

MALPYON E-NEWSLETTER



EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN PYONGYANG

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FROM EDITOR'S DESK

Effective from this year (2016), the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang will be producing with its own E-newsletter twice yearly under the name "Malpyon E-newsletter". This is the inaugural e-newsletter of the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang that will provide information on some of the Malaysian Government initiatives and policies, activities undertaken by the embassy as well as consular information.

Any enquiries or contribution to our E-newsletter, please email us at mwpyongyang@kln.gov.my.

Happy reading!

~Editor~

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2016



Malaysia as the current Chairman of the ASEAN Committee in Pyongyang (ACP) will be organizing the ASEAN Nite 2016 as part of the ASEAN Day Celebrations for 2016.

ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PYONGYANG

One Vision... One Identity...One Community

ASEAN COMMITTEE IN PYONGYANG (ACP) WAS ESTABLISHED IN PYONGYANG IN 2012. IT COMPRISES OF FIVE ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES BASED IN PYONGYANG SUCH AS CAMBODIA, INDONESIA, LAO PDR, MALAYSIA AND VIETNAM. THE ACP IS ACTIVE IN PURSUING ASEAN OBJECTIVES IN THIRD COUNTRY WITH VARIOUS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN ORGANISED THUS FAR. THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ACP IS ROTATED ON 6-MONTHLY BASIS AMONG ALL HEADS OF MISSION OF THE ASEAN EMBASSIES IN PYONGYANG. MALAYSIA IS THE CURRENT ACP CHAIRMAN FROM MAY TO OCTOBER 2016.

THE TEN ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES 2016



AMBASSADOR'S FOREWORD

Salam & Greeting, 'Annyeong-hasimnikka' from Pyongyang to all readers!

I would like to welcome and extend my heartiest congratulation to the editorial team on the launching of this inaugural e-newsletter by the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang. As part of the efforts to further enhance bilateral relations with DPRK and to support our outreach programs, we believe dissemination and sharing of various contemporary information on the Malaysian Government's



policies with the host country and other target groups is pertinent so as to keep them abreast with the latest development in Malaysia including activities undertaken by the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang.

Mission will continue to enhance and expand its core bilateral activities between the two countries as well as the ASEAN cooperation and engagement with DPRK to further elevate the existing friendly relationship.

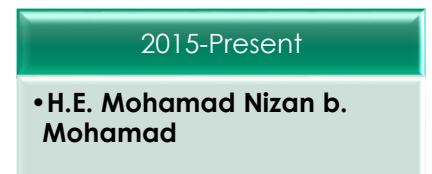
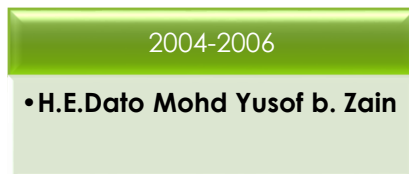
H.E. MOHAMAD NIZAN MOHAMAD

Ambassador of Malaysia to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)



His Excellency Mohamad Nizan Mohamad is currently the Ambassador of Malaysia to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK). He presented his credential to President Kim Yong Nam on 15 June 2015. Prior to his current appointment, he was the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Malaysia in Bangkok, Thailand from 2012 to 2015. He had served in Harare (2009-2011), Ottawa (2003-2007), and Vientiane (1996-2000). Ambassador Nizan is married to Wan Rocemaliza Wan Chik and has three children.

Ambassadors of Malaysia To DPRK



LATEST ISSUE : THE INTERNATIONAL ABITRATION TRIBUNAL ON SOUTH CHINA SEA ISSUE

Statement By Malaysia

Malaysia notes that the Arbitral Tribunal under Annex VII to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (1982 UNCLOS) issued its award on 12 July 2016.

“ MALAYSIA CHERISHES
PEACE AND STABILITY OF
THE SOUTH CHINA SEA...”

diplomatic and legal processes; and relevant international law and 1982 UNCLOS.

Malaysia believes that it is important to maintain peace, security and stability through

the exercise of self-restraint in the conduct of activities that may further complicate disputes or escalate tension, and avoid the threat or use of force in the South China Sea.

Malaysia is fully committed and calls on all parties to ensure the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC) in its entirety; and the early conclusion of a Code of Conduct in the South China Sea (COC) as agreed between China and ASEAN countries.

Malaysia believes that all relevant parties can peacefully resolve disputes by full respect for

Malaysia cherishes peace and stability of the South China Sea and believes that China and all relevant parties can find constructive ways to develop healthy dialogues, negotiations and consultations while upholding the supremacy of the rule of law for the peace, safety and security for the region.

MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF MALAYSIA
PUTRAJAYA
12 JULY 2016

“The richest man is not he who has the most, but he who needs the least.”

- Unknown Author

RECENT EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN PYONGYANG

VISIT TO PONGHWA FARM BY AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA TO THE DPR KOREA

On 12 May 2016, the Ambassador of Malaysia to the DPRK, H.E. Mohamad Nizan Mohamad visited Ponghwa Cooperative Farm (PCF) located 62 km outside Pyongyang during which a donation in the form of agricultural inputs i.e. fertilizer was hand over to the Chairwoman of the PCF, Mdm. Kim Ha Suk witnessed Mr. Jo Chol Ryong, Vice Chairman of KMFA / Director of Asian Department and Mr. Song Ho Il, Secretary General of KMFA.

The visit was part of the outreach programs organized by the Embassy of Malaysia aimed at improving productivity at the adopted farm, with bigger objective of enhancing bilateral relations between the two countries



THE EID-UL-FITRI 2016 CELEBRATION IN PYONGYANG



To mark the end of the Ramadan for 2016, all the eight (8) OIC Embassies in Pyongyang including Malaysia Embassy joined hand in organizing the Eid-ul-Fitri Celebration on 6 July 2016 at the Diplomatic Club in

Pyongyang. The Guest of Honour for the event was H.E. Mr. Ri Yong Ho, Minister of Foreign Affairs of DPRK who had expressed his happiness of being able to celebrate the event with the Muslim community in Pyongyang. The OIC Embassies had prepared their own national dishes for the well-organized event that ended on high note.



"Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much."

— Oscar Wilde

PYONGYANG INTERNATIONAL WOMEN ASSOCIATION (PIWA) SPRING BAZAAR 2016

Ladies Association of the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang participated at this year's PIWA Spring Bazaar 2016 organized at the Embassy of Vietnam in May 2016. Various types of Malaysian dishes and desserts were sold during the bazaar of which the proceeds were donated by PIWA to charity organizations in Pyongyang.



MALAYSIA-DPRK RELATIONS



The Diplomatic relations between the two countries started on 30 June 1973 **and has continues to flourish until today**. Malaysia opened its Embassy in Pyongyang on 28 February 2004 while the DPRK Embassy was opened in Kuala Lumpur in 2003. In 2009 Malaysia became the first country to be able to travel to DPRK without a visa.

Domestic Engagement by Mission and ASEAN Committee in Pyongyang (ACP).



Bilateral Engagement with H.E. Mr. Ri Kil Song, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of DPRK on 12 July 2016.

ACP FRIENDLY DINNER WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER OF DPRK



Malaysia as the current Chairman of ASEAN Committee in Pyongyang (ACP) organised a friendly dinner in honour of the newly appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of DPRK , H.E. Mr Ri Yong Ho at a leading Restaurant in Pyongyang on 31 May 2016.



“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”— Mahatma Gandhi

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR
GENERAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF
DISARMAMENT AND PEACE OF
THE DPRK ORGANISED BY ACP
IN 22 JUNE 2016



PERFORMANCE BY A
MALAYSIAN MUSICAL
GROUP, HARMONICA
FRESNO DURING THE
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
OF LATE PRESIDENT KIM IL
SUNG, 15 APRIL 2016

" I CAN'T CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND, BUT I CAN ADJUST MY SAILS TO ALWAYS REACH MY
DESTINATION." -

JIMMY DEAN



**DINNER HOSTED BY
AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA
FOR THE OIC GROUP AT
RUMAH MALAYSIA**

**HANDING OVER OF THE ACP
CHAIRMANSHIP TO MALAYSIA
FROM LAO PDR IN MAY 2016**



“PERFECTION IS NOT ATTAINABLE, BUT IF WE CHASE PERFECTION WE CAN CATCH EXCELLENCE.” –

Interesting Monuments in Pyongyang



Grand Monument on Monsu Hill

The Grand Monument on Monsu Hill shows informative art of the Korean people who conducted revolution under the leadership of President Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il. The bronze statues of both presidents stand in the centre and two monuments titled “ Anti-Japanese Revolutionary Struggle” and “Socialist Revolution And Construction” are on its both side. A mosaic mural depicting Mt. Paektu, sacred mountain of a revolution depicted as a mosaic on the front wall of the Korean Revolution Museum behind the grand memorials. The memorials are 22.5m width and 50m height.

