



# EMBASSY OF MALAYSIA IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN E-NEWSLETTER

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## ABOUT THE EMBASSY

March 2016 marked the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary since Malaysia opened its diplomatic mission in Stockholm in 1986. Bilateral relations between Malaysia and Sweden continues to be warm and cordial with both countries sharing a deep and profound respect for regionalism, multilateralism and international law. The Embassy continues to support the ongoing dynamic cooperation in services, technology and scientific sectors. The Embassy's vision statement is to protect and promote Malaysia's interest through positive engagements and continuous pro-active diplomacy.



The Embassy of Malaysia is located at Karlavägen 37, 11431 Stockholm and housed in a building that is declared by the Swedish Government as a national heritage building. The Embassy started operation in the building in mid September 1993 and the Government of Malaysia purchased the building on 11 July 2000.

The building was built in 1876 as a private residence and located among other old-fashioned private residences facing the beautiful Humlegården. Currently the area is the home of several embassies; our next door neighbours being the Polish and Thai Embassies.

The Embassy also covers Denmark, Iceland and Norway.

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## ARRIVAL OF THE NEW AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA TO SWEDEN

The new Ambassador of Malaysia to Sweden, Her Excellency Mrs. Norlin Othman reported duty on 18 January 2016 and presented Her Letter of Credence to His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustaf at the Royal Palace, Stockholm, Sweden on 5 February 2016.

H.E. Mrs. Norlin Othman is the 9<sup>th</sup> Ambassador of Malaysia to Sweden since the establishment of our diplomatic mission in 1986. Prior to this, she was formerly the Malaysian High Commissioner to Bangladesh. She took over from H.E. Dato' Badruddin Ab. Rahman who moved to his new posting as High Commissioner of Malaysia in Pretoria, South Africa.



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## AN EVENING WITH MALAYSIA

Tourism Malaysia, Stockholm organised a promotional event to attract more visitors to Malaysia, on Tuesday, 26 January 2016.

Over 100 targeted market audience consisting of local travel agents and media attended the event. They were entertained to a wonderful performance of Malaysian dancers performed by a cultural troupe from Malaysia and feasted on Malaysian delicacies of satay, *nasi lemak*, *teh tarik* and cakes.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Embassy organised a Chinese New Year Celebrations on Saturday, 13 February 2016. This is the first program of the year between newly arrived Ambassador Norlin with the Malaysian community in Sweden. The event was a great success with almost 200 attendees including Malaysians coming from outside Stockholm and even from Denmark and Norway; and friends of Malaysia.



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## COURTESY CALL ON THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SWEDEN

Her Excellency Norlin Othman paid a Courtesy Call on Her Excellency Mrs. Margot Wallström, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden which was held at her Office in Stockholm on 9 March 2016.

Foreign Minister Wallström stated that she is happy that Malaysia has taken the initiative in gender equality by way of promoting more women as Ambassadors and as Senior Officials to the Government which set an example to the rest of the world.

She also believed that the feminist foreign policy approach by the Swedish Government and the Global Movement of Moderates initiatives by the Malaysian Government are in parallel with each other and these efforts should be further enhanced by collaboration by both Governments in rejecting all forms of extremism and promote moderation.



## DIPLOMATIC TRIP TO LULEA AND KIRUNA HOSTED BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SWEDEN

Ambassador Norlin participated in a trip organised by the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs for Ambassadors to Lulea and Kiruna from 5 to 7 May 2016. The trip include a visit to the iron ore mines in Kiruna and the famous Ice Hotel where everything is made from ice. The Ambassadors group were also hosted to dinner by the Governor of Norbotten.



## SEMINAR BY THE SWEDISH SOCIAL INSURANCE

Seminar by the Swedish Social Insurance (Forsakringskassan) for the Malaysian Research Institute of Ageing (MyAgeing), UPM was held at the Embassy of Malaysia, Stockholm on May 10, 2016.



## STUDY VISIT BY STUDENTS FROM NYA SKOLAN LILE EDET AND TROLLHATTAN, SOUTH OF SWEDEN

About 60 students from Nya Skolan Lille Edet and Trollhattan, South of Sweden made a study visit to the Embassy of Malaysia in Stockholm on the morning of June 1, 2016. The students were given a brief overview about Malaysia and the role of our Embassy. This is part of our public diplomacy program to give out information about Malaysia.



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## ASEAN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

ASEAN Badminton Tournament 2016 was held at the Tennis Stadion, Stockholm on May 28, 2016. Hosted by the Embassy of Indonesia, Stockholm and participated by HBS, LRS, students and family members from all the ASEAN Embassies in Stockholm. The Embassy of Malaysia, Stockholm made Malaysia proud by becoming the Runners-up in the Mix-Doubles category whilst in both the Womens and Mens Double categories, Malaysia came in third.



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## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF SPB YANG DI PERTUAN AGONG

Birthday celebration of SPB Yang di Pertuan Agong was held at Rumah Malaysia on June 4, 2016 attended by HBS with families and Malaysians residing in Stockholm.



## CONSULAR AND VISA MATTERS

The Embassy of Malaysia in Stockholm is also responsible for all consular and visa matters for Malaysians in Denmark, Iceland and Norway.

We handle cases regarding loss of passports, renewal of passport, registration of birth and marriage, etc.

All Malaysians living in these countries or visiting the region are advised to register with the Embassy.

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