'S DELEGATION VISITED KUWAIT

A six-member delegation from the International Islamic University Malaysia's Centre for Strategic Continuing Education and Training (IIUM CRESCENT) on a tour to Kuwait to promote the Center, visited the Embassy of Malaysia on 24 May 2016. Led by Professor Dr. Ainul Jaria Maidin, Dean of IIUM CRESCENT, the delegation was met at the Embassy by HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abdul Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait.

IIUM CRESCENT offers various academic and professional development & training programmes that cater to the needs of students and adult professional learners. The programmes are open to both locals and foreigners.

MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT AND SEMI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS



On 26 May 2016, Ambassador of Malaysia met with HE Ali Hussein Al-Youha, Secretary-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) at the latter's office in Kuwait City.



Ambassador of Malaysia met with His Excellency Ambassador Ali Suleiman Al-Saeed, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs and Mr. Naseer Abdullah Al-Hayen, Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for International Organizations (IO) Affairs on 31 May 2016.

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Ambassador of Malaysia met with His Excellency Ambassador Dhari Ajran Al-Ajran, Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait on 8 June 2016.



Ambassador of Malaysia met with Dr. Khaled A. Mahdi, the Secretary-General of the Supreme Council for Planning and Development of the State of Kuwait on 13 June 2016.



On 21 June 2016, Ambassador of Malaysia met with His Excellency Ambassador Adil Hamad Al-Ayar, Assistant Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kuwait.

ACTIVITIES WITH MALAYSIANS IN KUWAIT

Closing Ceremony of KAFA Programme for 2015/16



Speech by HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani during the closing ceremony of KAFA Programme



Nasyyid performance by the students

HE Amb. Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait and Patron of Kelas Agama dan Fardhu Ain (KAFA) Programme officially closed the KAFA 2015/16 session on 19 May 2016. The event was held at the Multipurpose Hall of the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait.

The KAFA Programme is run by five Malaysian undergraduates in Kuwait who conduct classes for Malaysian children from the age of four and above. A total of 66 Malaysian children attended the 2015/16 session.

The highlights of the closing ceremony were the prize-giving for high achievers and performances by the students. The parents were at hand to show their support of their children.

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Weekly Ramadhan Iftar Programme



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3RD FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR EMBASSIES AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN 2016



The Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait participated at the 3rd seven-a-side Football Championship for Embassies and Diplomatic Missions 2016 organized by the Public Authority for Sports of Kuwait. The tournament was held from 19 to 24 June 2016. 20 teams from embassies and diplomatic missions in Kuwait participated in the tournament.

As the tournament was organised during the fasting month of Ramadhan, all matches were played in late evenings. Each team could register up to ten players and must consist of at least three staff members of the embassy or diplomatic mission. The remaining seven players can be roped in from among members of the country's community, aged 35 and above.

At the group stage, Team Malaysia was placed with Teams Bangladesh, Indonesia, Morocco, and Sierra Leone. Team Malaysia lost its first match against Team Morocco but rebounded to win the remaining three matches against Teams Bangladesh, Indonesia and Sierra Leone to qualify to the quarterfinals stage. Team Malaysia's challenge ended at that stage when it lost to Team Egypt, the eventual winner. Despite the defeat, Team Malaysia performed creditably and in the spirit of sportsmanship.

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ASEAN ACTIVITIES IN KUWAIT



Second Secretary the Embassy of Malaysia represented the Ambassador of Malaysia at the 2nd ASEAN Committee Kuwait (ACK) Ambassadors Meeting, 12 April 2016



The ASEAN Committee in Kuwait (ACK) successfully held its 5th bowling tournament at the 360 Mall in Kuwait on 20 May 2016. This year's tournament was organized by the Embassy of Lao PDR, as ACK Chair for 2016.

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LOCAL MEDIA INTERVIEW WITH THE AMBASSADOR



On 15 June 2016, His Excellency Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait gave an interview to the Al-Majlis Channel Kuwait for its programme Bil Kuwaiti (With Kuwaiti). Al Majlis Channel is the official television channel for the National Assembly of Kuwait.



On 16 June 2016, His Excellency Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait gave an interview to Kuwait Television 2 (KTV-2) for its English News programme. KTV-2 is one of the television channels operated under the Ministry of Information of Kuwait.

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EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA
PUBLIC HOLIDAY 2016

| NO | HOLIDAY | DATE | DAY | MALAYSIA / KUWAIT |
|----|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Chinese New Year | 8 and 9 February | Monday and Tuesday | Malaysia |
| 2 | Kuwait National Day | 25 February | Thursday | Kuwait |
| 3 | Kuwait Liberation Day * | 26 February | Friday | Kuwait |
| 4 | Labour Day | 1 May | Sunday | Malaysia / Kuwait |
| 5 | Isra' Mikraj | 5 May | Thursday | Kuwait |
| 6 | Wesak Day | 21 May | Saturday | Malaysia |
| 7 | Birthday of SPB YDP Agong | 4 June | Saturday | Malaysia |
| 8 | Hari Raya Aidil Fitri ** | 6 and 7 July | Wednesday and Thursday | Malaysia / Kuwait |
| 9 | Malaysia National Day | 31 August | Wednesday | Malaysia |
| 10 | Arafah Day ** | 11 September | Sunday | Kuwait |
| 11 | Hari Raya Aidil Adha ** | 12 and 13 September | Monday and Tuesday | Malaysia / Kuwait |
| 12 | Malaysia Day * | 16 September | Friday | Malaysia |
| 13 | Maal Hijrah | 2 October | Sunday | Malaysia / Kuwait |
| 14 | Deepavali ** | 29 October | Saturday | Malaysia |
| 15 | Maulidur Rasul | 12 December | Monday | Malaysia / Kuwait |
| 16 | Christmas | 25 December | Sunday | Malaysia |

Note:

1. Public holidays which fall on a Friday are not replaced by the next working day.
2. Public holidays which fall on a Saturday is carried forward to the next working day.
3. (*) Observed only