



EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN KUWAIT

HIGHLIGHTS: HARI RAYA CELEBRATIONS IN KUWAIT



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On the blessed occasions of Aidil Fitri and Aidil Adha 1437H, the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait, in collaboration with the Malaysian Association in Kuwait (MAK) hosted open houses at Rumah Malaysia for Malaysians residing in Kuwait. The open houses for Aidil Fitri and Aidil Adha were held on the first day of Syawal corresponding to 6 July 2016 and 10 Zulhijjah corresponding to 12 September 2016 respectively.

Even though thousands of miles away, Malaysians in Kuwait enjoyed the company of each other and were feted to an array of delectable Malaysian cuisine such as nasi impit, beef rendang, kuah kacang, kuah lodeh, nasi minyak, ayam masak merah, laksa, Raya cookies and many more!

PHOTOS DURING THE AIDIL FITRI CELEBRATION



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PHOTOS DURING THE AIDIL ADHA CELEBRATION



MALAYSIA'S 59TH NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



A mini celebration was held at the Embassy on the occasion of the 59th National Day of Malaysia.

MA'AL HIJRAH 1438H



On the eve of the new Hijri year 1438H, the Malaysian Association in Kuwait (MAK) organized a gathering with Malaysians in Kuwait at the Embassy. During the event, Ustaz Mohamad Abu Yazid of Masjid Hamoud Muhammad Al-Homoud Al-Sabah, located at Daiya shared his knowledge on the significance of Ma'al Hijrah.

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ON THE BILATERAL FRONT



YB Dato' Sri Anifah Haji Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia met with HE Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait on the sidelines of the 71st Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 22 September 2016 in New York.



On 28 August 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with HE Ambassador Ali Suleiman Al-Saeed, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs at the latter's office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait City.

MEETINGS WITH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR OFFICIALS



On 1 August 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait made a courtesy call on HE Ahmed Khaled Ahmed Al-Jassar, the Minister of Electricity and Water of the State of Kuwait at the latter's office in South Surra, Kuwait.

The Malaysian Ambassador and the Minister discussed matters of mutual interest between Malaysia and Kuwait, especially in the area of energy supply. Currently, there are two Malaysian companies, namely TNB-Remaco, a subsidiary of TNB and Teknik Janakuasa Sdn. Bhd, a subsidiary of Malakoff which are involved in operating and maintaining power plants owned by the Ministry of Energy and Water.



On 19 July 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait received at the Embassy, a delegation from Kuwait Finance House (KFH) led by Mr. Mazin Saad Al-Nahedh, the Group Chief Executive Officer of KFH.

During the call, the Ambassador and Mr Al-Nahedh discussed issues of mutual interest, focusing on KFH's banking operations. KFH (Malaysia) Berhad is the first foreign bank to introduce Islamic banking in Malaysia since 2005.

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SEEKING BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AND STRENGTHENING COLLABORATIONS...



On 30 August 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani hosted a dinner for a delegation from MERCY Malaysia at Restaurant Beit Dickson which serves authentic Kuwaiti cuisine. The delegation, led by Ms. Zuraidah Mian, Director of Strategic Planning, Organizational Development & Stakeholder Engagement was in Kuwait on 28-31 August 2016 to touch base and explore cooperation with humanitarian aid organizations in Kuwait.



The Malaysian Timber Council (MTC) in Dubai led by its Director Mr Azmir Husni participated in The Big 5 Kuwait, from 25 to 27 September 2016 and also had several business meetings with existing and potential partners in Kuwait.



On 15 August 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani had a dinner with Dato' Anuar Noordin, Director of Business Development, Westar Aviation Services Sdn. Bhd together with its business partner in Kuwait. The company, which was established in 2003 is an industry leader in offshore helicopter transportation and rotary wing aviation services sectors.

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MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP) KUWAIT ALUMNI TEA ON 29 AUGUST 2016



On 29 August 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait hosted tea at the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait in honour of past Kuwaiti participants of various courses in Malaysia under the flagship of Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP).

The event provided an opportunity for an exchange of experiences and views on matters of mutual interest. To date, a total of 46 participants from Kuwait have attended various short-term courses under the MTCP in Malaysia.

