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EID-UL FITRI CELEBRATION (5 JULY 2016)

Malaysians residing around Stockholm has a 'balik kampung' Hari Raya celebrations as they gathered at the Official Residence to prepare for the Eid Celebration on the evening before Eid. Together they cooked dodol, lemang, rendang, satay and other Malaysian food. Everybody break fast together followed by 'Takbir Hari Raya'. The Eidul Fitri itself started with the Eid prayers conducted at the Official Residence, and followed by the feast.



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ASEAN DAY

The Malaysian Residence became the venue for the ASEAN Day Flag Raising Ceremony followed by the ASEAN Family Day. The event, jointly organised by the ASEAN Embassies in Sweden was held on Saturday, 6 August 2016. The grouping of ASEAN in Stockholm comprised of the Embassies of Malaysia, Indonesia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Trade Representative of the Philippines.



The day was filled with fun activities of games and the ASEAN Committee table tennis competition. Each embassy brought their traditional food (satay from Malaysia, lontong from Indonesia, fish cake from Thailand, noodles from Vietnam and salads from Laos) in the spirit of sharing and togetherness. The Malaysian embassy's officers and staff together with Malaysian community in Stockholm participated actively in the activities and the organization of the family day. The ASEAN Family Day has further instilled the spirit of friendship, solidarity and cooperation among ASEAN embassies and communities in Stockholm.



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59TH MERDEKA DAY CELEBRATIONS AT RUMAH MALAYSIA

Around 30 Malaysians and their families attended the Merdeka Day celebration held on the 31st August 2016 at the Official Residence. The day was filled with singing of Negara Ku and other patriotic songs to keep the spirit of Malaysia strong even while we are abroad.



SEMINAR ON HEALTH ORGANISED BY PERWAKILAN STOCKHOLM

PERWAKILAN organised a health talk by a local chiropractor, Dr. Farah Ghafoor as part their program to improve the well being of the members.



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MALAYSIAN IMPACT MAKERS IN STOCKHOLM

A Malaysian social entrepreneur, Ms. Anja Julia was invited to participate in the conference on Solving Global Challenges organised by Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA). Ms. Anja was chosen due to her social business that help to empower girls to ensure they continue going to school till the highest level possible. Ambassador Norlin and officials from the Embassy attended her presentation night on Thursday, 22 September 2016 to show our support.



FAMILY DAY AND MALAYSIA DAY EVENT

The Embassy organised a Family Day event to celebrate Malaysia Day on Saturday, 17 September 2016 at the Official Residence. About 50 Malaysians and their family joined in the event with some fun games for both children and adult. It provide a good opportunity for Malaysians to get together and mingle with members of the Embassy.



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COFFEE MORNING WITH MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB STOCKHOLM

H.E. Norlin Othman hosted a Coffee Morning for members of the International Women's Club to showcase Malaysian culture and to promote tourism to Malaysia on Thursday, 29 September 2016. The programme include a video presentation by Tourism Malaysia Stockholm, a mock Malay Bersanding ceremony, display of traditional Malaysian costume such as Baju Kurung, Sari, Cheongsam and Baju Melayu for the men. The guests were served with mouth watering Malaysian cuisine of chicken satay with peanut sauce and rice cubes, fried noodles, currypuff and brown sugar jelly, all prepared by PERWAKILAN Ladies. The guests went home with the traditional gift of 'Bunga Telur'



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL AT STOCKHOLM INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (SIS)

The Malaysian table at the International Festival at the Stockholm International School (SIS) drew a large number of visitors consisting of the students, teachers and parents. We had congkak game, served kuih bakar and jelly gula melaka, quiz questions i.e how many stripes in the Malaysian flag, what is the national flower of Malaysia and name the tallest mountain in SEA which is in Malaysia. The Embassy participate in this event held on Friday, 14 October 2016 as part of our effort to introduce Malaysia to the locals.



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NATIONAL SPORTS DAY 2016

The Malaysian community in Stockholm joined in our brisk walk and callisthenic activity to mark the National Sports Day on Saturday, 8 October 2016. The program was led by Malaysian gym instructor, Mr. Simon Tee, a resident of Stockholm.



DINNER WITH CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA

Tan Sri Dr. Ali Hamsa visited Stockholm to attend the Meeting of Senior Officials from Centres of Government in Stockholm, Sweden from 25 – 26 October 2016. Tan Sri kindly consented to have a dinner and mingle session with Malaysians living in Sweden. The dinner, held at the Chancery Building was attended by about 100 Malaysians expatriates. The feedback received from them showed they were grateful for the opportunity to have an interaction with high officials from Malaysia



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DEEPAVALI CELEBRATION ORGANISED BY SWEDISH MALAYSIAN ASSOCIATION

The Swedish Malaysian Association organised a Deepavali celebrations on Saturday, 5 November 2016. Ambassador Norlin and several officials and families joined in the festivities.



