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THE WORKING VISIT OF YB DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT 28 – 31 AUGUST 2016



YB Datuk Ab Aziz Kaprawi, Deputy Minister of Transport held a working visit to Riyadh from 29 – 31 August 2016 to attend the “Global Ministerial Aviation Summit” in Riyadh. The Summit was held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Riyadh.



Under the auspices of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Salman Bin Abdul-Aziz, the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) organized the “Global Ministerial Aviation Summit” in cooperation with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the Arab Authority of Civil Aviation (ACAC).

The summit was attended by more than 55 transport ministries from various countries around the world at various levels of representation. The Summit was considered to be the first such event organized at this global level, where the participants and

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guest speakers represents more than 150 countries from around the world, in addition to organizations and global civil aviation authorities. Also in attendance were more than 128 chief delegates accredited by (IACO) and more than 15 organizations and international civil aviation authorities.

The conference discussed the cooperation between regional organizations and the regional offices of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), in addition to the financial and institutional arrangements for the implementation of regional projects. Air traffic management, air traffic flow that was based on navigational performance and coordination between civil and military on a regional level will also be discussed. The summit had also reviewed the regional projects in the field of air navigation and aviation safety.

The summit’s main objective was to take advantage of the best practices globally to improve cooperation in the areas of safety and security, in addition to promote regional initiatives and support coordination with other organizations in the region as well as other international organizations.

During the summit, a common vision was set towards safety and security of regional states affairs, and activates the use of regional resources as well as ways to create an effective means of regional cooperation. The summit also concentrated on the sharing of security information to reduce the risks and overcome safety challenges.

More than 35 international experts contributed during the conference from international and regional organizations and aviation authorities. They gave presentations and working papers for projects that were already implemented in many regions around the world with concentration on the positive aspects, to be used in the Arab world.

The closing of the conference had set aside a slot for experts and specialists to provide recommendations in the form of initiatives that will serve civil aviation in accommodating the growing demand of air traffic in the region. Those contributions were reported to help to implement future projects and initiatives that will help define civil aviation's in the Arab world.

Apparently, the summit had offered a successful regional experience in the field of accidents and incidents, aviation investigations carried out by specialized regional organizations, as well successful projects of regional organizations in the field of safety oversight. This was an addition to regional projects in areas of aviation security, search and rescue and emergency plans.

THE COURTESY CALL ON THE SAUDI MINISTER OF TRANSPORT BY YB DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT OF MALAYSIA, 30 AUGUST 2016

YB Deputy Minister of Transport (DMOT) met with His Excellency Sulaiman Al Hamdan, Minister of Transport of Saudi Arabia and President of the General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA) at the sidelines of the Global Ministerial Aviation Summit, 29 – 31 August 2016. The meeting was held at the request of YB DMOT. Also present at the meeting were YBhg. Datuk Seri Saripuddin Kasim, Secretary General of the Ministry of Transport of Malaysia, YBhg. Gen. (R) Tan Sri Dato' Sri Abdullah Ahmad, Executive Chairman of the Malaysian Aviation Commission (MAVCOM) and Mr. Lim Yong Heng, Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), on the Malaysian side and Captain Abdul Hakim Al Badr, Vice President of GACA (Safety, Security and Airport Transport), on the Saudi side.

YB DMOT sought Saudi Arabia's support for Malaysia's candidature in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Under Part III (for 2016-2019 term) and explained the role it would play.

In this regard, Saudi Arabia expressed their readiness in principle saying "they are more than happy to support Malaysia's candidature".



Meeting Saudi Minister of Transport



PRESENTATION OF MEMENTO BY YB DEPUTY MINISTER

Saudi Arabia then enquired pertaining to the status of investigation for the MH370 and MH17 incidents. On MH370, YB DMOT explained that the search for the fuselage is ongoing, encompassing an area of 120,000 km square. On MH17, YB DMOT informed that Malaysia was working with concerned countries and international organisations accredited to the investigation.

Saudi Arabia was impressed with KLIA 2 launched in 2015. YB DMOT informed that the features of KLIA 2 were not only similar with KLIA, it in fact has much better facilities than KLIA, though KLIA 2 caters for low cost airlines. On Saudi Arabia's query on Air Asia's proposal to run its own airport, YB DMOT explained that the Government could not be seen to be biased towards Air Asia and unfair to other airline operators in Malaysia. Hence, there would be no exception given to Air Asia in this regard. Saudi Arabia took note of the stand by Malaysia and mentioned that it too were facing similar request by Saudi Airlines in the Kingdom.

HARI MERDEKA 2016: FLAG HOISTING CEREMONY



THE "SEHATI SEJIWA" SPIRIT CELEBRATING HARI MERDEKA

On 31st August 2016, Mission held a flag hoisting ceremony at the Malaysian Ambassador's Residence at 8.00 a.m. in honour of Malaysia's 59th Merdeka Day. The event involved all HBS and LRS and was also participated by YB Datuk Ab Aziz Kaprawi, Deputy Minister of Transport of Malaysia and delegation. The ceremony involved singing of the National Anthem, *Negaraku* accompanied by background music.