ASEAN COMMITTEE IN KUWAIT (ACK) ACTIVITIES

49th ASEAN DAY CELEBRATED IN KUWAIT



The ASEAN Committee in Kuwait (ACK) celebrated the 49th anniversary of the establishment of ASEAN on 8 August 2016 at the Official Residence of the Ambassador of Indonesia in Kuwait.

The event was attended by the Ambassadors, their spouses and diplomats from ASEAN embassies in Kuwait.

PHOTOS DURING THE EVENT



Farewell Lunch in honour of HE Ambassador Prasas Prasasvinitchai, Thai Ambassador to the State of Kuwait on 19 September 2016 at The Regency Kuwait.



ACK Ambassadors said goodbye to HE Ambassador Prasas Prasasvinitchai, Thai Ambassador to the State of Kuwait on 30 September 2016

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU



This section allows the Malaysian community in Kuwait to get better acquainted with Malaysians who are currently residing here or who have already returned to Malaysia. For Issue 6 of the E-Newsletter, Mr. Mohamad Saiful Bahari Sazulkiffli, who previously studied at Language Centre, Kuwait University wrote about his experience in Kuwait.

Assalamualaikum dan salam sejahtera buat sahabat-sahabat semua. Di sini saya Mohamad Saiful Bahari Sazulkiffli ingin mencoretkan sekelumit pengalaman yang sempat dikutip semasa mengikuti program pengajian Bahasa Arab di Universiti Kuwait selama 10 bulan. (September 2015-Ogos 2016)

Secara dasarnya saya telah mengenali negara Kuwait berserta pengajiannya melalui seorang sahabat saya iaitu Ustaz Abdussalam Mohamad Zainal Abidin di mana kami sama-sama bertugas di sebuah masjid di Kuala Terengganu. Dan apa yang menariknya, beliau merupakan lulusan dalam bidang Kejuruteraan Minyak dan Gas dari salah sebuah kolej di Kuwait tetapi memilih untuk berkhidmat sebagai imam. Melalui beliau saya mengenali negara Kuwait beserta pengajiannya lalu memohon mengikuti untuk mengikuti pengajian tersebut. Alhamdulillah, Allah telah memudahkan perjalanan permohonan saya sehingga diterima untuk belajar bersama tiga orang lagi pelajar yang lain. Kami menjejakkan kaki di negara Kuwait pada 6 Septembar 2015 dan disambut oleh pegawai dari Kedutaan Besar Malaysia di Kuwait iaitu En Rafeeq Razali.

Secara peribadinya terlalu banyak kenangan yang tercipta di sana sama ada kenangan manis mahupun sebaliknya tetapi apa yang boleh saya katakan hampir kesemua kenangan yang saya lalui mengajar diri saya untuk menyesuaikan dengan keadaan semasa.



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Dari segi pergaulannya boleh disifatkan bebas sedikit berbanding kehidupan saya di Malaysia tetapi dengan sedikit nilai yang ada menyebabkan saya boleh mempraktikkan kemahiran yang ada sebagai misalannya bagaimana mahu berurusan dengan wanita yang berlainan daripada bangsa kita dan itu sebenarnya menambah nilai pengalaman itu sendiri.

Kenangan bermuamalat bersama pelajar-pelajar daripada negara yang pelbagai menyebabkan akal dan fikiran kita lebih terbuka dalam menerima sesuatu pandangan. Di sana saya lebih suka mendekati pelajar-pelajar yang kebanyakan daripada negara-negara Afrika walaupun mereka lebih berusia daripada saya kerana saya boleh mengambil manfaat yang penting sekali iaitu dari segi penggunaan bahasa Arab sama ada dari sudut penuturan, pengayaan serta penghayatannya yang sangat mendalam. Jadi, bergaul dengan mereka bukan sahaja menambah nilai bahasa Arab itu sendiri malah dapat mencungkil sosio-budaya dalam kalangan masyarakat mereka yang unik.

