



# HIGH COMMISSION OF MALAYSIA

WINDHOEK, REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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## ABOUT US

Malaysia opened its Mission in Windhoek on 21 March 1996 in response to the establishment of the Namibian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur in 1995. Namibia only opened its resident Mission in 4 countries in the Asian region namely China, India, Japan and Malaysia. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the High Commission of Malaysia in Windhoek.

## OVERVIEW OF MALAYSIA-NAMIBIA BILATERAL RELATIONS

Bilateral relations between Malaysia and Namibia existed before 1990, and Malaysia had provided strong political support to Namibia during its struggle for independence.

After Namibia's independence in 1990, the relations were further strengthened by the close political relations particularly in the context of South-South Cooperation.

Since the establishment of the diplomatic ties between Malaysia and Namibia in 1990, bilateral cooperation between both nations has progressed steadily. Economic cooperation and integration have been among the major areas in Malaysia-Namibia cooperation. Both countries also work closely at various multilateral fora and share a common dislike for unilateralism.

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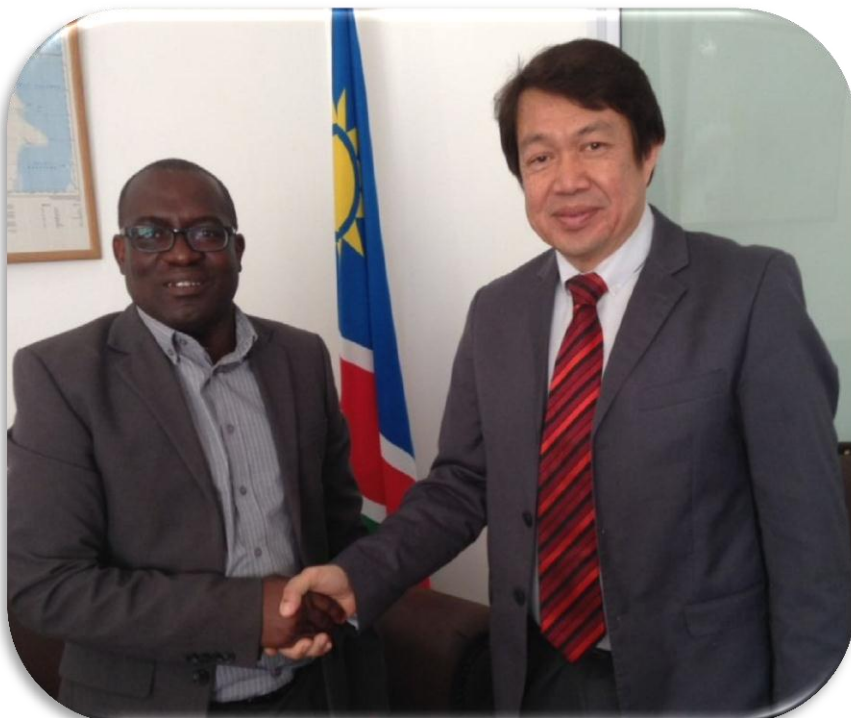
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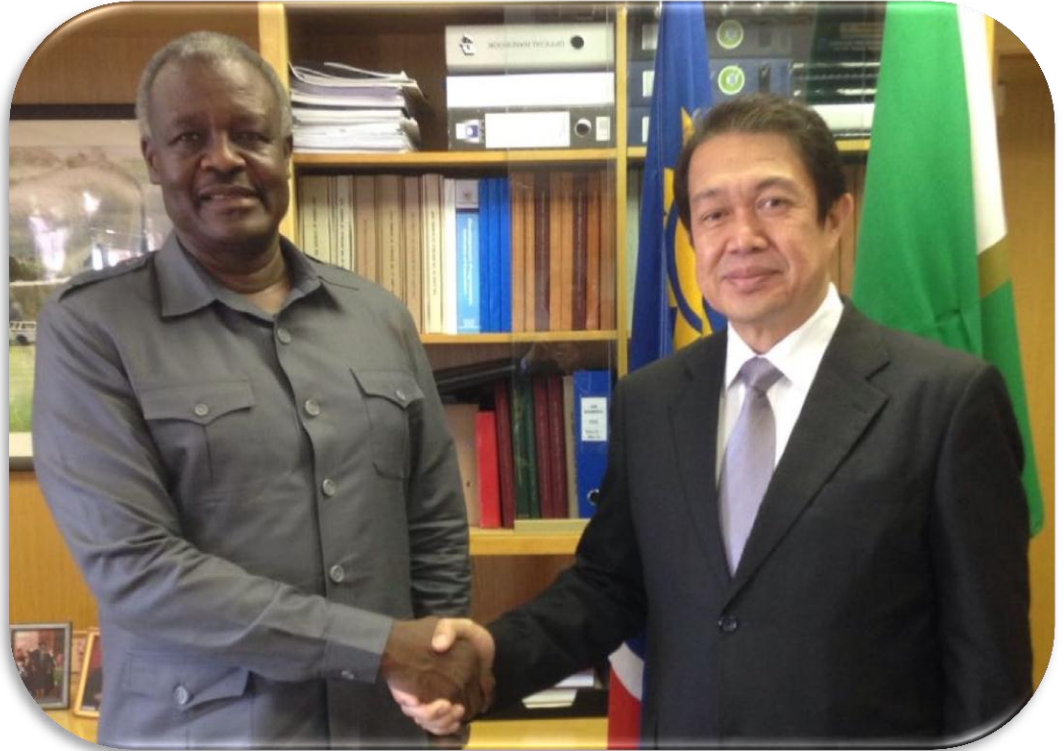
## MEETING WITH MR. ISACK HAMATA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE NAMIBIA PRESS AGENCY (NAMPA) ON 11 OCTOBER 2016