SNOW CANNON IN MID AUTUMN

Stockholm saw a record breaking snow fall for one day in November when it received 39cm of snow fall on Wednesday, 10 November 2016, the highest in 111 years since Sweden keeps records of its snow fall. The phenomena, called the 'snow canon' caused disruption to commuters as many bus and train services were cancelled and many drivers were trapped in their cars for up to 10 hours. The staff at the Embassy had a 'gotong-royong' to clear the snow in our compound.



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STUDY VISIT BY STUDENTS FROM STOCKHOLM UNIVERSITY

20 Students studying Political Science and International Relations from Stockholm University made a study visit to the Embassy of Malaysia in Stockholm as part of their Asian Week program on Wednesday, 23 November 2016. The group chose Malaysia as one of them has undergone an exchange program with University Science Malaysia last year. The Asian Week program is to help the students know more about Asia.



MALAYSIAN FRUIT PROMOTION AT ICA MAXI IN HANINGE, STOCKHOLM

The Malaysian Agriculture office (based in Rotterdam) organised a two day Malaysian Fruit Promotion at ICA Maxi in Haninge, Stockholm from 24 – 25 November 2016. The Malaysian exotic fruits i.e. mango (mangga), jackfruit (nangka), starfruit (belimbing), dragon fruit (buah naga) and pineapple (nenas) received very good response from the public and all the fruits were sold out.

Apart from the fruit display, there were also cooking demonstration using the fruits i.e. making crème brulle with dragon fruit, sticky rice with mango and fresh fruit spicy salad (rojak buah) by our own Malaysian resident Albert Hoe.

ICA is planning to bring in the fruits on a regular basis as they also had a similar success with the program in Malmo earlier in this year.



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STUDY VISIT BY WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE CHALLENGE 2016

The Embassy welcomed a group of student from SMK Labuan and accompanying officials from Academy of Science Malaysia who were on a visit to Stockholm to witness the Nobel Prize Award Ceremony and study visit to several learning institutions in Stockholm. The students are the grand final winners of the National Science Challenge 2016 organised by Academy of Sciences Malaysia.



NOBEL PRIZE AWARD CEREMONY

Ambassador Norlin Othman attended the Annual Nobel Prize Award Ceremony, one of the highlight to close the year's official activities in Stockholm. His Majesty the King of Sweden personally presented the award for winners of the Nobel Prize in the area of science, medicine and literature.



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PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Ms. Joyce Ramström is the longest serving LRS at the Embassy. Joyce is our Consular Clerk and has been with us for 20 years. Coming from Sitiawan, Perak, Joyce came to Sweden to continue her study and end up getting married to a Swedish guy. She is the saviour to Malaysians who lost their passports, need to register the birth of their children or to have their documents attested. We in the Embassy always relished her Ipoh Char Kuey Teow and Pandan Chiffon Cake.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2017

NO.	OCCASION	DATE	DAY	COUNTRY
1	New Year ***	1 January	Sunday	Malaysia/Sweden
2	Chinese New Year ***	28 January 29 January	Saturday Sunday	Malaysia
3	Good Friday	14 April	Friday	Sweden
4	Easter Monday	17 April	Monday	Sweden
5	Labour Day	1 May	Monday	Malaysia/Sweden
6	DYMM Agong's Birthday**	3 June	Saturday	Malaysia
7	Wesak Day ***	4 June	Sunday	Malaysia
8	National Day	6 June	Tuesday	Sweden
9, 10	Hari Raya Aidil Fitri*	25 June 25 June	Sunday Monday	Malaysia
11	National Day	31 August	Thursday	Malaysia
12	Aidil Adha*	1 September	Friday	Malaysia
13	Malaysia Day**	16 September	Saturday	Malaysia
14	Awal Muharam	21 September	Thursday	Malaysia
15	Deepavali	18 October	Wednesday	Malaysia
16	Prophet Muhammad's Birthday	1 December	Friday	Malaysia
17	Christmas	25 December	Monday	Malaysia/Sweden
18	Boxing Day	26 December	Tuesday	Sweden

Note: (a) * Subject to change
 (b) ** Observed only and not to be taken into account as a holiday
 (c) *** Whenever a public holiday falls on Sunday, the following working day will be a holiday, and should that be already a holiday, then the following day will be taken as a holiday.

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