Arch of Triumph

It was built in April 1982 at the foot of Moran Hill to memorize the triumphal return of president Kim Il Sung. 10,500 blocks of granite were piled up. It is 60m in height and 52.5 m in width. The 4 columns were decorated by embossed images.



Kim Il Sung Square



It is the principal square of the country where political events, mass demonstrations and parades have been held on official holidays and various occasions. It was completed in August 1954 and covers an area of 75,000 sq meter.



Tower of Juche Idea

It was built on the shore of Taedong River to symbolize the Juche idea created by the President in April 1982. It is 170m in height. The tower consists of a thematic sculptures of three people, six auxiliary group sculptures, two pergolas and two gigantic fountains in the

middle of the Taedong River. The niche part of the tower was made by marble and jade blocks. The top of the tower body which is served by a lift, affords a panoramic view of Pyongyang.

Monument to Party Founding

It was erected in October 1995 at Munsu Street Taedogang District with the height of 50m to convey down the proud history of the Worker's Party of Korea composed of workers, farmers and intellectuals.

The monuments depict the hammer, sickle and brush seized by the workers, farmers and intellectuals. The round belt means the single-hearted unity of the leader, Party and people.



Mirae Street



The modern buildings and apartments were built for the loyal and dedicated scientist and researches in the field of science and technology.

The whole constructions were completed within one year to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Worker's Party of Korea in 10 October 2015.

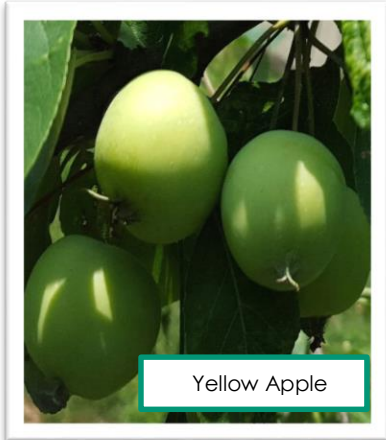
LOCAL SCENE: VARIETIES OF THE DPRK'S LOCAL FRUITS & FLOWERS



Apricot



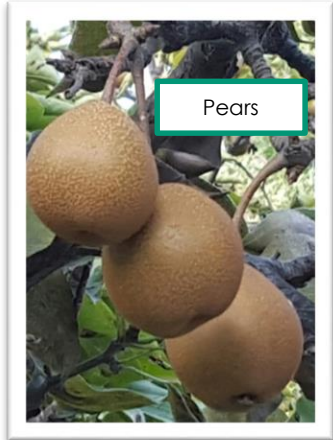
Persimmon Fruits



Yellow Apple



Red Cherries



Pears



Cherry Blossom



Kim Jong Il Flower



Fascinating Malaysia... A Tourist Destination

“Malaysia, Truly Asia” captures and defines the essence of the country’s unique diversity. It sums up the distinctiveness and allure of Malaysia that make it an exceptional tourist destination.

“There is only one place where all the colours, flavours, sounds and sights of Asia come together – Malaysia. No other country has Asia's three major races, Malay, Chinese, Indian, plus various other ethnic groups in large numbers. Nowhere is there such exciting diversity of cultures, festival traditions and customs, offering myriad experiences. No other country is “Truly Asia” as Malaysia.



Malaysia as World's 5th Best Shopping Destination



Expedia UK's World's 25 Best Shopping Cities lists Kuala Lumpur as one of its Top 5 destination. The company took a global survey of 25 cities that have major shopping centers. Kuala Lumpur earned its stripes with our Mega Sale Carnival that boasts 70 percent off discounts in July and August.



CONSULAR INFORMATION

All application for Malaysian visa in DPRK can be made at the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang. VISA regulation for visiting Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) for Malaysian citizen on a normal passport is "without a visa for up to 1 month (30 days) but via DPRK travel agency. The DPRK's citizen visiting Malaysia is also given a month (30 days) without visa provided the passport is valid for more than six (6) months upon arrival.

For other nationalities, the information can be found at **www.imi.gov.my**.

Visa application can be submitted at:

EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA,

Munhungdong Taedonggang District,

Pyongyang, DPR Korea

Tel. No. : +850- 23817125, Fax: +850- 23817845, E-Mail: malpyongyang@kln.gov.my

Submission Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm (Monday – Friday)

Delivery Time: 2.00 pm - 4.30 pm (Monday – Friday)

Business Hours: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm, 2.00 pm - 5.00 pm (Monday – Friday)

* Application submitted in the evening will be processed in the next working day.

* Office will be closed on Saturday, Sunday, and public holidays.

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