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## AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE



Message from H.E. Dato' Raszlan Abdul Rashid  
Ambassador of Malaysia to the Philippines

I am delighted to present to you the second edition of news bulletin of the Embassy of Malaysia to the Philippines. In this news bulletin, I hope to share relevant information that encapsulates the key events that took place between our two countries as well as with Malaysian and Philippines community in Manila. In addition, the second edition of this news bulletin also highlights the official visit of the President of the Philippines to Malaysia on 9 – 10 November 2016 that signifies the friendly relations between the two countries.

Malaysia regards Philippines as an important neighbour and partner in ASEAN. Malaysia stands ready to work closely with the Philippines in strengthening mutually beneficial cooperation and partnership with a view to propel bilateral ties to greater heights. Malaysia and the Philippines have enjoyed a positive relationship since the establishment of diplomatic relations. Throughout the years, the trade and investment continue to grow and people-to-people ties flourish. Today, we can truly take pride in the many fruits of our common labour.

Last but not least, I am confident that together with our friends and partners – we will be able to further enhance the scope and dimension of the relations of partnership and cooperation between both countries for mutual growth and benefit.

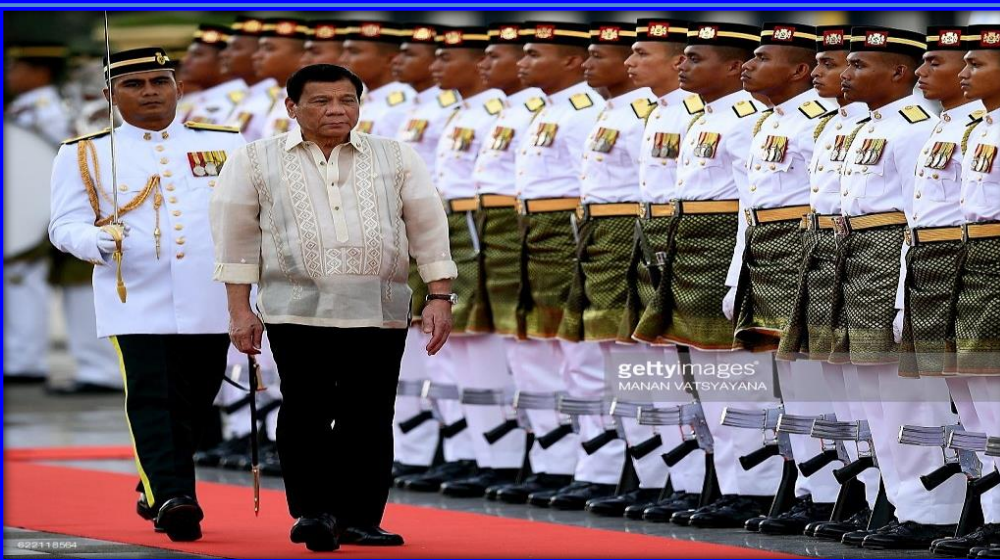
Yours Sincerely,

**Dato' Raszlan Abdul Rashid**

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## OFFICIAL VISIT OF PRESIDENT DUTERTE TO MALAYSIA

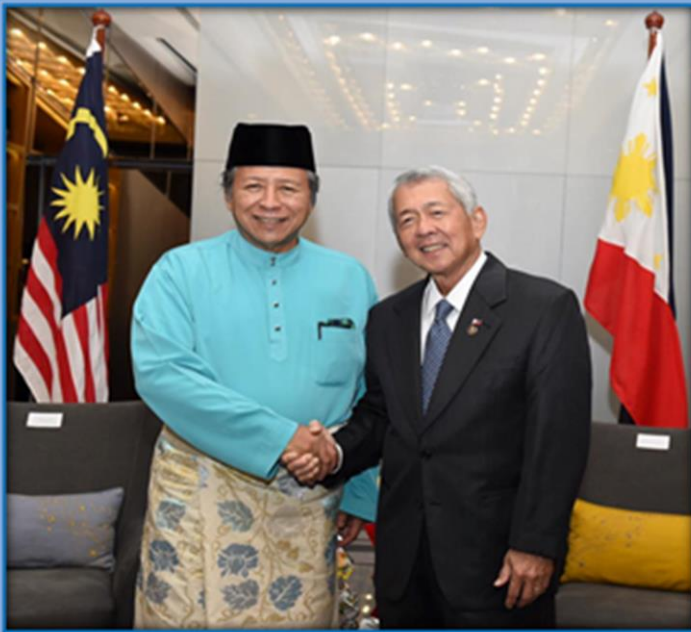


His Excellency Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines undertook an official visit to Malaysia from 9 – 10 November 2016. The trip was his first visit to Malaysia since assuming the post as the 16<sup>th</sup> President of the Republic of the Philippines on 30 June 2016. Both leaders acknowledged that both countries have been enjoying close bilateral relations and agreed to further strengthen the bond of friendship of the two countries, particularly on issues of mutual interest.

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## BILATERAL RELATIONS



His Excellency Perfecto Yasay, Jr., Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines paid a courtesy call on YB Dato' Sri Anifah Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia in Putrajaya on 13 August 2016. This was the first meeting between the two Ministers since Secretary Yasay's appointment as the Secretary of Foreign Affairs. The two foreign ministers discussed various issues concerning bilateral relations as well as important regional issues of mutual interest.



On 6 December 2016, His Excellency Dato' Raszlan Abdul Rashid, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of the Philippines presented his Letter of Credence to H.E. Rodrigo Roa Duterte, President of the Republic of the Philippines. His Excellency Dato' Raszlan was accompanied by Mr. Akmal Che Mustafa, Deputy Chief of Mission; Mr. Rizany Irwan Muhamad Mazlan, Counsellor; and Mr. Amir Faizal, Minister Counsellor.

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## WORKING VISITS



