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## EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN KUWAIT

HIGHLIGHTS: MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION IN KUWAIT (MAK) FAMILY  
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The Malaysian Association in Kuwait (MAK) successfully organised a fun-filled Family Day on 9 December 2016 at Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmed Olympic Shooting Complex in Jahra, Kuwait. Attended by close to 200 Malaysians, the event was officiated by HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia and Patron of MAK. The Embassy gave its full support to the event, as part of its engagement programme, "Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia".

Some of the fun games held during the Family Day event were futsal (with a twist, where players are required to wear *Kain Pelikat* as additional gear), *Baling Selipar* – traditional Malay games often played in *kampung*, *ketupat* making competition for the ladies and fun games for the children. The event provided a platform for Malaysians to get to know each other better.

### PHOTOS DURING THE FAMILY DAY MAK 2016



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### NATIONAL SPORTS DAY CELEBRATED IN KUWAIT

In support of the National Sports Day 2016 held simultaneously nationwide in Malaysia on 8 October 2016, the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait organised its own event at the embassy's premises located at Daiya Diplomatic Enclave, Kuwait City. About sixty Malaysians living in Kuwait participated. The event was officiated by HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to the State of Kuwait.

In his opening remarks, he highlighted that Malaysia's initiative of organising the National Sports Day was aimed at attaining the 'sporting nation' status by the year 2020. He also encouraged the participants to lead a healthy lifestyle which include indulging in sports and other activities, both indoors and outdoors. A range of activities were held including aerobic session, fun run as well as badminton and table-tennis matches.



### GATHERING WITH MALAYSIAN STUDENTS IN KUWAIT

On 28 October 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to the State of Kuwait hosted a gathering with the Malaysian students in Kuwait at Rumah Malaysia.

The event was attended by 18 Malaysian students who are currently pursuing their secondary and tertiary education at Maahad Dini and Kuwait University respectively. The event served to forge closer relationship between the Embassy and the students. The event began with the welcoming remarks by the Ambassador and followed by a barbecue.



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### FOSTERING BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND KUWAIT



On 6 October 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait made a courtesy call on His Excellency Marzouq Ali Al-Ghanim, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kuwait at the latter's office in Kuwait City. The Malaysian Ambassador and the Speaker of the National Assembly of Kuwait discussed matters of mutual interest with a view to enhancing ties between Malaysia and Kuwait.



On 5 October 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with His Excellency 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. The meeting allowed both the Ambassador and the Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs to update and discuss various matters of mutual interest between Malaysia and Kuwait.



On 20 October 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with Mr Ali Hussein Al-Youha, Secretary-General of the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) at the latter's office in Kuwait City. The Ambassador and the Secretary-General explored possibilities of cooperation to promote the rich culture and arts of Malaysia and other ASEAN Member Countries in Kuwait.



HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with His Excellency Ambassador Dhari Ajrán Al-Ajrán, Assistant Foreign Minister for Protocol at the latter's office at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait City on 13 November 2016 where they discussed matters of mutual interest between Malaysia and Kuwait.

## ENCOURAGING COOPERATION BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND KUWAIT IN VARIOUS FIELDS



On 16 October 2016, His Excellency Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait met with Mr. Jamal Abdul Aziz Ja'afar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) at the latter's office in Ahmadi, Kuwait. During the meeting, the Ambassador and Mr. Jamal Abdul Aziz Ja'afar discussed issues which aim at strengthening relations between Malaysia and Kuwait. KOC is a subsidiary of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC), a company owned by the Government of the State of Kuwait.



HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani met with Prof. Dr. Hussein Al-Ansari President of Kuwait University on 18 December 2016 where the two discussed matters of mutual interest especially on education cooperation.



On 6 November 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani met with Dr Ali Al-Nami, Dean of Student Affairs of Kuwait University where the two discussed issues of interest including the welfare of Malaysian students who are currently pursuing their studies in Kuwait University.