His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia received Mr. Isack Hamata, the Chief Executive Officer of the Namibia Press Agency (NAMPA) on 11 October 2016. The meeting was arranged at the request of Mr. Hamata and it provided an opportunity for both sides to explore future potential cooperation in media relations for mutual benefit.

**MEETING WITH THE HON. MR. ALPHEUS G. !NARUSEB, MINISTER OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 19 OCTOBER 2016**

The meeting between His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and the Hon. Mr. Alpheus G. !Naruseb, Minister of Works and Transport of the Republic of Namibia was held on 19 October 2016 at the Minister's office.



The meeting was part of the High Commissioner's efforts to forge closer ties with Namibian ministers. During the meeting, the

High Commissioner also extended Malaysia's appreciation to the Namibian government for the support given to Malaysia's candidature to the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) Council during the 39th Assembly of the ICAO in Montreal, Canada on 4 October 2016.

**DIPLOMATIC DINNER FOR FOREIGN AMBASSADORS AND HIGH COMMISSIONERS RESIDING IN THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA, 21 OCTOBER 2016**



On 21 October 2016, His Excellency Hishamuddin Ibrahim, the High Commissioner of Malaysia to the Republic of Namibia and Mdm. Ida Alina Salleh, Spouse to the High Commissioner, co-hosted a Diplomatic Dinner, in honour of the Foreign Ambassadors and High Commissioners residing in the Republic of Namibia. The spouses of the Foreign Ambassadors and High Commissioners were also present at the Dinner.

The Diplomatic Dinner was part of the High Commissioner's efforts to forge closer ties with all Foreign Ambassadors and High Commissioners to the

Republic of Namibia and to promote greater collaboration between the Embassies and High Commissions for mutual benefit.

## SPECIAL REPORT: JUNIOR COMMONWEALTH GYMNASTICS GAMES

A 26-member delegation from the Malaysian National Gymnastics Team comprising of under 18 year old national gymnasts as well as coaches and a team manager visited Namibia from 8 to 16 October 2016, to participate in the Junior Commonwealth Gymnastics Games in Walvis Bay, Namibia. The Malaysian National Gymnastics Team successfully gained 7 gold and 5 silver medals for Rhythmic Gymnastics as well as 1 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medals for Artistic Gymnastics. Total medal gained from the competition was 8 Gold, 6 Silver and 3 Bronze medals.



## SPECIAL REPORT: BRISK WALKING IN CONJUNCTION WITH HARI SUKAN NEGARA (NATIONAL SPORTS DAY)

In conjunction with Hari Sukan Negara (National Sports Day), the High Commission of Malaysia in Windhoek, Republic of Namibia organised a Brisk Walking activity on 8 October 2016 at the Official Residence of the High Commissioner. The activity was part of the High Commission efforts in promoting healthy lifestyle among Malaysians and members of staff of the High Commission, as well as to support Malaysia's vision to become a Sporting Nation (Negara Bersukan).





## YEAR END REMARK BY HIS EXCELLENCY HISHAMUDDIN IBRAHIM HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYSIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



Dear readers,

Despite fragile global economic outlook and weak domestic economic performance for Namibia, 2016 has been a productive year for the High Commission of Malaysia in Windhoek. Bilateral relations between Malaysia and Namibia have been elevated to a higher level through the exchange of bilateral visits, constant engagement with Namibian Ministers, decision makers and business communities.

### Exchange of visits

Throughout this year, several key visits have taken place from Namibia to Malaysia and vice versa. In August 2016, His Excellency Mr. George Simataa, Secretary to Cabinet of the Republic of Namibia led a Namibian delegation to attend the International Conference on Blue Ocean Strategy (ICBOS) and Commonwealth Association for Public and Management (CAPAM) Biennial Conference in Putrajaya.

The Hon. Mr. Leon Jooste, the Minister of Public Enterprises of the Republic of Namibia conducted a Benchmark Visit to Tenaga Nasional Berhad (TNB), Khazanah Nasional, the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) and a Malaysian railway company, SMH Rail Sdn Bhd to learn best practices from Malaysia on the management and the operation of Malaysia's state-owned enterprises.

