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I am honored to be given the opportunity to address the first publication of CGLA's newsletter. I believe, the time is ripe for the Newsletter to be published which will highlights the Consulate General's programs and activities as well as news and information which has relevance to Malaysia. As the representative of the Government of Malaysia in Los Angeles and also the entire West Coast of the USA, it is my hope for the Consulate General to be able to access all Malaysian communities under the area of our purview.

The Consulate General had moved to a new office building which still located in the Downtown LA. The new office building has convenient accesses both for public and private-owned transportation. The Consulate General is also making amends to the existing operations procedures in order to enable our clients to acquire better and faster services. Thus, I wish to seek support from all parties to ensure these efforts can be achieved successfully.

Finally, amidst the looming global challenges, I pray for a successful and prosperous 2016 and our pledge to continue serving our beloved nation, MALAYSIA with pride and honor.

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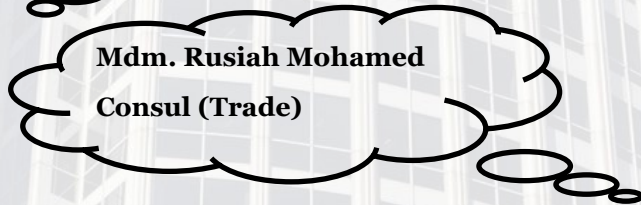
WHO ARE WE?



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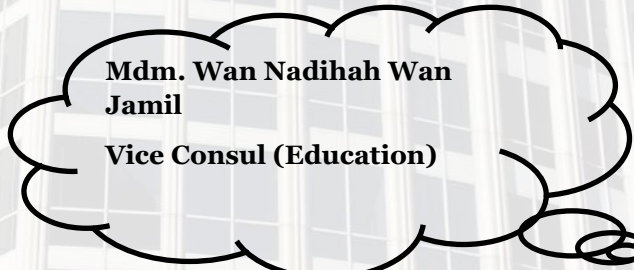
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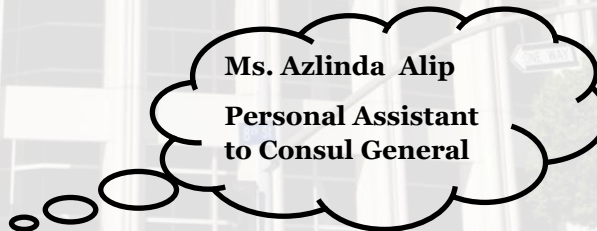
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OUR CORE BUSINESS

The Consulate General of Malaysia serves the interest of Malaysians in 17 States in the West Coast of the United States. Those states are:

- California
- Washington State
- Oregon
- Nevada
- Arizona
- Idaho
- Utah
- Montana
- Wyoming
- Colorado
- New Mexico
- Nebraska
- North and South Dakota
- Alaska
- Hawaii
- Kansas
- Guam

We provides Consular services ranging from visa issuance, Malaysian international passports processing, authentication of documents, marriage for non-Muslim Malaysians and assisting in the acquisition of death certificate for Malaysians who passed away in states under our jurisdiction. Apart from the Consular services, the Consulate General also actively involves in the promotion of Malaysia's products and services and destination for investment and tourism.

We are committed to serve the Malaysians and other clients with utmost efficiency and integrity. This befits the spirit of Malaysia which rest on the principles of harmony, unity and friendliness.

Other periphery services:

- One-stop-center for the promotion of Malaysia as an investment destination. The Investment section provides facilitation for investors and assistance in disseminating information of privileges, incentives and procedural matters
- Trade section serves as a conduit for Malaysian-made products and services to be marketed in the West Coast of the US and gateway to other destinations in the East coast and entire area of the US. All information on Malaysian products and services including the companies' profiles can be acquired from this section.
- The US has always been an attractive destination for higher educations. To cater for the needs of Malaysian students, Education section has been set up to assist their needs and facilitate their enrolment and welfare throughout their education years. This section also provides links to other institutions of higher learning in Malaysia for matter of mutual cooperation .
- The Tourism Malaysia is the main agency that plan and implement tourism promotional activities. Under the tagline "Malaysia Truly Asia" Malaysia continues to serves varieties of tourism packages hinges on the mosaic backdrop of multiracial Malaysian society. This allows visitors to experiences various cultural exploits. Malaysia also is the cradle of tolerance and moderation where for many years, the nation has been develop and built on the foundation of multi cultures, religious and languages. The success has made Malaysia as the most vibrant nation in Asia.