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As part of the Embassy's engagement with various companies and organizations in Kuwait, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani met with Mr. Mutlaq Y. Al-Zayed, CEO of Kuwait Flour Mills and Bakeries Co. (KFMB) on 19 October 2016. Since Independence in 1961, Kuwait has taken major steps in enhancing food security manifested in the incorporation of Kuwait Flour Mills Company, which later was merged with the Kuwait Bakeries Company in 1988 (KFMB) to become a key pillar and one of the tributary of the industry in Kuwait. Subsequently on 16 November 2016, the Embassy organized a study tour of KFMB factory in Shuwaikh with the participation of the ladies of PERWAKILAN Kuwait.

### FAREWELL DINNER HOSTED BY THE AMBASSADOR IN HONOUR OF AMBASSADOR OF SWAZILAND



On 23 November 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait hosted a farewell dinner in honour of HE Mlondi Solomon Dlamini, Ambassador of Swaziland to the State of Kuwait and his wife, Madam Bathobile Pholile Dlamini at Rumah Malaysia. Malaysia will be the upcoming list of HE Mlondi's diplomatic career after being appointed as High Commissioner of Swaziland to Malaysia. The farewell dinner was also attended by Ambassador's and CDA of ASEAN and African countries, among others.

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### PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAMME ON MALAYSIA IN KUWAIT



On 14 November 2016, the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait participated in the Islamic Culture Forum and Exhibition 2016 held at the Department of Al-Quran Affairs Building in Al-Qusoor, Kuwait. The event was organized by the Department of Al-Quran Affairs and the Islamic Cultural Center of Kuwait (ICC), under the patronage of the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs of Kuwait, as part of the celebration of Kuwait as the Capital of Islamic Culture 2016. The Embassy exhibited various cultural items and publications in order to increase awareness among the Forum participants and visitors of Malaysia's rich cultures and places of interest.



On 5 December 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait gave a live interview at KTV-2's daily talkshow "Hala Kuwait". During the interview, Mr. Tarek Aleryan, the host of the programme asked the Ambassador about his experience working in Kuwait and his plans to elevate the strong bilateral relations enjoyed by Malaysia and Kuwait. The Ambassador also took the opportunity to share with the viewers a number of popular tourist destinations in Malaysia and encourage more Kuwaitis to visit Malaysia. Snippets on these wonderful places were also shown during the interview.



On 18 December 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait was invited to deliver a talk on the theme "Malaysia and the Media" to a group of Kuwait University students at its main campus in Khaldiya, Kuwait. The lecture was attended by Dr. Yasin Al-Yasin, Chairman of the Communication Department of Kuwait University and Professor Serajul Bhuiyan, lecturer at the Kuwait University.

## ASEAN ACTIVITY IN KUWAIT



On 3 November 2016, HE Phouangkeo Langsy, the Ambassador of Lao PDR to the State of Kuwait and the Chairman of ASEAN Committee in Kuwait (ACK) for 2016 chaired the 3rd ACK Ambassadors Meeting at the Embassy of Lao PDR in Salwa, Kuwait. The meeting was attended by the Ambassadors of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines as well as the Chargé d'Affaires from the Embassies of Thailand and Vietnam. The meeting discussed a number of activities to be organized by ACK for 2016/2017.

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### ENGAGEMENT WITH MALAYSIAN ORGANIZATIONS AND COMPANIES

On 4 December 2016, officials from Asia Lab (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. paid a courtesy visit to the Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait. Led by its Vice President Ms. Anne Lawai Awan, the delegation met with H.E Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia in Kuwait. Asia Lab (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., established in 1985 is one of the leading companies in Malaysia that provides comprehensive monitoring services on radiation and chemical hazardous to health. The company has been awarded a two-year contract by Kuwait Oil Company (KOC) effective from June 2016.



On 21 December 2016, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd Ghani, Ambassador of Malaysia to Kuwait, received Datuk Haji Abdul Adzis Bin Abas, Director-General of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) and Dato' Haji Che Mohd Rahim Bin Haji Jusoh, Director of Jabatan Hal Ehwal Agama Islam Kelantan (JAHEAIK) at the Embassy. During the meeting, they discussed cooperation between DBP and the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Kuwait on a translation project of Islamic fiqh encyclopedia.



