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The Second Edition of Malpyon Newsletter from July to December 2016 contains many pictorial events of activities conducted by the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang covering local engagement activities, ASEAN meetings, culture and social activities as well as local scene activities that will provide the overall overview of activities undertaken by the Embassy in Pyongyang including the consular information.

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

Happy reading!

~Editor

Ambassador's Foreword

Assalamualaikum and Annyeong hasibnika from Pyongyang, Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea (DPRK).

I would like to extend my heartiest gratitude to the editorial team for the completion of this second edition of E-newsletter.

The year 2016 proved to be a successful and exciting year for the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang as many activities were organized to enhance diplomatic relations between Malaysia and DPRK. On top of that, Malaysia as the Chairman of ASEAN Committee in Pyongyang (ACP) from May – October 2016, also played vital roles in promoting closer and stronger ties between ASEAN and DPRK through various outreach programs.

This second edition of e-newsletter will focus on activities organized during the second half of the year such as visit to Malaysia-DPRK Friendship School, Hi-tea program for alumni of Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), ASEAN Nite, and Dinner with Kim Il Sung University Academician to name a few. With these frequent engagements with local target groups, Mission was able to disseminate Malaysian Government's policies in order for the host country to further understand Mission's roles and responsibilities.

Mission is looking forward for new and exciting

challenges in 2017 to further strengthen the ties between two countries and at the same time promoting ASEAN interests with the host country.



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017!

H.E. Mohamad Nizan Mohamad

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

VISIT TO MALAYSIA-DPR KOREA FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL



On 18 August 2016, the Ambassador of Malaysia to the DPRK, H.E. Mohamad Nizan Mohamad visited Ryusong Primary School, the Embassy's adopted school in Pyongyang during which a donation in the form of water dispensers were handed over to the Principal of the School in the presence of Vice Chairman of Korea-Malaysia Friendship Association (KMFA) / Director of Asian Department and other officials. Ambassador and delegation were given a guided tour of the school by the Principal. The delegation was also entertained to a series of performances by students of the school after the

handing over ceremony. Included in the performances were two Malaysian songs i.e. a traditional music and '1Malaysia Song' sung by the Student Choir.

The visit was part of the outreach programs organized by the Embassy of Malaysia with the objective to enhance public diplomacy and relations with the adopted school to reflect the cordial relationship between people of DPRK and Embassy of Malaysia.



Discussion with the Principal during the handing over of donation



Group Photo with School's Principal and Director of CCFRC and

FRIENDLY DINNER WITH ACADEMICIAN OF KIM IL SUNG UNIVERSITY

Under Malaysia Chairmanship, the ASEAN Committee in Pyongyang (ACP) organized a friendly dinner with the academicians of the Kim Il Sung University on 18th October 2016 at one of the leading restaurants in Pyongyang. The academicians were led by Prof Choe Su Kwang, Dean of the Economy Faculty of the University. Discussion was focused mainly on the economic and development in the country. The get-together was the first by ACP to interact openly with the academicians of DPRK.



ACP DONATION FOR FLOOD DISASTER IN NORTH HAMGYONG, DPRK

On 4 October 2016, H.E. Ambassador of Malaysia led the ACP Ambassadors to hand over a donation of US\$2000.00 to rehabilitation efforts arising from flood disaster in North Hamgyong Province, considered as the worst flood in recent history of DPRK. The contribution was received by H.E. Mr. Ri Kil Song, Vice Foreign Minister of DPRK at the Ministry.



Discussion with the Principal during the handing over of donation



Group Photo With Vice Minister Ri Kil Song

MALAYSIA HANDED OVER ITS ACP CHAIRMAN TO VIETNAM

Malaysian handed over the ACP Chairmanship to Vietnam effective from 1 November 2016. The event was organized at the end of the ACP monthly meeting, the last meeting chaired by Malaysia at the Embassy of Indonesia on 31 October 2016.



HIGH TEA WITH THE ALUMNI OF MALAYSIA TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (MTCP) IN D.P.R. KOREA

The Embassy of Malaysia organized a High Tea session with the Director of the Economy Department of the MFA of DPRK, coordinator of the MTCP programs in DPRK plus members of MTCP alumni on 29 September 2016 at the Chancery of the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang.



Group photo with Director of Economic Division, MFA of DPRK and members of MTCP Alumni in DPRK

"When people hurt you over and over, think of them like sandpaper. They may scratch and hurt you a bit, but in the end, you end up polished and they end up useless" - Chris Colfer"

WONSAN INTERNATIONAL AVIATION FESTIVAL 2016



Photo with two DPRK lady Pilots for Supersonic Jet fighter

Mission attended the DPRK's first ever International Friendship Air Festival (airshow) organized in Wonsan, East Coast of DPRK from 24-25 September 2016. All Heads of Mission of ASEAN member countries, Russia and Palestine based in Pyongyang attended the show.