The ceremony was followed by a short meeting between TYT Dato' Zainol Rahim Zainuddin, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

and YB Datuk Ab Aziz Kaprawi, Deputy Minister of Transport of Malaysia and delegation. During the meeting, TYT Dato' Ambassador had briefed YB Deputy Minister on the current state of bilateral relations between Malaysia and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia as well as the areas of mutual interests between the two countries.

HARI SUKAN NEGARA 2016: THE MALAYSIAN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

In conjunction with the National Sports Day 2016, Malawakil Riyadh held "The Malaysian Badminton Tournament" on 8 October 2016 at the FAL Sports Center, Riyadh. The competition was held as a team event with members of the Malawakil Riyadh competing against the members of the Malaysian community in Riyadh.





MALAYSIAN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT PLAYERS

The tournament was the first of its kind that featured members of Malawakil Riyadh and the Malaysian community in Riyadh.

The champion from each category / game was determined by the winner from the best of three sets played. The winning point for each set was set at 15-points, or in case of a draw shall be determined by a deuce.

The setup for badminton tournament was carried out as a team event where each

team was required to be represented by five pairs of players. The games that were set for the tournament were three Men's doubles, one Women's doubles and one Mixed Doubles categories, respectively. The team which wins the best of three games wins the tournament.

No age limit was set for this tournament.

The umpires and line judges were being picked randomly from members of both teams.

Around 60 people turned up to the event to show their support to both teams.

The winner of the tournament was announced after the first three games when the team from the



THE MEN'S DOUBLES CATEGORY IN ACTION

Malaysian community in Riyadh. However, in the spirit of competition and true sportsmanship, both teams agreed to carry on the tournament by playing the last two games / categories. The team from the Malaysian community in carried on to win the last two games / categories and won by an aggregate of five wins to nil.



THE PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY TO THE WINNING TEAM

Though Malawakil Riyadh's team lost all five games / categories in the tournament, the winning team still praised their opponent for putting on a hard fight.

In all likelihood, the Malaysian Badminton Tournament has provided an opener to educate the members of Malawakil Riyadh and also the Malaysian community in Riyadh on the rules and regulations of the sport as well as the beauty of badminton.

At the same time, the tournament has successfully nurture the spirit of sportsmanship among Malawakil Riyadh and also the Malaysian community in Riyadh. Both teams agree to hold another tournament to fight for the Challenge Trophy in 2017.

THE OFFICIAL VISIT OF YAB DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, 12 – 16 OCTOBER 2016



THE ARRIVAL YAB DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IN RIYADH

YAB Dato' Sri Dr. Zahid Hamidi, Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia undertook a five-day official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 12 – 16 October 2016. Among the members of delegation include his wife, YABhg. Datin Seri Hamidah Khamis and Dewan Rakyat Speaker, YB Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia and senior government officials from the Home and Foreign ministries.

Upon YAB DPM's arrival in Riyadh, he was received by TYT Dato' Zainol Rahim Zainuddin, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Undersecretary of Saudi Arabia's

Interior Ministry Dr Ahmed Mohammad Al-Salim. This was YAB DPM's first official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia since he assumed the position in July 2015.

AUDIENCES WITH SAUDI KING, CROWN PRINCE AND DEPUTY CROWN PRINCE

On 13 October 2016, YAB DPM was given the honour to have an audience with Saudi's King Salman Bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques at the Al Yamama Palace, Riyadh.



AUDIENCE WITH HM KING SALMAN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD

YAB DPM also had back-to-back audiences with his counterpart, Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Naif Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of Saudi Arabia; and Deputy Crown Prince Mohammed Bin

Salman Abdulaziz Al-Saud, Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia.

During the audience with King Salman, Malaysia and Saudi Arabia have agreed on a two-way cooperation in various fields to ensure the wellbeing of the Muslim Ummah, particularly in the region. In addition, YAB DPM voiced the concern of the government and people of Malaysia about the events in the Middle East, especially in the Gulf states. In return, King Salman expressed his thanks and appreciation for Malaysia's support especially from the then SPB Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah and YAB Prime Minister.



AUDIENCE WITH HRH CROWN PRINCE MOHAMMAD BIN NAIF AL SAUD

On the same day, YAB DPM visited Saudi Arabia's deradicalisation centre, called the Mohammad Bin Naif Counseling and Care Centre here where he was briefed on Saudi Arabia's initiatives in fighting terrorism and its deradicalisation program for extremists.

YAB DPM informed that a follow up visit to the Kingdom by senior officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs will be arranged in due course.