WORKING VISIT OF Y.A.B. PERDANA MENTERI TO LOS ANGELES, SUNNYLANDS AND SAN FRANCISCO

Y.A.B. Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak, Perdana Menteri Malaysia led a delegation of ministers and senior government officials to Los Angeles, Sunnylands and San Francisco on 11-17 February 2016. Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri was scheduled to attend the US-ASEAN Leaders Summit in Sunnylands at the invitation of President Barack Obama. Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri was accompanied by his wife Y.A.Bhg. Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor,.



In Los Angeles, Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri took the opportunity to meet Malaysian diaspora and students on Saturday, 13 February 2016. The event was held at the Official Residence of Consul General of Malaysia, Mr. Raja Saifful Ridzuwan in Arcadia. About 300 Malaysians and their family attended the event.

In his speech to the Malaysians, Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri focused on the ongoing Malaysian government transformation plan. Several ongoing public works projects such as the MRT and 1Malaysian clinics were meant to elevate the standard of living and provide better facilities for

New measures have to be implemented to generate new incomes. Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri said that the government realized the negative feedback from the implementation of the Good and Services Tax (GST) but it was a bitter medicine which required to be prescribed. He further said that income from GST has enabled

the government to cushion the economic slowdown as a result of lower commodities prices such as

“Economic Transformation Plan is necessary to ensure Malaysia’s development growth and to achieve high income society by the year 2020”

petroleum, gas and palm oil. The new economic measures including the reduction of subsidy on certain consumer items has also enabled the government to channel the excess funds to public related projects including upgrading of public transportation, schools and hospitals.

Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri also reiterated his commitment to continue governing Malaysia with prudent and to ensure all Malaysians can enjoy healthy and peaceful living conditions.

Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri also met with fund managers and CEO of tech corporation in San Francisco. He delivered an astounding remarks at these events and further elevated Malaysia’s image and confidence amongst the investors.

The Working Visit allows Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri to lead Malaysia’s path toward generating more investment from the US as well as strengthening the foundation between Malaysia Diaspora living in the West Coast of the US.





Datuk Dr. Awang and Datin Latifah visited CGLA in 2015

FAREWELL TO THE AMBASSADOR

Consulate General of Malaysia in Los Angeles was fortunate to receive the visit of H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussein in 2015 and 2016 prior to the completion of his tour of duty as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the USA. H.E. Datuk Dr Awang is an exemplary Malaysian who never back down to the national service. Prior to his appointment, H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang served in various capacities both as a civil servant and politician.

As a person who is attentive to details albeit casual and friendly, he served his tenure as an Ambassador with distinguish and towering performance. Amongst the Americans technocrats, diplomats and business circle, he was known as a intelligent person and dedicated to strengthen the relation between the US and Malaysia especially in the areas of economic and trade. Amongst Malaysians, his fatherly character befit his friendliness and his presence in Malaysians-organized functions was much anticipated.

My personal experience working with him in numerous occasions especially during the Working Visit of YAB Perdana Menteri to LA, Sunnylands and San Francisco was priceless. Despite the limited resources, we worked in tandem to ensure the visit to be a success and we did it with style! His candor warmed the atmosphere of tense and on certain occasion, his humorous side enlighten the room. To be with him, side by side and to experience every single moments, encapsulates his distinguish personality. In short, he was the right person to helm the Ambassador position

On behalf of the Consulate General of Malaysia in Los Angeles, I wish H.E. Datuk Dr. Awang Adek Hussein best wishes in his future undertaking and may God blesses him wth good⁵ health and prosperity.