Group photo of ACP Ambassadors & Chief of Protocol with pilot of the MIG Fighter Jet

ACP MONTHLY MEETING HOSTED BY EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA



Embassy of Malaysia hosted and chaired the 5th Meeting of the 9th Session of ACP monthly meeting on 16 August 2016 at the Chancery of the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang.

"What we think, or what we know, or what we believe is, in the end, of little consequence. The only consequence is what we do. —John Ruskin"



FRUIT TREES PLANTING CEREMONY AT THE RESIDENCE AND CHANCERY OF THE EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA

Fruit trees planting ceremony was organized at the Residence and Chancery of the Embassy of Malaysia on 17 November 2016 that witnessed the planting of five apple seedlings and three apricot seedlings by the representatives of CCFRC of DPRK led by Mr. Jo Chol Ryong, Director of Asia & Oceania Department, MFA of DPRK accompanied by eight (8) staffs including Ms. Kim Hwa Suk, Chairperson of the Phongwa Cooperative Farm. After the planting session, the delegation was invited to a luncheon organized at the Embassy of Malaysia.



“A wise man gets more use from his enemies than a fool from his friends.—Baltasar Gracian”



Group photo with officials from MFA and CCFRC of DPRK

FAREWELL DINNER FOR SECOND SECRETARY, MR. MOHD. RAZAK SABTU

A function to bid farewell to Mr. Razak Sabtu, Second Secretary (Admin) who retired from the service in August 2016 was organized at the Diplomatic Club on 17th August 2016. He was joined by his spouse. All HBS & LRS were present at the event.



“Good, better, best. Never let it rest. ‘til your good is better and your better is best. - St. Jerome”



WELCOMING NEW FAMILY MEMBER

Congratulations to Pn. Noor Saaidah Jamaludin, Personal Assistant to the Ambassador & husband, En. Mohamad Redzuan on their first born baby, Mohamad Radhiy on 25th July 2016.

FAMILY PICNIC IN WONSAN BY EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA



Embassy of Malaysia had organized a family picnic at Wonsan Beach in July 2016. The event was organized to foster closer relationship between Mission's family members as well as to enjoy wonderful summer season in DPRK.

NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2016

In conjunction with Malaysia National Sports Day on 8 October 2016, Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang organized a Golf Day at the Pyongyang Golf Driving Range. The program was participated by all Home Based Staff (HBS) and Locally Recruited Staff (LRS) with the objective to introduce golf which is still new in the country. The program successfully brought the Mission's family members together and instilled the importance of living a healthy life through sports.



PYONGYANG INTERNATIONAL WOMEN ASSOCIATION (PIWA) WINTER BAZAAR

Ladies Association of the Embassy of Malaysia in Pyongyang participated at this year's PIWA Winter Bazaar 2016 organized at the Embassy of Mongolia at 10th of December 2016. Various types of Malaysian dishes and desserts were sold during the bazaar. Malaysia booth successfully raised Euro 238 of which the proceeds were donated by PIWA to charity organizations in Pyongyang.



ASEAN Nite 2016

With the objective to enhance camaraderie among ASEAN community in Pyongyang, Malaysia as Chairman of the ACP organized the ASEAN Nite on 7th October 2016 at the Diplomatic Club in Pyongyang that witnessed various kind of performances staged by representatives of the ACP embassies including foods. A lucky raffle draw was also organized at the event.



BREATHTAKING SCENERIES IN D.P.R KOREA



Mt. Paektu

Mt. Paektu is the most celebrated mountain in DPRK. It is situated in Samjiyon County, Ryanggang Province, northeast of DPRK alongside borders with China. The mountain was formed by volcanic eruption and standing at 2,750 metre high which makes it the highest mountain in Korean Peninsula. The mountain is also considered by DPRK people as a holy place due to its importance during Kim Il Sung's anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle and also the location of secret camp where Kim Jong Il was born.

Sitting in between peaks of the mountain is Lake Samjil which is the deepest mountain lake in the world. It covers an area of 9.16 km² with the deepest bottom measured at

Mt. Kumgang

Mt. Kumgang is situated in the eastern region of DPRK alongside the coastline of East Sea of Korea. The mountain is famous for its picturesque sceneries that keep changing according to the seasons. Mt. Kumgang is divided into Outer Kumgang, Inner Kumgang and Sea Kumgang which makes it very unique and a major tourist attraction in DPRK. It is also the location chosen to host the family reunion between South and North Korean that were separated during the Korean War.



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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:

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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.