On 24 July 2016, YB Dato' Sri Hamzah Zainuddin, Minister of Domestic Trade, Consumerism and Cooperative paid a working visit to the Philippines and led Malaysia's participation in the Franchise Asia Expo. During the visit, the Embassy of Malaysia organized a special luncheon with the Minister at the Banquet Hall of the Embassy. In his remarks, the Minister took the opportunity to elaborate on the roles of the Ministry and the efforts undertaken by the government to monitor the price of basic food items, for the benefit and welfare of the people.

### WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING IN MANILA 7 – 14 October 2016



YB Datuk Seri Dr. S. Subramaniam, Minister of Health attended the 4th Ministerial Forum on Environment and Health in Southeast Asia and East Asian Countries and the 67th Session of the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee, 7-14 October 2016, Manila. Various health issues of common concern were discussed during the said meeting.



In conjunction with the visit of Ms. Normala Baharuddin, Director of Education Malaysia, based in Ho Chi Minh City, a get-together session with 17 Malaysian students from Adventist University of the Philippines was organized by the Embassy on Thursday, 13 October 2016 at Hoyoland Eco Tropical Resort at Silang, Cavite. During this session, the Embassy also took the opportunity to touch base with the students there. Sumptuous Malaysian delicacies such as beef stew and chicken satay were served during the dinner.

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### ACADEMICS AND STRATEGIC WARFARE STUDY TRIP LED BY HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS TUANKU SYED FAIZUDDIN PUTRA IBNI TUANKU SYED SIRAJUDDIN JAMALULLAIL



The Crown Prince of the State of Perlis, His Royal Highness Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Syed Sirajuddin Jamalullail, paid a visit to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) headquarters on Wednesday, 02 November 2016, as part of his four-day academic and Strategic Warfare study trip. AFP Public Affairs Office, Chief Marine Colonel Edgard A. Arevalo said “the engagement envisions to learn from the experience and best practices of both Malaysia and the Philippines on the Reservist and Reserve Officers Training Program. One of the main objectives of the visit was to learn how best the AFP organizes, trains, and deploys its Reservists especially in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) Operations.” The Crown Prince also had a meeting with the President of the University of the Philippines, and toured the facilities of UP Reserved Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), one of the pioneers of ROTC in the Philippines.

### WORKING VISIT OF YBHG. TAN SRI MOHAMAD ZABIDI ZAINAL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF MALAYSIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, 15 – 17 DECEMBER 2016



YBhg. Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal, Director General of the Public Service Department of Malaysia attended the 18th ASEAN Cooperation on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM) from 15-17 November 2016 in Manila. Tan Sri Mohamad Zabidi Zainal also had an interactive session with the Malaysian civil servants at the Embassy of Malaysia.