Coinciding with the visit of Datuk Haji Abdul Adzis Bin Abas, Director General of Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) and his delegation to Kuwait, HE Dato' Ahmad Rozian Abd. Ghani hosted tea with Malaysian students at Rumah Malaysia on 22 December 2016. Dato' Haji Che Mohd Rahim Bin Haji Jusoh, Director of Jabatan Hal Ehwal Agama Islam Kelantan (JAHEAIK) was also in attendance.



### MALAKOFF



On 6 October 2016, Ambassador and the Embassy's officials had a Dinner Meeting with Mr. Rosli Abd Hamid, Vice President, Malakoff Corporation Berhad and the Malakoff Team at Beit Dickson Restaurant. Malakoff is one of three Malaysian companies which operate in Kuwait.

## SUDUT PUISI

## ISYARAT KEMBARA

Nanti kita akan direntas oleh laut segara  
 Bergunungan pasak berbeza  
 Memaku dua benua jauh  
 Menginjak tanah berlainan gemburan  
 Ada kisar pasir lain sekali dengan liat tanah  
 Begitu asing akan dunia  
 Sejak mata buntang ternyala buka  
 Tiadakan pernah berfikir  
 Akan nafas berlayuan di pelantar nan kejauhan

Ingatlah saudara, taulan, handai, juga mungkin cinta  
 Meski jasad dan badani terpotong jauh  
 Nafas kita tetap beraliran pada udara yang sama  
 Mentari masih ada satu, masih menyala suria itu  
 Meski dari jihat berlainan arah  
 Lautan tidak bertepi memisahkan, namun airnya tetap masin  
 Tanahnya mungkin beralun pasir, namun tetap ia menampung  
 Gunungnya berlainan agam namun tetap ia berlingkaran  
 Menghubung jauh dua benua yang sebenarnya berdekatan  
 Tiada apa yang benar-benar memisahkan  
 Kerana bumbungnya berlangit yang sama  
 Petalanya biru, malamnya gelap dikerongsang bintang  
 Kita dihubung oleh atma yang diikat oleh laut rasa  
 Saling merenung dan mengharap  
 Berdoalah dari jauh kerana itu mendekatkan  
 Sejauh mana jarak dan batas merentangi kita

Aku di sana nanti tidak lama  
 Sekadar beberapa bingkis kelipan mata  
 Juga hangat nafas yang turun dan naik  
 Barangkali ada guyuran air mata dan sedikit perih luka  
 Tak mengapa tak mengapa  
 Kerana nanti aku pasti kembali Menyatukan kisar pasir, liat tanah, bayu udara, degup jantung  
 dan senyum sirna  
 Dan akan ku rawat segenap luka  
 Semua ini tidak lama, kelak nanti aku datang lagi, seolah semalamnya  
 Baru sahaja kalian menghantar aku pergi...

*Oleh Anuar Nordin - 7 November 2015*

*Puisi Ini Telah Memenangi Tempat Kedua Bagi Kategori Terbuka Perwakilan Malaysia Dalam Sayembara  
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### VISA INFORMATION

#### 1. For Kuwaiti citizens & other GCC countries citizens (Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates (UAE), Qatar, Bahrain and Oman)

- Obtain Visa On Arrival valid for 3 months upon entry to Malaysia
- Visa fees RM50.00 @ KD3.500

#### 2. Other Foreign Nationals

- Obtain visa from Embassy of Malaysia in Kuwait
- Each visa approval valid for 1 month upon entry to Malaysia
- Visa fees are as follows:

Countries	Single Entry Visa (KWD)	Multiple Entry Visa (KWD)	Period
India	4.250	8.500	30 days
China	3.700	7.400	30 days
Sri Lanka	1.800	3.600	30 days
Other Nationalities	2.500	5.000	30 days

*Notes: Visa which has been granted is not an absolute guarantee that the holder will be allowed to enter Malaysia. The final decision lies with the Immigration Officer at the entry point.*