Meanwhile, the Hon. Thomas Tommy Nambahu, Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism visited Penang in October 2016 to attend the World Tourism Conference (WTC) 2016 at the invitation of Y.B. Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri bin Abdul Aziz, Minister of Tourism and Culture of Malaysia.

From Malaysia, Y.Bhg. Dato' Sri Azharuddin Abdul Rahman, Director General of the Department of Civil Aviation Malaysia (DCA) visited Namibia to attend the 1st Ministerial Conference on Aviation Security and Facilitation in Africa (AFI SECFAL) in April 2016 as a Guest Speaker.

In July 2016, Y.Bhg. Datuk Seri Dr K Govindan, Group Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Rating Agency Malaysia (RAM) Holdings attended the Conference on Foreign Policy Review as one of the Guest Panellists in the forum, sharing on Malaysia's experience in poverty eradication.

### Promotion activities

In order to promote Malaysia as a tourist destination and its unique culture, arts and cuisines, various events have been organised and participated by the High Commission through-out the year such as an Art Exhibition, the Association of Diplomatic Spouse (ADS) Bazaar, A presentation on 'Promotion of Malaysia as a Tourist Destination', Hari Raya Celebration, Diplomatic Dinner as well as the MTCP Alumni and Friends of Malaysia Annual Gathering.

### Sports

The High Commission also organised a Brisk Walking activity in conjunction with Hari Sukan Negara, in order to promote healthy lifestyle to Malaysians and staff members of the High Commission. I believe that a healthy lifestyle is essential for good mental and emotional health, and can contribute to one's productivity and performance.

On a separate note, I am pleased to share that the Malaysian National Gymnastics Team that participated in the Junior Commonwealth Gymnastics Games in Namibia in October this year, had successfully gained 8 Gold, 6 Silver and 3 Bronze medals. Their outstanding performance has elevated Malaysia's image in the sports arena in Namibia. Syabas Team Malaysia!

### Closing

In closing, please allow me to thank all Malaysians and friends of Malaysia for the continuous support to our goals. My sincere appreciation also goes to the staff members of the High Commission of Malaysia in Windhoek for their effort towards making 2016 a fruitful year for the Mission.

Happy New Year and Happy Holiday !

Thank you.

**HIS EXCELLENCY HISHAMUDDIN IBRAHIM  
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF MALAYSIA TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

## CONSULAR INFORMATION

### Registration of Marriages

#### **Non-Muslim**

Non-Muslim Malaysians in the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Congo or the Democratic Republic of the Congo may elect either to be married under local laws or to get their marriages solemnised under the Law Reform (Marriage and Divorce) Act 1976 of Malaysia at the High Commission.

Malaysians who contracted a marriage under local laws are required to register their marriages at the High Commission within six (6) months from the date of the marriage or a late penalty will be imposed at the time of the registration.

Registration must be made in person at the Consular Section of the High Commission between 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. on any working day. Requirements for the registration are as follows:

- An application form (obtainable from the Embassy);
- Two (2) recent coloured photographs (35mm x 50mm);
- Passports;
- Malaysian identity cards (applicable to Malaysians only);
- Proof of marriage e.g. a marriage certificate issued by a recognised authority of Namibia; and
- A fee of RM20.00 payable in equivalent Namibian Dollar.

For those who wish to get their marriages solemnised under the Law Reform (Marriage and Divorce) Act 1976 of Malaysia at the High Commission, they are required to call at the High Commission in person between 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. on any working day to submit the following:

- Three (3) marriage declaration forms (obtainable from the High Commission);
- Three (3) recent colour photographs (35mm x 50 mm);
- Passports;
- Malaysian identity cards (applicable to Malaysians only); and
- A letter/certificate of marital status (if single) or a divorce certificate or a decree nisi for divorce (if divorced) or a death certificate of the late spouse (for a widower).

The declaration forms will be put on notice for a period of twenty one (21) days at the High Commission and also at the Office of the National Registration Department of Malaysia, nearest to the applicants' last address in Malaysia. The marriage will be solemnised by the High Commission only if no caveat is received from any member of public during the twenty one (21) days notice period. A marriage register will be issued after the marriage solemnisation upon payment of RM30.00 fee (payable in equivalent Namibian Dollar).

#### **Muslim**

Muslim citizens of Malaysia who wish to contract a marriage according to the Islamic rites in the Republic of Namibia, the Republic of Angola, the Republic of Congo or the Democratic Republic of the Congo are required to obtain a "letter of no impediment to the proposed marriage" from the High Commission which will be presented to the relevant local authorities in applying for the license for marriage.

Application for this letter must be made in person at the Consular Section of the High Commission between 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. on any working day by producing the following:

- An authorisation letter to contract a marriage overseas issued by the Islamic Religious Affairs Department of the applicant's state of residence in Malaysia;
- Passport; and,
- Malaysian identity card.

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