DINNER HOSTED BY YAB DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND WIFE WITH MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY AND STUDENTS IN RIYADH

In the evening of 13 October 2016, YAB DPM and wife hosted dinner for the Malaysian community and students in Riyadh at the Ritz Carlton Hotel, Riyadh. Around 250 invitees were present for the dinner.

YAB DPM had an interesting session during his speech at the dinner when stated that Saudi Arabia highly acknowledged Malaysia for its manpower expertise in various fields. In this regard,

YAB DPM has reminded Malaysians working abroad (in Riyadh) to always live up to the high regard held for them for their standard and quality of service.

YAB DPM mentioned Malaysian professionals working in Saudi Arabia are "regarded as the best among ASEAN countries and paid handsomely. Malaysians have a standard of service that is on par with developed countries such as the United States and Britain". YAB DPM further reminded that such excellence as recognised by Saudi Arabia is the fruit of the education system entrenched by the Malaysian government. Malaysian professionals in Riyadh are primarily in the banking, telecommunications, oil and gas as well as healthcare sectors.



AFTER DINNER PHOTO SESSION WITH MALAYSIAN STUDENTS IN RIYADH

YB MENHAN UNDERTAKES WORKING VISIT TO RIYADH



PHOTO-OP WITH THE SAUDI DEPUTY CROWN PRINCE

YB Dato' Sri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein, Minister of Defence of Malaysia undertook a working visit to the Riyadh on 12 – 14 November 2016. YB MENHAN's delegation includes YB Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Senator Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki, TYT Dato' Zainol Rahim Zainuddin, Ambassador of Malaysia to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and senior leaders from the Defence Ministry.

The main objective of the visit was to start talks on establishing a centre on countering terrorism narratives based on cooperation between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia.

According to YB MENHAN, the centre will further foster cooperation between Malaysia and Saudi Arabia on countering the narratives and ideologies that underpins terrorism and radicalism in Islam. Both countries also highlighted the need to promote Islam as a religion of peace and moderation.

The meeting between YB MENHAN and his counterpart, HRH Deputy Crown Prince Muhammad Salman



THE ARRIVAL OF YB MENHAN IN RIYADH

Abdulaziz Al Saud, who is also the Minister of Defence of Saudi Arabia, saw the need to promote Islam in a holistic manner beyond the mere political dimensions which had led the Muslims to be divided especially on what constitutes to be the Islamic State.

YB MENHAN also took the opportunity during his working visit to have an audience with Saudi's King Salman Abdulaziz Al Saud. During the audience, YB MENHAN conveyed Malaysia's condolences on the passing of HRH Prince Turki Abdulaziz Al Saud on 12 November 2016. Prince Turki was one of the sons of the kingdom's founder, King Abdulaziz bin Saud, and a member of a formidable bloc of brothers known as the Sudairi seven, after their mother Hassa bin Ahmed al-Sudairi. The bloc also included the late King Fahd and the late princes Sultan and Naif, as well as Saudi Arabia's King Salman.

BAZAAR MALAYSIA RIYADH

As part of the *Program Mendampingi Rakyat Malaysia* (PMRM) initiative, Malawakil Riyadh and the Rakyat Malaysia Riyadh (RMR) Club organised the Bazaar Malaysia Riyadh 2016 at the Embassy of Malaysia, Riyadh on 2 December 2016. The Bazaar was held from 10AM – 4PM. There were



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altogether 44 participating stalls selling a wide variety of Malaysian cuisines and goods. It was estimated that more than 1,500 Malaysians have visited the Bazaar this year.



Among the food sold at the Bazaar by the stalls were *Nasi Lemak Berlauk*, *Ayam Percik*, *Satay*, *Nasi Kerabu*, Hainanese Chicken Rice, *Lontong* and *Mee Goreng*.

One of the most favourite menu on sale was the *Satay*. According to the seller, though he has increased the amount of *satay* this year by two fold, which is from 1,000 pieces last year to 2,000 pieces this

HAPPENINGS AT THE BAZAAR MALAYSIA RIYADH 2016

year, it was already sold out by noon. This, among others positively reflects the increasing popularity of the Malaysian Bazaar over the years.

This is the third consecutive year where Malawakil Riyadh played host to Malaysian Bazaar in Riyadh since 2014.

Besides the Malaysian community in Riyadh, the Malaysian Bazaar also managed to attract the Malaysian community from the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia, located more than 500km away from Riyadh.

The Malaysian Bazaar has become an annual event that the Malaysian community in Riyadh and Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia looks forward to each year.



A HAPPY VISITOR AT THE BAZAAR MALAYSIA, RIYADH 2016

There were also positive feedbacks by most Malaysians requesting Malawakil Riyadh and RMR to have the Malaysian Bazaar more than once a year. However due to the lack of resources and manpower, we have to freeze the idea until and when we have the capacity to do so.

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