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## ASEAN EVENTS



ASEAN Youth Volunteer Programme (AVYP) was held in Manila from 21-26 August 2016. The programme aims to instill volunteerism among youth and mobilise them to develop innovative solutions to the social, cultural, economic and environmental challenges across ASEAN member states. The theme of the 2016 programme in the Philippines was Disaster Risk Reduction, which had brought together 50 youth from all member states to develop their leadership, skills and competencies in disaster management.



Working Visit of YB Dato' Sri Liow Tiong Lai, Minister of Transport of Malaysia to the Philippines for the 22nd ASEAN Transportation Meeting (ATM), 16-18 November 2016. At the Ministerial meeting, YB Low Tiong Lai also handed over the Transport Chairmanship to Philippine Secretary of Transport Arthur Tugade.



His Excellency Dato' Raszlan Abdul Rashid, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of the Philippines led Malaysian delegation to the 3rd ASEAN Task Force on Tuna Meeting and the 7th ASEAN Tuna Working Group Meeting from 26-28 October 2016 in Makati City.

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## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES



The MTCP Outreach Program 2016 was successfully organised at DAR Amanah Children's Village, Silang Cavite. Almost 100 participants took part in various activities organized by the Embassy such as walkabout, tree planting, nasyid performance and sports. Officials from the Embassy of Malaysia, local government officials, MTCP Alumni Association of the Philippines, teachers and school children attended this memorable event. A special contribution from the Embassy of Malaysia in Manila was also handed over by His Excellency Dato' Raszlan Abdul Rashid to the children of DAR Amanah.



ArtDialogo - creating intercultural dialogue through Arts between Malaysia and the Philippines. The art exchange exhibition was successfully launched on 19 November 2016 at SM Andogo, Rizal. The exhibition showcased fine collection of visual arts, underlining the commitment of Artdialogo to promote linkages between the two countries through art.



On 26 July 2016, the Embassy of Malaysia received a group of students from Marawi State University in Mindanao. During the visit, Mr. Rizany Irwan, Counsellor of the Embassy delivered a presentation on Malaysia – the Philippines bilateral relations.



Mr. Rizany Irwan Muhamad Mazlan, Counsellor of the Embassy of Malaysia made a briefing on protocol and etiquette in Malaysian culture at the Development Academy of the Philippines on Saturday, 27 August 2016. This class consisted of 21 mid-level officials from various Departments in the Philippines. This briefing was given as a preparation for their 5-day study visit to Malaysia on 4-8 September 2016.

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## MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Eid Adha celebration was held on 12 September 2016 at the Ambassador's Residence. Almost 100 Malaysians residing in the Philippines attended this meaningful event and they were treated with sumptuous Malaysian traditional dishes, prepared by PERWAKILAN.



In celebration of Hari Sukan Negara, the Embassy of Malaysia organized sports tournament and zumba dance at the compound of the Chancery on Saturday, 8 October 2016 at 8.30 am. The event was participated by Home-Based Staff and their families, Locally Recruited Staff and fellow Malaysians residing in the Philippines.



International Friendly Match between the National football team Under 22 of Malaysia and the Philippines took place in Manila on 8 December 2016 at Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila. The match ended with a 0-0 draw. Malaysia showed a fighting spirit throughout the match and was given full moral support from Harimau Malaysia fans.



On 16 December 2016, His Excellency Dato' Raszlan Abdul Rashid, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of the Philippines hosted a Year-end and Christmas Party for both Home-Based Staff and Locally Recruited Staff held at the Banquet Hall of the Embassy of Malaysia, Manila.

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## CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF MALAYSIA 2016



The celebration of the National Day of Malaysia was held on 8 September 2016 at Rizal Ballroom, Makati Shangri-La, Philippines.

The Guests of Honour were Honourable Jesus Yabes, Undersecretary for Migrant Workers, Department of Foreign Affairs, representing His Excellency Perfecto Yasay, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and His Excellency Christian Anthony Vihruri, Ambassador of Papua New Guinea in Manila. His Excellency Dato' Raszlan Abdul Rashid, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Republic of the Philippines and Heads of Department of the Embassy welcomed more than 300 guests to the reception. All guests were treated with sumptuous Malaysian cuisines and delicacies.

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