PERWAKILAN CGLA with the patron

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Mdm. Zalina Md. Daud
President, PERWAKILAN

The CGLA Ladies Association or commonly known as PERWAKILAN CGLA is another significant component of the Consulate. The members who are made up of spouses and female officers and staff and associate members have been instrumental in promoting Malaysia through voluntary and charity works. PERWAKILAN CGLA is currently headed by Mdm. Zalina Md. Daud, wife of the Consul General.

Under Mdm. Zalina leadership, the Association had successfully conducted various programs since 2014 in collaboration with locally registered association such as Malaysian Islamic Foundation in the North America (MIFNA), ASEAN Women Circle in LA (AWCLA) and LA County. Amongst activities which PERWAKILAN CGLA had participated were setting up booth in food and cultural bazaars, cultural events, fashion performance and charity functions.

PERWAKILAN CGLA has been closely working with the Consulate in facilitating major official events such as visits, celebrations and promoting Malaysia through the social and cultural channels. There is a saying that says “Whenever you find a great man, there is a great mother or wife behind him”. The participation and cooperation from PERWAKILAN CGLA is greatly appreciated and without the members soft touch and finesse, much of the programs which were organized by the Consulate may not be successfully held.

The Consulate looks forward to working with PERWAKILAN CGLA in the future undertaking.

NEWS FROM MALAYSIA

There has been tremendous development and progress since Y.A.B. Dato' Seri Mohd Najib Tun Abdul Razak took over the premiership in 2009. The progress embodies the various transformation plans encompassing economic, government and political scenarios.

Political and Government Affairs

In order to ensure efficient and smooth sailing of the administration, Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri has the privilege to appoint the best individuals to fill in the political appointments and recommend efficient and professional figures to helm top posts in the civil service. Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri must have the best people at his disposal in order to form a credible and strong team either in the politics and civil service to ensure success in the delivery of government policies.



In July 2015, as a result of political differences, Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri has replaced Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin as the Deputy Prime Minister with Datuk Seri Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi. DS Dr. Ahmad Zahid Hamidi who is also the Home Affairs Minister has been selected due to his popularity amongst the grassroots supporters and as the most senior and experienced UMNO Vice President. TS Muhyiddin Yassin was also sacked from UMNO few months after his removal from



the Cabinet.

As a result of a victory at the Sarawak State Election in May 2016, Y.A.B. Perdana Menteri announced a Cabinet reshuffle at the federal level. The Deputy Minister

of Finance, Datuk Johari Abdul Ghani has been promoted to become the Second Finance Minister following the resignation of Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah from the post. DS Ahmad Husni stated his resignation was due to personal reasons.



Former Cabinet Minister and a senior UMNO politician, Tan Sri Noh Omar has been called back to the Cabinet as the Minister of Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry. The post was vacant as Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, the former minister was moved to take up the portfolio of Minister in the Prime Minister's Department in charge of the Economic Planning Unity. Tan Sri Wahid Omar who was the former minister in the portfolio has to vacate the position as he had completed his term as the Member of Senate.



NEWS FROM MALAYSIA



TS Wahid Omar is now the Group Chairman of the Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), a Government-Link Corporation (GLC).



Datuk Mah Siew Kiong who was previously the Minister in the Prime Minister's Department was moved to the Ministry of Plantation Industries and Commodities. The portfolio was vacant as the incumbent minister, Datuk Seri Douglas Unggah Embas stepped down and contest in the Sarawak State Election. He won the election and has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Minister of Sarawak.



There were also significant changes in the top civil service positions. In April 2016, Y.A.B. Prime Minister appointed the new Governor of the Bank Negara Malaysia, Malaysia's Central Bank following the completion of service of Tan Sri Dr. Zeti Akhtar Aziz . The former Deputy Governor, Datuk Muhammad Ibrahim has been appointed the new Bank Negara Governor.