Saya mempunyai beberapa kenangan yang indah bersama pelajar-pelajar dari negara Afrika iaitu saya pernah dijemput oleh sahabat saya daripada Senegal untuk menghadiri majlis sambutan kemerdekaan bagi negara Senegal yang berlangsung di Sheraton Hotel, Kuwait City dan ianya berlangsung dengan begitu meriah sekali. Kami juga pernah dijemput beberapa kali untuk menghadiri ad-Diwaniah iaitu perjumpaan mingguan yang dibudayakan oleh orang Arab khususnya di negara-negara Teluk bertujuan mengeratkan hubungan sesama insan dan antara yang pernah saya sertai Diwaniah milik bekas menteri Awqaf Kuwait iaitu Dr A'deel Abdullah al-Fallah (beliau melahirkan kekaguman terhadap ulama-ulama Malaysia khususnya dalam bidang kewangan Islam), Diwaniah milik Ketua Jabatan Pusat Bahasa Arab Dr Mursal al-Ajimi (menyuntikkan semangat untuk terus mendalami bahasa al-Quran) dan pelbagai lagi yang tidak mampu saya coretkan satu persatu.



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Membicarakan soal penerimaan layanan rakyat Malaysia yang tinggal di sana tidak keterlaluan saya katakan mereka menganggap kami seolah-olah keluarga mereka sendiri dan sangat-sangat dekat di hati kami seperti keluarga Encik Yunos, Abg Razmady, Abg Firdaus, Abg Izwan, Abg Hasnan dan ramai lagi yang tidak mampu saya sebutkan di sini tetapi tersemat kukuh di sudut hati. Dan sudah semestinya layanan yang sangat mesra daripada pihak kedutaan sendiri yang diketuai oleh TYT Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani serta yang lain.

Saya tidak dapat ungkapkan perkataan selain jazakumullahu khairan jaza atas segalanya dan mustahil saya mampu membalas segala kebaikan itu. Semoga Allah membalas semua itu dengan berlipat kali ganda.

Masyarakat tempatan sangat-sangat menghormati kami daripada negara-negara ASEAN khususnya Malaysia kerana bagi mereka sebagai tempat pelancongan yang terkenal di sisi masyarakat Arab umumnya selain mempunyai kepakaran teknologi yang tinggi dan bagi mereka Malaysia merupakan negara yang mempelopori penubuhan institusi-institusi kewangan Islam di dunia Islam.

Tersemat kukuh di ingatan saya tatkala pensyarah kami iaitu Dr Badar ad-Daihani mensyarahkan satu tajuk sistem ekonomi di dalam buku "al-Hadarah al-Arabiyyah al-Islamiyyah" bersama pelajar-pelajar dari Negara lain mengatakan "Negara yang terkehadapan dalam isu Kewangan Islam ialah negara Malaysia serta mencetuskan idea dengan penubuhan bank Islam". Ini merupakan suatu bentuk pengiktirafan dan ianya adalah fakta yang tidak boleh dipadam.

Terlampau banyak pengalaman dalam kelas yang kami telah lalui dan banyak ilmu-ilmu yang dikongsikan oleh para pensyarah kepada kami. Selain menggunakan buku kami juga diajar tentang isu-isu dunia yang lain dan bermakna pengalaman kami bukan sekadar 'ilmu kelas' semata-mata.



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Pemerhatian saya para pensyarah bijak memainkan peranan dalam mengimbangi keadaan kelas kerana sudah sedia maklum kelas kami merangkumi muslim dan juga non-muslim. Jadi sudah tentu berlaku sedikit percanggahan pandangan berhubung sesuatu isu tetapi kelas kami sentiasa ceria dengan gelak ketawa dan sebagainya.

Setiap harapan mestilah beserta dengan usahanya sekali, harapan tanpa usaha seperti habuk yang berterbangan tanpa arah tujuan. Harapan saya agar dikurniakan lagi peluang emas ini agar dapat digarap secebis ilmu serta dimanfaatkan kepada manusia yang lain." *خير الناس أنفعهم الناس*.

Walaupun kita tidak mengetahui perkara yang akan datang tetapi sebagai manusia kita perlu merancang perjalanan kehidupan supaya lebih bersistematik dan perancangan saya untuk terus menyambung perjuangan menuntut ilmu khususnya Bahasa Arab sehingga ke peringkat yang tertinggi In Sha Allah.

Hakikatnya saya tidaklah mempunyai tips yang hebat buat perantau tetapi satu saja yang saya gunakan adalah konsep redha dan tidak berputus asa in sha Allah Tuhan tidak pernah kecewakan kita 😊.

Sekian, terima kasih.



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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.
4. (**) Subject to declaration by local authorities.