In July 2016, The Malaysia Anti Corruption Commission (MACC) received the new Chief Commissioner as the former Chief Commissioner decided to vacate the post earlier from the expiry of his contract of service. Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed will take up a post as a consultant in an institution prior to the conclusion of his contract of service. The former Head of National Revenue Recovery Enforcement team, Attorney General Chambers, Datuk Dzulkifli Ahmad has been appointed as the new Chief Commissioner of MACC. The Commission also saw the departure of its two Deputies Chief Commissioner. Datuk Seri Mohd Shukri Abdullah, Deputy Chief Commissioner (Operations) has retired from the service and Datuk Seri Mustafar Ali, Deputy Chief Commissioner (Prevention) has been transferred to head the Immigration Department.

NEWS FROM MALAYSIA



Datuk Dzul kifli Ahmad, the new Chief Commissioner of Malaysia Anti Corruption Commission (MACC)

Tan Sri Abu Kassim Mohamed, former Chief Commissioner of MACC



Datuk Seri Mohd Shukri Abdul
Former Deputy Chief Commissioner (Operations),
MACC



Datuk Seri Mustafar Ali
Former Deputy Chief Commissioner (Prevention),
MACC. Now the new Director General of Immigration
Department

OUR ACTIVITIES

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The CGLA Staff Association (BADAN) organized a bowling tournament on March 19, 2016 At Arcadia Bowl. The event was among others held as part of BADAN annual activities and to further strengthen the camaraderie spirit among the staff. The event also enabled the staff to loosen their stress from the hectic work schedules and activities. The tournament was won by Mr. Zulkifly Adam, Consul general's driver.



MIFNA FOOD BAZAAR



On May 7, 2016, PERWAKILAN CGLA with the support from the Consul General joined the MIFNA Food Bazaar on.. The annual event by MIFNA allowed PERWAKILAN to offer variety of home-cooked cuisines to MIFNA members who are primarily Malaysians who have been living in California for

many years. The event also enabled PERWAKILAN to increase their cash flow acquired from the food sales. Amongst home-cooked cuisines which was sold at the event were nasi lemak, fried beehoon, karpap and other Malaysian dessert plus the famous the tarik.

OUR ACTIVITIES

INTELLECTUAL DISCOURSE ON TPPA

On March 9, 2016 CG Raja Saifful was invited by the University of Southern California (USC) to participate in an intellectual discourse on Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPPA). The event was moderated by H.E. Kirk Wagar, US Ambassador to Singapore. In the QnA session, CG Raja Saifful shared the significance of the agreement from the prism of Malaysia's trade and economic development vis-à-vis Malaysia-US trade relations.



ASEAN FESTIVAL 2016

On June 6, 2016, ASEAN Festival was held at the prominent South Coast Plaza, Costa Mesa. The event had gathered ASEAN Consulates General in LA participation. Various activities were held by each of the Consulates General including tourism booths and cultural performances. Malaysia's booth was operated by the Tourism Malaysia office and various tourism promotional packages were offered such as Malaysia My Second Home Program and Medical Tourism. The event was organized by a local company In-spire NUSA Inc.



OUR ACTIVITIES

IFTAR WITH SRI PUTRI SYMPHONIC WINDS

On June 19, 2016 CG Raja Saifful hosted an Iftar for the visiting Sri Putri Symphonic Winds Orchestra at the Official Residence. The group visited LA to participate in the LA International Music Festival.

At the Festival, Sri Putri Winds, as it affectionately known, won the gold medal beating 3 other contestants. The group also had won several other music festivals and events prior to this event.



OUR ACTIVITIES

QURANIC RECITATION CLASS

The ongoing Quranic Recitation class is being held every week for the Muslims HBS and LRS. The class is led by Mr. Zulkifli Adam and being held at the HBS residences on rotation basis. The class allows the Muslim parents to continue providing Islamic teaching parenting to their children with the support of the Consulate General. It also exposes the children to healthy environment and allows them to interact with each other.





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